Henleaze Infant and Junior School Bulletin

6th November 2026

Headteacher update:

It has been a great start back to the term with many of the germs that were circulating left back in October and children looking refreshed ready for learning. Classrooms have had a great buzz for new topics and texts and playgrounds have been active and full of joy-just as we'd hope.

This has made what has been less wonderful news in school easier to swallow. Along with the uncertainty around the Bristol City Council network cyber-attack, we had another bit of bad news in regard to the Infant School. Our relatively new boiler (fitted 5 years ago) has failed. There are a number of factors involved, however we have been informed the system is irreparable and so this term, we have been unable to switch on the heating as we would ordinarily. This second unexpected event is another time where we are grateful to be part of a Trust of schools. The premises team have taken charge, and we have been given temporary heaters from another school as a short-term measure and engineers have been in to scope out work for an entirely new and updated system to be installed later this calendar year. This, like the turnaround from the IT crisis, will leave us in a much better place.

In the short term, please make sure children are wearing suitable clothes to school as it will be cooler than usual in classrooms. They don't need anything other than uniform but should have sweatshirts or fleece tops when the temperatures dip lower.

As I complete this week's bulletin, I can see the initial set up for the annual community firework extravaganza happening outside my window. After a week of mixed news stories from school (and the wider world), this amazing community event is a great reminder of how lucky we are to have such a great collective of families and staff at Henleaze. I am looking forward to seeing many of you tomorrow evening and want to say thank you to the fab team that make this event happen.

Kind Regards,

Gemma Fricker



Class of the week:
Sycamore Class for their hard work and great attitudes to some tricky maths learning this week.

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Health Eating Reminder
Please support us to give a consistent message to the children about the importance of a healthy, balance diet by providing healthy snacks for Junior pupils (fruit preferably) rather than crisps or sugar bars.

Please also note that sweets are not permitted in school. This includes birthdays. Last summer, we made the decision to ban birthday sweets due to a large amount of parent feedback and in support of our healthy eating agenda.

Congratulations to Leia M in Year 2 who is this year's Infant Firework Poster Competition Winner!

Leia gets to push the big button to start the display tomorrow.

Coming up:

Both Schools:

Tues 10th & Thurs 12th Parents Evenings (not 6S)
Tues 24th 7:00 PAPAYA Online Safety Parent session
Monday 30th November-INSET (Schools Closed)

Junior School:

Weds 11th Year 6 Leap Ensemble afternoon trip

See our website calendar and key dates section for more events this term.

Online planned absence request form

A big thank you to the supporters of Henleaze Sonics Football team who are working with us to maintain the school football pitches over the football season.

Community spotlights

Friends of Henleaze Infant School FHIS

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🎆Henleaze Community Fireworks display🎆

🎆 **Saturday 7th November** 🎆

☀️ The weather is looking clear Saturday and we're all set for a great evening.

🎟️ We still have lots of tickets to sell. There is always a last minute rush for tickets but remember, tickets are cheaper if you plan ahead and buy in advance (see poster for details). All local vendors still have plenty available too.

🌮🍺 We have fantastic local suppliers in Taco Piccante and Left Handed Giant supporting the event.

❗Volunteers: we had a great surge of support after the last message and now have around 50% of volunteering slots filled. But this is still not enough, we need your support. The Marshall slots being filled are critical. We would be so grateful if you could sign up to help via the link circulated in your class WhatsApp groups



Inclusive sports opportunity



Space available at the Infant Art Club

Consultation on Admission Arrangements 2028/29 – Westbury on Trym CE Academy

In line with the School Admissions Code, Westbury on Trym CE Academy which is the Admissions Authority, is consulting on the proposed admission arrangements for the school for the academic year 2028/2029.

This consultation will be open from **Tuesday 3 November 2026 to 12 noon on Wednesday 15th December 2026**.

The proposed change is to add the addition of an oversubscription criteria which relates to children of school staff. The proposal is that this comes in to effect from 1st September 2028.

No pupil who already has a place at Westbury on Trym CE Academy will be affected by the proposed change.

Please see attached document to view the full draft arrangements (proposed changes are highlighted in yellow).

If you would like to comment or offer feedback on the proposed Westbury on Trym CE Academy admission arrangements please contact us on email at info@westburyontrym.academy

Alternatively you can contact us by post at: Westbury on Trym Church of England Academy, Channels Hill, Westbury on Trym, Bristol, BS9 3HZ

Please note responses received after 12 noon on Wednesday 15th December 2026 will not be considered.

It is important to emphasise that this is a consultation process and that all views will be heard as part of this consultation and admission arrangements are not agreed until after the consultation has taken place.

If you have any queries or requests for hard copies of the admission arrangements please contact us via email info@westburyontrym.academy or by telephone on 01173772605.

Best wishes

Westbury on Trym CE Academy