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Friday 2nd May April

Soudley News

Dates for Diary

May

19th May—Viney Hill Residential meeting (3:15–4:15pm)

23rd May—Elmer Day—wear something bright with normal uniform

June

2nd June—Leavers and Class Photos

4th June—Y3/4s to Woodside for sports activities

10th June—Houses of Parliament Trip

11th June—2pm Cyber Security Session for Parents

17th June—Sports Day

19th June—Y5/6s to Soudley for sports activities

23rd –25th June—Yr 5 & Yr 6 Viney Hill Residential Trip

30th June—Yr 5 Taster Day at The Dean Academy

July

3rd July—EYFS and KS1 trip to Porthcawl beach

18th July—Last day of term

21st July—INSET Day

Icepop and Sweet Sale

On the playground
Every Friday at 3:10pm



Lollies—30p

Sweets—50p

All money raised will go
towards the Year 6 leavers
trip!

Please remember to apply
sun cream and send your
child in with a hat.

Thank you to the parents who have given up their free time to help clear the Orchard! The space is looking lovely and the children have already been enjoying exploring it this week in the sunshine!

If anyone is able to help with further clearing, please speak to the school office.

Year 6 SATs – Important Information

Next week is an important week for our Year 6 children, as they will be sitting their end of Key Stage 2 SATs. We are incredibly proud of the hard work and positive attitude they have shown in preparation.

Please find the schedule for the week below:

Monday 12th May

- **Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Paper 1 (GPS):** 45 minutes
- **Spelling Paper:** Approx. 15 minutes

Tuesday 13th May

- **Reading Paper:** 60 minutes

Wednesday 14th May

- **Maths Paper 1 – Arithmetic:** 30 minutes
- **Maths Paper 2 – Reasoning:** 40 minutes

Thursday 15th May

- **Maths Paper 3 – Reasoning:** 40 minutes

All tests will take place in the morning, so it's really important that children arrive at school on time and well-rested. Each morning, we'll be offering a light, calming breakfast in the staffroom to help everyone feel relaxed and ready to do their best.

Please continue to encourage and reassure your child—these tests are just one part of their learning journey, and we're already so proud of everything they've achieved.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Mclean

In Hedgehogs class this week...

At the end of last term we had a special visitor in the form of Frank. He came and talked to us about what life was like for him in the forest after the war. We asked him lots of questions and he told us lots of funny stories. He taught us how to make a little slingshot with a rubber band and paper bullet. Thank you so much Frank.



It was VE 80 day yesterday so Hedgehogs had a wonderful afternoon celebrating with a tea party. Frank told us that he used to eat dandelion sandwiches so we picked some dandelions and daisies, washed them thoroughly and sprinkled their petals onto our sandwich. Most of us agreed they were delicious!



In the woods this week we had a perfume potion competition, for the most fragrant potion. Our rules were, you can use anything that Mother Nature has left for us on the forest floor but only pick something green (our usual rules are no pick at all) but not any flowers. The two winners were Macey and Willow from our blind judging. Willow had found a bluebell that had been broken off from its stem so she didn't technically break the rules.



In other subjects we have been adding and subtracting, year twos have been making and interpreting pictograms, tally charts and bar graphs and drawing club has been Bagpuss. He even came to visit us for a story yesterday! We have been mapping in geography and hearing some Jewish stories in RE.

Happy weekend everyone.

Mrs Saeed

This week in Moles class...

In Literacy, the children have been writing their reports and learning about dialogue, practising how to use it effectively in their writing.

In Maths, Year 4 have continued their multiplication journey by learning how to multiply by 100 and using the formal written method. Year 3 have also been using the formal method, focusing on regrouping ones and tens.

During Guided Reading, we explored a beautiful new poem called *Grey Seal* by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris. This poetic tale of a Scottish selkie helped us learn about different poetic techniques.

We also marked VE Day by dressing in red, white, and blue. Our class assembly focused on remembrance, the importance of peace, and the events of the past. We listened to the voices of evacuees and Vera Lynn's hopeful songs to the soldiers.

In Science, we've been building on our knowledge of push and pull forces by investigating *friction* through hands-on experiments.

In Art, the children created layered backgrounds and combined contour line drawings with different materials to explore artistic effects.

In RE, we studied the story of *Pentecost*, identifying symbols in the story and linking them to the Holy Spirit.

Miss Cameron

In Otters this week...

What a Fantastic Start to the Summer Term!

It's been another brilliant week in Otters! The children returned refreshed from their long weekend and jumped straight back into their learning with great enthusiasm.

