



Henleaze Infant and Junior School Bulletin



6th March 2026

Headteacher update:

Co-curricular and enrichment activities have shone through this week with pupils and staff getting so much enjoyment from the activities organised for this extra-special-in-the-official-year-of-reading World Book Day. Updates on what went on as well as lots of photos can be seen below.

The School Council at the Junior School have made really valuable contributions this week with the older year groups planning school tour routes, mapping talking points at the spaces they think show what makes the school special. The younger years were helpful in moving forward an action they raised about pupil's use of the school bathrooms. They made posters to display and gave messages about expectations for dos and don'ts in an assembly.

This afternoon ended with Class 8 having a great experience in the Shine Community hall having some additional tag Rugby coaching and I have just sent out some invitations for a Year 2 Dodgeball Team to compete against two other local schools next week.

To find out what else we have planned into our Personal Development Curriculum, please look at the specific school curriculum sections on our website.

Kind Regards,

Gemma Fricker

World Book Day Celebration

We had a very exciting day yesterday celebrating World Book Day. A huge thank you to all parents for helping the children dress up as their favourite book characters, and to the staff who also fully embraced the fun by dressing up too!

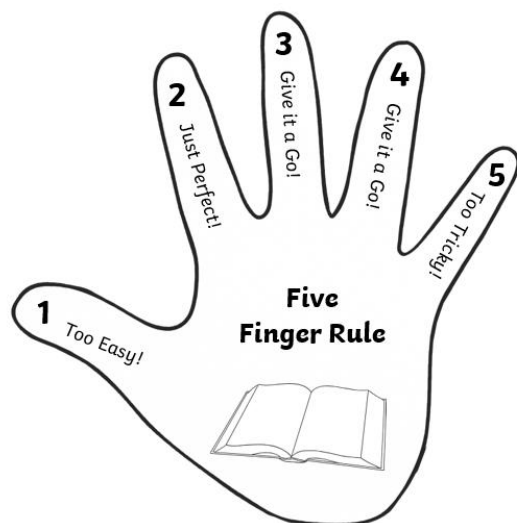
At the infants, each class took part in a variety of activities before coming together at the end of the day for a special assembly to share what they had been doing. We saw pop-up art scenes, library visits, book reviews, front cover artwork and much more. It was wonderful to see the creativity and enthusiasm across the school. Each class also enjoyed visits from their buddies in the juniors, who came to share stories with them. They were fantastic reading role models.

This year is the National Year of Reading, and the World Book Day theme has been '**Go All In!**' to celebrate this. As part of the celebrations, Year 1 and Year 2 were also delighted to welcome author Eva Jozefkowicz, who spoke about her latest book. She shared fascinating knowledge about woodland environments, and both the children and adults came away feeling that they had learned something new. Eva commented on how well the children listened and how impressed she was with their thoughtful questions - we were very proud of what a credit they were to our school.

Reception children didn't miss out as they also took part in an online author session.

We also had an assembly about how to choose a book that is right for you. Here are some top tips for children that are starting to move away from phonetically decodable books and are ready to read more independently. They can help you when visiting the library with your child or helping them find something they want to read.

1. Follow your interests - do you like books about animals or poetry?
2. Look at the front cover and title.
3. Read the blurb.
4. Read a page and use the five finger rule- keep count on your fingers of how many words you can't read on that page. Getting stuck on 1 or 2 words is about right



Happy reading!

Miss Ross

Phonics and Reading Lead

The Junior School pupils shared their highlights from World Book Day in assembly. Their favourite memories were:

The family of inflatable dinosaurs-we were all impressed by the commitment of the Woolcock parents in this!

That lots of staff dressed up...we had a whole range of characters!

Year 4 and Year 5 getting to go to the Infant School to be Reading Buddies

Class 4 enjoyed making their own books







Class of the week

Cherry Class for their Teamwork - attitudes to learning and working together.

Class 5 for receiving great feedback on their learning attitudes and behaviour this week.

Coming up:

Both Schools:

9th March 9am PINS coffee morning
16th-20th March 'Big walk and Wheel'

Infant School:

Friday 13th March 2:45 Year 2 Parent information Session on Year 3 transition (Infant Hall)

Junior School:

March History Highlights activities are attached



Community spotlights



Infant Parents/Carers will have received an email last week - just a reminder that all Infant school parents and carers are warmly welcomed to our next PINS coffee morning on Monday 9th March 9am at the Infant School.

Calling all business-owning parents who want to promote their business and help raise essential funds for Henleaze Infants and Junior school 💰
Do you want to advertise in our annual May fair promotional A5 glossy colour brochure? 📄

1500 copies are distributed to families at the school, local businesses and residential streets - the adverts in it from local businesses generate a fantastic £2000-£3000 for our school! 📄

We would love to hear from you if you would like an ad. A whole A5 (portrait) page is £150, half (landscape) page is £100

By 10th March please fill in the attached form to register your interest. Thank you 🙏

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJseCuFdKtkfi47noSvREhD9eVeh7BHS-FchCWmTiiMX5gEQ/viewform?usp=publish-editor>



HENSA

Would you like to help fundraise for the Junior school?

We've two opportunities we need helpers for:

- 🎵 music evenings refreshments
- potential 🧀 cheese & quiz

🎵 Music evenings on 31-Mar and 01-Apr - could you run a small stall selling refreshments on one or both dates? There will be a 30-minute window after drop-off while parents are waiting, which could be a great time to sell fundraising drinks and snacks.

If you're interested in organising this, please email hensa@henleazejuniorschool.org.

🧀 Cheese & Quiz Night:

Several parents have asked whether the Junior School will be hosting another Quiz Night, following the huge success of the last one (much like the Infant Quiz and Curry Night!).

It would be great to make this happen again — but we'll need a small organising team to bring it together. If you'd like to team up with other parents and organise the event, please do so and get in touch at hensa@henleazejuniorschool.org



Bristol Parent Carer Forum March booklet linked [here](#)



Message from our neighbours re parking
 We are experiencing problems with cars parking over or partly over our drive . This has happened 4 times in two months . Another issue is that since the lollipop lady has left , cars park on the yellow lines at the top of park grove near the drive . I appreciate that parents have busy lives but I just ask if they can be more considerate.



Letter from Savon and Somerset police regarding the Cabot Circus Hate Crime this week is attached

Breakfast Club

Weekdays 7:45am – 8:45am £6.50 per session.



Find out more and how to book [here](#)

After School Club Weekdays, INSET and Holidays

[Book here](#)