



Soudley News

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This term's school value is Friendship

Reminders from the office:

- Please book an appointment for your child's Learning Review Meeting if you have not yet done so.
- Please return Parental Consent form and Nasal Flu forms if you have not yet done so
- Please regularly check your child's ParentPay account and clear any outstanding balances

Thank you

Anti-bullying

Soudley School does not tolerate bullying in any forms and takes any issues very seriously. We do not want any child or parent to think that bullying is 'normal' or 'acceptable' at this school. Children are being explicitly taught the definition and types of bullying and to talk to adults with any concerns. Please support school's work in this area and speak to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns. Please also see the anti-bullying policy in our behaviour policy (on the website).

Years 1 and 2 joint school Harvest celebrations

It was a pleasure to see the children join up for Harvest craft activities on Tuesday and we look forward to offering more opportunities as they go through the school. Thank you to all staff involved and to Governors for their support. Children sang 'Big, Red Combine Harvester'; made a Harvest wreath each and reflected on thankfulness. Children wrote ideas of what they were thankful for on strips of paper, which were joined together in a paper chain to show that Woodside, Steam Mills and Soudley children are connected.

School Council

Children have been voting to elect school council members and the following children have been elected. Well done to:

Millie in Y6
Austin in Y5
Alia in Y4
Olivia in Y3, and
Azrael in Y2

They obviously have good listening and speaking skills as the children are confident that they will represent their views well! On Friday 6th October, School Councils from Soudley, Steam Mills and Woodside met up on Teams, helped by Mrs Davis, Mrs Fawkes and Mrs Gibbs, so that they could share ideas and find out more about Rights Respecting Schools.

Mrs Davis
Executive Head Teacher

Term Dates

Term 1
4 Sept to
27 Oct

Term 2

6 Nov to
22 Dec

Term 3

8 Jan to 9 Feb

Term 4

19 Feb to
22 March

Term 5

8 April to
24 May

Term 6

3 June to
22 July

INSET days:

4 September
6 November
22 December
24 May
22 July

Other dates:

Bank Holiday
- 6 May



Moles Class



This week in Moles, we have continued our autumn art theme, looking at autumn vegetables as well as the work of French painter Paul Cezanne. We looked at how he used many small paint strokes and layered them up to texture his work, and used vibrant colours in his art. We tried to implement some of his techniques into our own painting of pumpkins and butternut squash.

In maths, we carried on learning about place value. We have been finding 100 more and 100 less than any number. As well as using the greater than ($>$) and less than ($<$) symbols to compare 4-digit numbers.

If you haven't arranged to see me for your child's Learning Review Meeting, please remember to contact the school office to do so.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Mr Martin



Otters Class



It has been another busy week in Otters Class.

In English lessons Otters have been learning how to punctuate dialogue accurately when writing. This includes using inverted commas (speech marks), new lines for a new speaker, and speech punctuation. They then used this knowledge to write a conversation between two characters of the book 'Clockwork' by Philip Pullman. All produced a good standard of written work. Well done Otters!

A special shout out this week to Seth and Beatrice who were awarded PE Star of the Week by Mr Knight.

Don't forget to book your child's Learning Review Meeting if you haven't already done so.

Mrs Smith and Miss Barton

Hedgehogs Class



KS1 children really enjoyed their afternoon at Woodside School on Tuesday, learning about harvest, taking part in craft activities and spending time with the children and staff from both Woodside and Steam Mills School.

Reception have been continuing their learning about Autumn and have enjoyed crafting, threading, collecting leaves and spending time outdoors.

In Art and Design, Reception enjoyed using the chalks on the playground to make BIG marks! KS1 were printing with Lego and enjoyed creating prints, including using the Lego base plates to make and print the first initial of their name, this was quite a challenge as many children soon realised that they needed to build their initial in reverse or it would print the wrong way around.

KS1 yoga this week included exploring jungle animal poses which the children really enjoyed.

In RE, Reception children are learning about being special, and KS1 have been learning about the Christian Creation Story.

I look forward to discussing your child's progress and learning this term in the upcoming parents meetings.

Mrs. Toomer

WCET £10 Instrumental Hire Offer

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Dear parents and carers

Viola lessons are going really well with the Moles Class and we would like to extend the WCET £10 Instrumental Hire Offer to your children so that they are able to take an instrument home and practice the skills learnt in class with our Gloucestershire Music tutor.

