



# Henleaze Infant and Junior School Bulletin



16th October 2026

## Headteacher update:

This evening's HJS halloween Disco organised by HENSA is a true marker that we are now officially in Autumn. With unseasonably warm weather and the unsettling infrastructure changes this term, it has felt a little unusual in school, so this tradition in the school calendar feels like a comfort (I may not feel that by 8:15 tonight!).

Year 1 had a great day on Monday at Westonbirt Arboretum and returned with lots of new knowledge about the seasons and effects on trees that they were keen to share. Year 5 will follow in their woodland-walking footsteps next week as they head off to Dean Field study Centre for their 2 night residential, during which they will be doing some orienteering in the woods as part of their experience.

In other news, as of this afternoon, I am happy to report that Amplify IT team have finished the mammoth task of getting both schools back up and running and for the last week of term, things will feel more like they should. You can now contact us through the usual channels, but be aware, we are still catching up following 3 weeks of disruption. Thank you for bearing with us. Thank you also to our governors, who recognising the toll it was taking on staff, sent warm-from-the-bakery pastries to each school this morning.

I hope you have a good weekend.

Kind Regards,

Gemma Fricker

**Your last chance to share your views...**



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.

**Class of the week:**

Year 1 for their excellent attitudes during their trip to westonbirt

40 for showing inclusive attitudes during playtimes, great STAR sitting in assemblies and working hard not to fiddle with equipment when they are listening to instructions!



## Coming up:

### Both Schools:

Sat 7th Nov-FHIS Fireworks

Tues 10th & Thurs 12th Nov Parent Consultation Evenings

### Infant School:

Wednesday 21st Oct-EYFS Phonics learn-a-long and reading meeting

### Junior School:

Mon 19th-Y5 to Dean Field Residential

Tues 20th & Thurs 22nd Oct 6S Parent Consultation meeting

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

[Online planned absence request form](#)

# Community spotlights

## HENSA Christmas Bazaar 🎅 Saturday

05-December 1 - 4 pm

A festive afternoon with local stalls for some Christmas shopping, Santa's grotto, Craft room, donkey rides and a cafe.



### 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



## Fireworks night Saturday 07-November

Tickets on sale after school and at Chandos Deli, The Eastfield, Gloucester Old Spot, The Beehive, Westbury Park Pub and CJ Hole

Adults £10, Kids £5, preschoolers free

Gates open 5 pm, last entry 6:50 pm, Fireworks at 7:15 pm

## Halloween Disco tonight! 🎃👻

Entry is £3 on the door. Kids can be dropped off - or you can stay and enjoy a drink and chat in the parent's room/bar. All children must be collected by a parent or carer.

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

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

**Disco tidy-up** - we've asked your fantastic Year 6 kids to stay for a few minutes after the light go up to help the volunteers litter-pick and sort the recycling - we know they'll do an amazing job, thank you!

### Reminders:



This is a children's phone-free event.



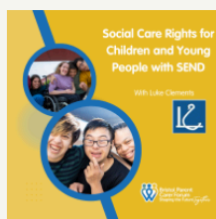
The disco-hall is a 'kid's only' space (adults only permitted if you're a volunteer or need to assist your child). It's a great chance for the kids to be independent in a safe and supervised area.



The bar room will be just for adults. For the safety of the children, alcoholic drinks must remain in the bar room.

Book the social care rights session on 4th November [here](#)

## Upcoming free sessions!



In this session we will cover:

- Understanding social care rights
- Assessments and eligibility
- What support is available
- How to request help

Book the neurodivergence support group sessions starting on 5th Nov [here](#)



In these sessions we will cover:

- Understanding SEND
- Understanding Neurodivergence
- Navigating Services
- There are four sessions in total; on the 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th November



## Winter Inclusive Multi-sport Festival 2026

A great opportunity for d/Deaf, Disabled and Neurodivergent people and their families to try local inclusive sports and activities - Full list of sports/ accessibility options to be announce soon

Sign up is now open!

Sunday 22nd November 2026, 1 - 4 pm

224 Youth Zone, Hartcliffe Way, BS4 1GQ

Please let us know if you require a BSL interpreter at the event

Register your FREE place using this link or QR code:  
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/DKKT3aALQv>



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