

Henleaze Infant and



Junior School Bulletin



5th December 2025

Headteacher update:

Yesterday's Parent Forum was really valuable. Some themes picked up will lead to some simple actions: Key dates for the term to be published in a table on the website (coming very soon!), knowing what the sugar content of the desserts at lunchtime are and parents having sight of our Behaviour Curriculum. Others will need a bit more time: moving forward with the school (and Trust) Smartphone policy and how the industrial action and proposed Trust merger has impacted the school and whether there will be any repercussions. On this last point, I was interested to be asked whether the schools knew of any potential action before our academy conversions in July 2024. We didn't, but nor was there any sense that this was on the horizon from the Central Team. Parent Forum thought it would be useful for me to explain my perspective- that the Central Team is a fairly small body of people, who as a Headteacher, I interacted with on a regular basis. I have always felt a strong sense of being heard and that the central aim of everyone in the team is about providing the best educational experience for children. I worry that the recent events may have given an impression of people who are removed from what is happening in schools; this is not my experience. I also believe that the Trust value: 'reflective', will be lived out and that there will be learnings from the past few months so that things are better in future,

Back in school the annual Henleaze Road Christmas Festival was a really great point in the term to pause and celebrate the community spirit. Both the Infant and Junior choirs are at high numbers with all children looking excited as they prepare and joyful as they perform and all who watched them feeling a strong sense of pride and festive spirit. Thank you to the staff who gave up time to rehearse with them and plan the logistics of performing at the event.

So that Junior School parents aren't too overshadowed by their children at the Winter Celebration next Friday, Miss Cutler has asked me to attached words for the collaborative song so that you can all shine too!

I hope to see you at the Junior School Christmas fair tomorrow. If you haven't already, please sign up to support a stall for a short time to help make it as successful as possible.

Have a good weekend.

Kind Regards,

Gemma Fricker



Well done to our starts of the week this week.

Classes of the week were Maple Class and Class 3.

Congratulations to Freddie G for being runner up in the Purple Mash Christmas card completion.

Coming up:

Both Schools:

Wednesday 17th Dec-Christmas Jumper Day (donations to the national appeal)

Friday 19th Dec- Non-Uniform (donations to FHIS/HENSA)

Infant School:

Thursday 11th Dec- Carol Service @ St Peters 2:00 start

Weds 17th Dec-Christmas Lunch, Class Party and Christmas Jumper day and party clothes

Junior School:

Monday 8th Dec-Trust Choir event

Friday 12th Winter celebration @ St Peters 10:00 start

Weds 17th Dec-Year 3 & 4 Christmas Lunch and all year groups Christmas Jumper day (with school uniform)

Thursday 18th Year 5&6 Christmas Lunch

Community spotlights

Support for future years....

LEAP Ensemble Performance: Opportunity to Support

The experience offered a unique opportunity for your children to be immersed in a concert from world-class musicians as part of their school day. Although the event cost £800 to organise, there was no cost to you. However, if you are able to support this and future events by making a financial contribution, your donation would be greatly appreciated and can be made here: [Just Giving Leap Ensemble Donation](#). We suggest £5; whatever you can give will help ensure that we can continue to provide these unrivalled musical experiences for all. Thank you.

If you would like to share media of the event, or show it to your children as a basis for feedback, please find some here: [LEAP Ensemble 2025 Media](#)



Christmas Bazaar this Saturday 06-December 1

- 4 pm 

Everyone is invited to join us tomorrow for our community festive fun-filled Bazaar. There's something for everyone:



Christmas shopping



Kids' craft zone



Santa's grotto



Cafe and licenced bar



Donkey rides



Local stall holders



Kids' tombola and raffle

Raffle tickets - sales close 8 pm tonight so still time to buy yours.

Use the links below for a chance to win some amazing prizes, including a Dyson supersonic, local gourmet foods, a scooter, fitness passes, meals out, vouchers and our donated hampers. Draw will take place at the end of the Bazaar. We'll message winners.

1 ticket for £1 (or choose how many tickets)

<https://buy.stripe.com/8wM7v7fhFboC0qQ8wA>

5 tickets for £5

<https://buy.stripe.com/cN22aNd9xeAOc9y5kp>

10 tickets for £10

<https://buy.stripe.com/6oE16J7Pd3Wa2yY006>

Volunteers from HJS - we are still short and can't run all our fundraising stalls

There's still time to [sign-up](#) to please help out on the day. Older children are welcome to help you on a stall - it's a great way to teach them about fundraising and money-counting skills! Thanks.

Thank you HJS for your donations - every items raises funds for our kids



Reception Admissions
Apply by 15th January 2026 for
September 2026 admissions.



Guidance
Pupil premium: overview
Updated 9 June 2025

Pupil premium Grant
Many families are missing out on Pupil premium Grant funding for their children. The funding is for much more than free school meals. Please take time to read the parent FAQs attached.



Staff Car Park

The staff car park is not for parent/carer use unless you hold a Blue Badge and have acquired permission from the school. This includes breakfast club and after school drop off/pick up.

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](#)

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