As part of this deal your children can bring their newly hired instrument to a music centre foundation ensemble for no charge to develop their ensemble playing and further inspire them to make music.

To sign up and for more information, please go to our website:

<http://www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk>

[WCET £10 Instrumental Hire Offer - Gloucestershire music](#) .

Best wishes
Nick

Mr Nick Steel (*he / him*)
Music Service Schools Manager

Working Days – Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

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GL1 4AD

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Things Happening at Soudley School Week Commencing 9 October 2023

**8am – 8.30am DAILY - BREAKFAST CLUB
- £2.50 per child per day**

Mon History Train Theatre visit—"Black History" performance for parents/ carers at 2.45 pm

4-5.30 pm Learning Review Meetings

Tues Year 5 and Year 6 pupils swimming - please remember your swimming kit every Tuesday!

3.15-4.15 pm Young Voices Choir Club (Years 3-6)

Weds Viola Lessons with Mr Robin Davies - Moles Class

Thurs 3.15-4.15 pm Basketball Club — for pupils in KS2 (Year 3 to Year 6)

3.15-4.15 pm Multi Sports Club—for pupils in KS1 (Years 1 and 2)

Fri **Year 5 to The Dean Academy for D&T—all children will need a packed lunch on this day please.**

Forest Schools—Hedgehogs and Moles (am) Otters (pm)

Pupils should wear long trousers, old trainers or wellies, and a raincoat. Children also need school shoes to change into. Please

Yoga for pupils in Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club will continue to be £2.50 per day and is payable DAILY.

As we continue to be a cashless school, if your child/ren attend Breakfast Club, please go into your child's ParentPay account to pay the £2.50 on the day that they attend. Thank you.

Breakfast Club runs from 8 am until the start of school every school day during term time. For a very reasonable charge of £2.50 per child per day, the children enjoy a breakfast of toast and cereals, and sometimes pancakes and bagels too. They all love the fun and relaxing start to their school day, doing art, reading and playing with their friends.

In order for this provision to continue it must be viable. Please let the school office know if you would like to book your child/ren into Breakfast Club.

CHARGE FOR DAMAGED BOOKS

That due to an increasing number of books being returned to school in an unsatisfactory condition, there will be a charge incurred for any books that are returned to school damaged.

DIARY DATES 2023-2024

October 2023

- 9 Konflux Theatre visit — KS2 History Train to mark Black History Month
4 pm to 5.30 pm Learning Review Meetings
- 16 Nasal flu immunisations—Reception to Year 6
3.15 pm to 4.45 pm Learning Review Meetings
- 23 School Photographs

November 2023

- 6 INSET day**
- 9 Federation Day at Woodside School for Year 5 and 6
- 13 Reception and Year 6 pupils Health Screening with the School Nurse Team
- 18 Children In Need

December 2023

- 6 Chaplins Pantomime visit
- 13 Christmas Lunch
- 20 Hedgehogs Class crafting and Santa visit at the Dean Heritage Centre
- 22 INSET day**

February 2024

- 2 Drama Queen's Dance Festival at Whitemead Forest Park—tbc
- 28 Life Education Visit

March 2024

- 15 Comic Relief 2024

May 2024

- 24 INSET day**

June 2024

- 3 Leavers' and Class photographs
- 10-14 Bikeability Training for Year 6 pupils

July 2024

- 22 INSET day**



FAMILY FOOD CLUB

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COOKERY LESSONS

2ND OF NOVEMBER

4:00PM

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The Library

Halloween Costume Swap



25 September - 9 October

DONATE a costume to any library (thank you!)

9 October - 1 November

SWAP an old costume for a new one!

- Accessories, whole and part costumes accepted
- Donations will be accepted throughout the swap
- You can still take a costume home if you don't have one to swap
- Discover swaps across all county libraries
- Both adult and child costumes welcome



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FOREST VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL

MONDAY 30TH OCTOBER UNTIL FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER!

**BEST HALLOWEEN COSTUME
COMPETITION ON TUESDAY 31ST!**

**HALLOWEEN THEMED COLOUR
RUN ON FRIDAY 3RD!**

HALLOWEEN THEMED GAMES TOO!

