



Henleaze Infant and Junior School Bulletin



9th October 2026

Headteacher update:

It was really good to see such a large number of parents/cares last night at our curriculum information session. Despite us not being able to share videos and other more interactive information with you (it's amazing how much we rely on connectivity), we felt that the questions and debate indicated that those able to make it got further insight into the way we implement our curriculum and the vision we are working hard to realise for your children. Attached is a copy of the slides from the session.

You will hopefully have seen an update from our Amplify partners in regards to the internet and phone connectivity issues we are still suffering. The Amplify IT team have now taken over from Bristol City Council's Trading with Schools service to speed up a recovery plan for us. The aim is for us to be functioning as normal again by the end of next week. In the meantime, please continue to follow our contingency plan, including recognising that we do not currently receive answer phone messages so please email the office or pass messages on to the leadership team at drop off.

Staff continue to go above and beyond to make sure the children's curriculum experience is not interrupted, but please bear with us as we are taking longer to respond than usual as our day-to-day work is taking much more time than usual.

Below is a lot of information in addition to the attachments with this bulletin. In amongst this are links to the parent/carer survey. We would be grateful for a few minutes of your time to complete this.

I hope that you have a good weekend.

Kind Regards,

Gemma Fricker



Your Family Voice survey. Your views will help us understand what is working well and where we can make positive changes.

Survey link: **Henleaze Infant School** [Family Voice Survey](#)

Survey link: **Henleaze Junior School** [Family Voice Survey](#)

(Printed copies available on request)

Closing date: **Monday 19th October at 4pm.**

The survey should take no more than 5 minutes to complete and all responses are anonymous.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your thoughts – we will feedback on the results through our school communications. Your feedback really does make a difference.

Bristol Autism Team Family Support Phone Line

A dedicated phone line for parents/carers to access immediate support from Bristol Autism Team



Advice, guidance and someone to listen



See our [website calendar](#) and [key dates](#) section for more events this term.

[Online planned absence request form](#)

Community spotlights



Halloween Disco



It's just 1 week until the kids' spooktacular Halloween disco, on Friday 16-October. Entry is £3 on the door.

Year groups have different times:

6:00 - 7:00 pm Years 3 and 4

7:15 - 8:15 pm Years 5 and 6



This is a phone-free event

Volunteers on the night

Please [sign up](#) to help out on the night - we need all slots filled to be able to go ahead with the disco

HENSA Christmas design project - for cards and gifts



Between 28-Sept and 12-Oct your child can submit a design to be printed on cards and gift items. Please read the attached letter with instructions for your child's design and support this great fundraiser for the school.

HENSA Christmas Bazaar



The volunteer committee urgently need extra volunteers - please [use this link to join the Christmas Bazaar planning group](#).

There's a variety of roles to fill, like leading an area (such as the cafe, main hall, craft room) to small jobs you can fit it as and when you have time. We welcome everyone's help, be it practical, creative or logistics. It's a fun festive experience and great way to get to know the school community better. Thanks!

And please remember...

HENSA is a charity run by volunteer parents and carers from school - when we all help, we can run fantastic events for the kids and raise much needed funds. Without your help, events won't take place.

Thank you for all your support - every penny raised buys much needed, and enjoyed, equipment and experiences for all our children



Last chance to save 15% on Shine Half Term Holiday Clubs - ends this Sunday

We've loved seeing so many children at Shine Holiday Clubs this year and can't wait to welcome more of you.

For children at any school from Reception – Year 6, days run from 09:00-15:30 with early and late hours available if you need them.

With a range of exciting activities including; Creepy Creative, Cursed Cookery, Crazy Science Cauldrons, Descendants Dance, Forbidden Forest Adventure, Football Fun Days, Gymnastics, Make a Musical - SIX and Mini & Mega Monster Mash Ups - there really is a day your child will love.

Shine are Ofsted Registered so you can pay via Childcare Vouchers and the Tax-Free Childcare Scheme.

Click here [Shine at Elmlea](#) * [Shine Sports Ground](#) * [Shine Sports Hall](#) to view the full programme and to book your place. Don't forget use the code **Early Booker for your 15% discount**.

We look forward to seeing you at Shine!



Space available for guitar lessons

Guitars at Henleaze

Contact

hazel@hazelwinter.co.uk

Kinship care week



<https://kinship.org.uk/get-involved/kinship-care-week/#get-involved-in-kinship-care-week-with-our-digital-toolkit>

- [Kinship Bristol](#) This is the Kinship local offer website which has information about the support available locally for kinship carers including the Specialist Guardianship support service. Please do share with your families and encourage them to access the information and support available.
- [Kinship: Home | The Kinship care charity | England and Wales](#) Kinship is a charity that has been commissioned to provide services to all kinship carers regardless of the type of care arrangement. They have a wealth of information on their website and a broad range of free training and events for carers.
- [Family Rights Group](#) Specialist advice for kinship carers including an online forum for peer support.

- [Families in Harmony](#) This charity provide support to kinship carers of Global Majority and Dual Heritage children including facilitating a peer support group in Bristol.



Information Attached



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