Henry's Herald

16th October 2026

Headteachers update!

I am delighted to inform you that, following my recent surgery, I will be formally returning to school.

Over the next few weeks, I will be completing a phased return, gradually increasing my time as I complete the final stages of my recovery.

I want to say a huge thank you for all your kind wishes and support while I have been away. I have missed the school community greatly and am very much looking forward to seeing you and your children over the coming weeks. A huge thank you also to Mrs O' Brien Jones for her support during my absence as acting Head.

Mrs Hope

Headteacher

WOW AWARDS

Each week, we celebrate the children's achievements by presenting our WOW Awards. These awards recognise children who have gone above and beyond, shown exceptional effort and enthusiasm in their learning, or demonstrated kindness and consideration towards others. We are incredibly proud of the children and love celebrating their hard work, positive attitudes and the wonderful ways they contribute to our school community.

THIS WEEKS WOW AWARDS

Well done to you all for going above and beyond!

Dates for the diary

- October 19th - Book Buddies Week
- October 19th - 22nd - Y5 Bikeability
- October 21st - **SENDIASS** drop-in session for Parent/Carers
- October 23rd - Parent Council session
- October 23rd - School closes for half term at the end of the school day

DATES FOR DIARY NOW AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

CURRICULUM

YEAR 1 & 2

It has been a wonderful start to the year for Years 1 & 2!

History

In History, the children have enjoyed learning about the Ice Age and exploring how the ice changed as the Earth became warmer. They have also discovered what homes and clothing were like during this period, beginning to compare these with their own homes and clothing today.

Geography

In Geography, the children have been learning about aerial photographs and how they can be used to view places from above. They have enjoyed taking aerial photographs of their own work in the construction areas. We have also been exploring maps and discussing how and why we use them. The children have had the opportunity to create their own maps, using blocks to represent buildings. More recently, they have been learning about the four compass points. Why not ask your child if they can remember them?

Art

This term, the children have enjoyed exploring cave art. They have experimented with primary colours to create new colours and have developed their understanding of tints and shades by adding white and black. The children have loved exploring different ways to use colour in their own artwork.

English

In English, the children have been learning to write journey stories inspired by Oliver Jeffers' The Way Back Home. Our class story follows a child whose flying machine crash-lands in space, where they meet an alien and quickly become friends. As the term draws to a close, the children are beginning to plan their own exciting journey stories before completing their independent 'hot writes'. We can't wait to read their wonderful creations!

SCIENCE UPDATE

What a fantastic start to the year in Science! It has been lovely to see the children's curiosity grow as they explore the world around them, ask brilliant questions and discover how things work. From making predictions to carrying out investigations, our young scientists have been busy getting hands-on with their learning and developing their scientific thinking.

Across the school, the children have been exploring a range of exciting topics linked to their year group's curriculum. They have been learning to observe, investigate ideas, spot patterns and explain their discoveries using scientific vocabulary. Most importantly, they have been encouraged to think like scientists, asking "What if...?", "Why does that happen?" and "How can we find out?"

We would love you to encourage your child to be a scientist at home by noticing the world around them, asking questions on a walk, observing changes in the weather or investigating everyday objects. Simply asking "What do you notice?" or "Why do you think that happens?" can spark some wonderful conversations and help bring their learning to life.

We are so proud of the enthusiasm and curiosity the children have shown this term. We can't wait to see what discoveries Term 2 brings as we continue to explore, investigate and learn more about the wonderful world of Science!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TESTIMONIALS

At Henry Chichele, we want everyone in our community to feel valued and appreciated, including every member of our staff team. We've been delighted to receive some wonderful testimonials recognising our colleagues, and we felt it was important to share these with you.

Big shout out to Miss Alex Jones for all her support to Rhylie over the years, she has been amazing and he loves her!
I often get called Miss Jones at home by mistake!

OUR ROCK SNAKE IS ALREADY UNDER WAY

HAVE YOU SEEN OUR ROCK SNAKE?

We are excited to share the new Rock Snake creation. One of our parents has kindly taken the time to create this idea for our school, as a way to share creative ideas for all.

Starting on Wednesday 14th October, we are building a School Rock Snake along the school wall, starting at the lower gate. We are inviting every student to add their own painted rock to help it grow. This project is a wonderful way for our children to leave a colourful, lasting mark on our school community.

EVENTS & CLUBS IN THE COMMUNITY

HENRY'S FRIENDS

We would also love your cake donations for the event. Please ensure you list the ingredients, if baking yourself.

LAST CHANCE to grab your tickets for the Pumkin Hunt. You can purchase yours HERE! - Tickets will be available on the gate!