NORMAL HOURS - 9.30AM UNTIL 4.30PM

EXTENDED HOURS - 8.30AM UNTIL 5.30PM

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J.KNIGHT@PROGRESSIVE-SPORTS.CO.UK



Ribston Hall High School Open Evening and Mornings



Discover
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Our Open Evening and Mornings are a fantastic opportunity for families with children in any year groups to find out about Ribston Hall. Bookings are now open.

Our Open Evening is being held on Tuesday 17th October,
and Open Mornings on Wednesday 18th October,
Thursday 19th October
and Monday 23rd October

www.ribstonhall.gloucs.sch.uk/join-us/school-tours/open-day



Forestry England

Beechenhurst Pumpkin Carving

Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 October 2023

Come and carve a spooky pumpkin with us at Beechenhurst this October half term!

Let your imagination go wild in a 45 minute carving slot. One pumpkin is included per booking and tools will be provided.

Pre-booking is recommended to avoid disappointment.
Tickets cost £6 per pumpkin.

Halloween fancy dress is optional, but encouraged!

Book your place:

<https://bit.ly/FODPumpkins>



or scan the QR code





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Tuesday 31st October 2023.

Performance at 5.30pm.



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ACTIVITIES
30TH OCT - 3RD NOV

Pumpkin Party
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Capture The
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Multisport Games

Firework pictures

Autumn
paintings

Zombie Masks

For Further Information please contact:

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OCTOBER FOOTBALL CAMP

Our Football Camps will be held at
Coleford Football pitch GL16 8DS
10-3

**Monday 30th - Friday 3rd
October/November £20 per
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For booking or more information
please contact:
cammillscoaching@gmail.com
07484767754



Consultation on school admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools (GCC Schools) Academic Year 2025/2026

The School Admissions Code 2021 requires all admission authorities to consult upon their admission arrangements if changes are to be made or if there are no changes, at least once every 7 years. Gloucestershire County Council, as the admission authority for all Community (C) and Voluntary Controlled (VC) schools last consulted upon their admission arrangements in 2016, therefore we are now due a full consultation.

The current oversubscription criteria give priority in the following order:

1. A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements order or special guardianship order (1) including those who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. Children who will have siblings attending the school at the time the applicant child is admitted.
3. Children with the strongest geographical claim, measured in a straight line from the Ordnance Survey address point of the child's home address (including flats) to the Ordnance Survey address point of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

We will not be making any changes to these admission arrangements for the academic year 2025-2026 therefore the priority for admission to Community and Voluntary Controlled schools in Gloucestershire will remain the same as above.

The link to this consultation is

<https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk.engagemthq.com/school-admission-arrangements-2025-consultation>

One of our schools is also consulting on a reduction of their Published Admission Number for 2025. The link for this consultation is

<https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk.engagemthq.com/beece-green-primary-school-school-admission-consultation>

If you have any comments to make about the admission arrangements for 2025-2026, please do so via the consultation page.

Named points of contact;
Holly Ryland and Amanda Johns

The following has been copied from the www.gov.uk website.....

Back to school advice issued amid high levels of flu, COVID-19 and scarlet fever

Following simple steps can help protect children, minimise the spread of illness in education and childcare settings and protect wider communities.

Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are [currently circulating at high levels](#) and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also [continue to be reported](#).

Professor Susan Hopkins, Chief Medical Adviser at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), said:

It's important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved.

Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.

Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don't visit healthcare settings or visit vulnerable people unless urgent.

Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus. We have seen good uptake in older age groups but vaccination among young children remains low. Flu can be very unpleasant and in some cases can lead to more serious illness. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and others they come into contact with, and it's still not too late.

Eligible children include:

- those aged 2 and 3 on 31 August 2022
- all primary school-aged children
- some secondary school-aged children

You can get more information [getting your child vaccinated against flu](#) on NHS.UK.

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Check to see if your child is eligible using the confidential online portal available on our website www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

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If you do not have internet access speak to your child's school.



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You may also be able to get extra support for free milk, reduced contributions for school trips and uniform grants – check with your school.

THE DANGER ZONE!

Parking on zig-zag lines is dangerous and can incur a fine if you are caught!