In maths, our Year 5s have been tackling the challenge of adding fractions and mixed numbers. I've been so impressed with how well they've remembered their previous learning—great work! Meanwhile, Year 6 have completed their final maths unit on statistics. They've been interpreting and creating pie charts and line graphs, and have learnt how to calculate the 'mean'—a tricky concept that they've handled brilliantly.

In writing, the children have finished their newspaper reports using a model text to guide and inspire them. We've also started exploring our new class book, *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes, and it's safe to say it's already a hit!

Our PSHCE lesson this week sparked some lovely conversations about personal attributes and the kinds of jobs these might suit. The children shared their future aspirations, ranging from vets and dentists to interior designers, shopkeepers, restaurant owners, and babysitters—what a wonderfully varied list!

Last week in geography, we explored different types of mountains and how they are formed. The children produced some fantastic diagrams and explanations to show their understanding. In computing, we've begun our work on online safety. The children engaged thoughtfully in discussions about current issues and showed great maturity in their responses.

PE this week saw us starting our rounders unit. We focused on throwing, fielding, and batting skills—and I must say, I was very impressed with everyone's effort and teamwork.

Next week will look a little different as it's Year 6 SATs week. We want to wish all our Year 6s the very best of luck—they've worked incredibly hard and we're already proud of each and every one of them, no matter what!

Have a lovely weekend! **Mrs McLean**

Congratulations



A HUGE congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 netball team who won their group at the south Forest tournament.

This means that they are now through to the grand Forest finals in Newent, where they will play the winners from the north Forest tournament. This is the second year in a row that Soudley have achieved this, proving that despite being a small school, we can be mighty!

All of the children were absolutely fantastic, showed real determination and excellent sportsmanship. We are all so proud of each and every one of you.

Thank you to parents who came to support and stood in the blistering sunshine!



**WE NEED
YOU!**



**Join our next
FOSS meeting**

**Thursday
15th May
@ 7pm**

**The White Horse Inn,
Soudley**



Steam trains all weekend.
Open 10am-5pm.
Book online now!

www.perrygrove.co.uk



HALF PRICE THIS WEEKEND!

10 & 11 May

Join us for a Teddy's Bears Picnic this weekend and get in for half price! picnic boxes available from our café.



HE'S BACK! JOIN US FOR A HALF-TERM FOOTBALL DAY WITH LUKE THOMAS



TRAIN WITH THE EX-CHAMPIONSHIP AND CURRENT BRISTOL ROVERS WINGER!

LUKE'S CAREER
CLUBS INCLUDE:



VENUE: FOREST VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL,
CINDERFORD, GL14 2QA

DATE: WEDNESDAY 28TH MAY 2025

TIME: 9.30AM UNTIL 3.30PM

AGES: GIRLS AND BOYS, 5 - 12 YEAR OLDS

PRICE: £25

WHAT TO EXPECT:

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Forest School Holiday Club

Tuesday 27th - Thursday 29th May

9:00am-12:00pm / 9:00am-3:15pm

8:45am drop off available for an additional charge.

At Bream C of E Primary School

**From £15 half
day and £25
all day**

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

- den building - tool work - team games
- fire building - pond dipping



Ages 8-11

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message us on facebook or send us an
email to book a place.



Join us at our Children and
Family Centre

OPEN DAY

Thursday 29th May
10am – 3pm

Hilltop

Latimer Road, Cinderford, GL14 2QA

FREE

**Family Activities
and Food for
everyone to
enjoy**

Arts & Crafts | Sports & Dance | Toddler Tent | Music & Shows



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BLOODHOUND STEM QUEST

Friday 30th May 2025

The Wesley, GL14 2AB

Cinderford

10AM-12NOON
MISSION TO MARS

12.30PM - 2.30PM
ENGINEERING SUPER
STRUCTURES



**£5 PER
SESSION**

**This event is part of the
Of Course We Can
Short Breaks Programme**

To book a place, email
accounts@bloodhoundeducation.com
Tel: 0208 150 3767



Looking for something to do May half-term? Come and meet a real author!



For ages 6+

Date: Wednesday 28th May 2025

Time: 10.30am and 1.30am

Venue: Books for Bugs, Vantage Point Business Village, Mitcheldean, Gloucestershire, GL17 0DD

Session Time: Each session will last for approx 1 hour with book signing opportunity after.

Price: £10 per child which includes a goody bag and a copy of her brand new book Puppy Problem.

Book your tickets via the QR code or at

<https://booksforbugs.co.uk/author-visit-serena-patel/>