Zig-zag lines are there for a reason; to allow good visibility for drivers to see pedestrians in high risk zones (ie on pedestrian crossings and outside of schools).

Please do not put the lives of our children at risk by parking on the zig-zag lines outside of the school, even for the shortest time.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Appointments during school hours

Please avoid arranging medical/dental appointments during the school day.

We do know this cannot always be helped, however, appointments at the end of the school day (from 2 pm onwards) are far less disruptive to your child's education than morning appointments please.

Pupils should be collected from school with just enough time to allow to get to the appointment on time and, if the school day has not ended, they should be returned to school immediately afterwards please.

You should also provide the school with a copy of your child's appointment letter for the attendance register.

Thank you for your continued support.

Weekly Reminders:

- Please ensure that Lunches are ordered on ParentPay by 8.30 am on the day they are required
- For the Health and Safety of the children, parents must not bring their children through the staff car park when dropping off or picking up from school.

Children may only be brought through the staff car park when the pedestrian gates to the playground are locked during the school day, and then **children must be escorted through the car park to keep them safe.**

- Please remember to inform the school office by 9.30 am each day, if your child is going to be absent from school.

Thank you



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What to do if you have a query or would like support:

Query about a school club or event date/time.	Check the newsletter, which is distributed via email and is on the school's website
Query about ParentPay, Breakfast and After School Club or to notify school about changes to picking up arrangements, absences and medication	Contact Mrs Penn at the school office
Query about FOSS events	Please contact FOSS: Email: FOSS@soudley.gloucs.sch.uk FOSS Facebook page, or speak with a member of FOSS in the playground)
Quick query about homework or class work	Check with your class teacher at pick up time
Query about homework, class work or request for meeting about a class based query	Contact the school office for an appointment with your child's class teacher
Pastoral support for your child and/or family	Talk to your child's class teacher first and if appropriate a meeting can be arranged with our family support worker, Mrs Penn
Special Educational Needs (SEN) support	Talk to your child's class teacher first and if appropriate a meeting can be arranged with our SENDCo, Mrs Jeavons
If your query is ongoing	Contact the school office for an appointment with our senior teacher, Mrs Toomer
If your query is still ongoing	Contact the school office for an appointment with our Executive Deputy Head, Mrs Fawkes
If your query remains unresolved, then	Contact the school office for an appointment with our Executive Head, Mrs Davis

What can you do to help?

Take an interest in your child's education.

- Ask them about their day and praise and encourage their achievements at school.
- If your child is missing school or is seemingly unhappy, you should discuss your concerns with your child.
- Make sure your child understands that you do not approve of them missing school, but be on the alert for any particular reasons for non-attendance, such as bullying or problems with school work.

Contact the school as soon as possible when a concern is identified so that you can work with them to resolve any difficulties.

Be willing to engage with any support offered by the school or Gloucestershire County Council Support Services.

Make sure your child arrives at school on time for both the morning and afternoon sessions.

If your child is ill or absent for any other reason, contact the school on the first day of absence.

Follow the school's procedures for notifying absence, and always let the school know of any days that your child is unable to attend.

Updated November 2020

It all adds up!



Can they afford to keep missing out?

Every Minute Counts!

Being late for school reduces learning time.

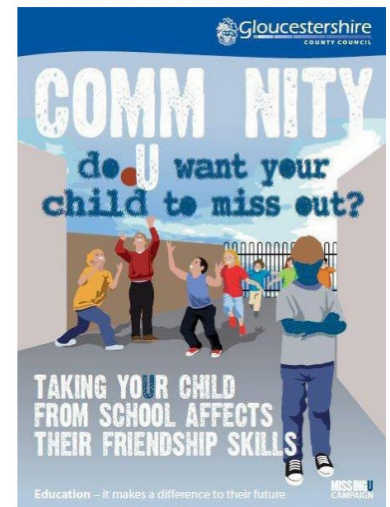
5 minutes late every day = 3 days of learning missed per year.

15 minutes late every day = 9 days of learning missed per year.

Arriving late can be very disruptive for your child, the teacher, and the other children in the class.



School Attendance



Information for Parents and Carers



Why is it important for children not to miss school?

Children only get one chance at school, and your child's chances of a successful future may be affected by not attending regularly. If children do not attend school regularly they may:

- Struggle to keep up with school work. In a busy school day it is difficult for schools to find the extra time to help a child catch up.
- Miss out on the social side of school life. Poor attendance can affect children's ability to make and keep friendships; a vital part of growing up. Employers want to recruit people who are reliable. Setting good attendance patterns from an early age will also help your child later on in life.

What might the impact of poor attendance be on your child?

Research shows children who are not regularly attending school are:

- More likely to become involved in, or be a victim of crime and anti-social behavior.
- More likely to fall behind due to the strong link between attendance and achieving good results.
- Less likely to achieve 5 good GCSEs (grades 9-5) compared with those with less than 8 days absence.
- More likely to have increased levels of anxiety due to inconsistencies and uncertainty in their routine.
- More likely to have reduced self esteem due to finding learning increasingly hard having missed out on key information.



What does the law say?

By law, all children of compulsory school age (between 5 and 16) must get a suitable, full-time education. As a parent, you are responsible for making sure this happens, either by registering your child at a school or by making other arrangements which provide a suitable full-time education.

Once your child is registered at a school you are responsible for making sure he or she attends regularly.

What happens if your child does not attend school regularly?

If your child fails to attend regularly - even if they miss school without you knowing - the Local Authority (LA) may take legal action against you.

Schools will notify you if your child's attendance level is a concern and look to work with you to put in place steps to improve it. If attendance continues to require improvement then schools will look to initiate an Attendance Improvement Meeting (AIM).

The AIM is the start of the legal process. It is important you engage with the process and work with the support provided to meet the agreed targets. These targets will be reviewed and progress evaluated at a review meeting. If satisfactory progress is made then targets will either be considered met or adjusted until attendance is satisfactory. If progress is not made then you may be referred to the LA for legal intervention.

You run the risk of being issued with a Penalty Notice or being prosecuted in court. If this happens:

- Parents can be fined up to £2,500 or imprisoned for failing to ensure that their child attends school regularly.
- Magistrates can also impose a Parenting Order, which means that the parent has to attend a counselling and guidance programme, usually a parenting class.

When is absence authorised?

There may be times when your child has to miss school because they are unwell. If your child becomes ill you should notify the school immediately and follow the school's absence procedures.

Children may have to attend a medical or dental appointment in school time. However, you should, whenever possible, try to make routine appointments such as dental check-ups during the school holidays or after school hours. Schools have the right to request medical evidence to validate absences for medical reasons.

If you think you might need to take your child out of school, discuss the reasons with the school as soon as possible. Absence must be requested as far in advance as possible. Absences will only be authorised by the school in exceptional circumstances.

Examples of absence that may be considered as exceptional circumstances include family bereavement or taking part in an agreed religious observance. The decision on whether to authorise absence is made at the headteacher's discretion.

For more information

For more information you can contact the Local Authority's Education Inclusion Service at:

Phone: 01452 427274

Email: Attendance@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Website: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning





Although term time leave request forms are available from the office, this does not mean that holidays are authorized or the request will be granted. Please read the below regarding penalties:



Request for a leave of absence during term time

Parents should be aware that the law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. The Department for Education allows a Headteacher the discretion to consider authorising a leave of absence in term time only in "exceptional circumstances".

You may consider that a holiday will be educational but your child will still miss out on the teaching and learning that their peers will receive whilst your child is away. Children returning from a leave of absence during term time are also unprepared for the lessons which build on the teaching they have missed and arrangements need to be made for individual children to catch up on missed work. Disruption to the continuity of teaching and learning is something we all have a responsibility to avoid.

If requesting a leave of absence you will need to complete the form on the reverse of this notice, setting out the reasons. If the holiday is not considered to be an exceptional circumstance it will not be agreed. If you nevertheless take your child out of school for the leave of absence this **will be recorded as unauthorised leave**.

In the case of an unauthorised leave of absence the headteacher may request that the Local Authority issue a Fixed Penalty Notice without further warning to the parent.

Please note that such a penalty is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school.

A Penalty Notice is a fine of £60 if paid within the first 21 days which increases to £120 if paid between 21 and 28 days.

Thereafter, if the penalty remains unpaid this may lead to prosecution through the Magistrates' Court.