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Soudley News

Congratulations to this weeks Star's of the Week

- ★ Liam, Macey & Phoebe —Hedgehogs
- ★ Freddie, Hunter & Jessica —Moles
- ★ Shay, Rosie & Charlie —Otters

The award for attendance this week goes to — Moles Class!!



Dates for Diary

May

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

June

2nd June—Leavers and Class Photos

3rd June—KS1 swimming

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

10th June—Houses of Parliament Trip (selected pupils)

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



CAKE SALE

On the playground

TODAY!!

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

Hedgehogs update to be
sent out on Tapestry!

This week in Moles class...

It's been a busy and exciting time in Year 3/4! In maths, we've been tackling the challenge of dividing 2- and 3-digit numbers using scaling reasoning, problem-solving strategies, and our understanding of place value. The children have shown great perseverance and thinking skills.

In literacy, we've been writing letters to Hogarth, offering him advice about what he should do about the Iron Man. The ideas the children have come up with have been thoughtful, creative, and full of imagination!

During guided reading, we explored the acrostic poem *Swallow*, looking closely at its meaning and the poetic techniques the author used to bring the words to life.

Over in science, KS2 students have been designing their own experiments using their knowledge of forces. It's been fantastic to see their curiosity and scientific thinking in action.

In art, the children have been creating mixed media portraits, experimenting with composition and exploring different artistic styles and choices.

And finally, in RE, we've been wrapping up our topic on Pentecost, learning about how it is celebrated as the Church's birthday—a meaningful and joyful end to our learning.

Miss Cameron



In Otters this week...

It's been another action-packed week for our Year 5 and 6 children!

In **maths**, Year 5 have wrapped up their work on fractions – they've been subtracting fractions from mixed numbers and multiplying both unit and non-unit fractions by whole numbers. Year 6 have been refreshing their understanding of place value, multiplication and division, and how to simplify and compare fractions – all part of our mission to get them *Year 7 ready!*

In **writing**, the children have written thoughtful letters of advice to a character from *The Iron Man*. They focused on the layout of a formal letter and explored the differences between formal and informal language. The quality of their writing has been very impressive!

Our **SCARF lesson** this week focused on the idea of *community*. We talked about what community means to us, discussed our Soudley School community, and shared what we like (and maybe don't like as much!) about it. The children spoke with real maturity and showed great respect for each other's ideas.

In **geography**, the children completed their research projects on mountains from different continents – we can't wait to showcase their fantastic work on our classroom displays!

PE on Wednesday had us working on our fielding skills – before the heavens opened! The children practised using the 'long barrier' technique to stop the ball from rolling away, with some great teamwork on display.

We've also continued rehearsing songs for our upcoming **summer production**, and the children are absolutely loving them – there's a real buzz building!

A huge well done to three of our girls who took part in the **Forest of Dean gymnastics competition** on Tuesday – they represented the school brilliantly and performed amazingly.

We also had a visit from **Puddleducks** on Tuesday afternoon, who talked to the children about the importance of water safety – a very timely and valuable session.

Well done, everyone, for another fantastic week!

I would also like to thank you all for your kind words following the news that I will be leaving Soudley at the end of the Summer Term - I truly do appreciate them and will miss you all too!

Have a great half term, Mrs Mclean

ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations to Rosie, Sophia and Lilah who represented Soudley at the Forest of Dean gymnastics competition today. This is the first time that Soudley as a school has entered this competition, so it was a completely new experience for us. The girls were excellent, both in their behaviour and their gymnastic endeavours.

Lilah and Rosie competed in the Year 6 Level 2 group.

On the vault: Rosie came 2nd place and Lilah 3rd.

On the floor: Lilah came 2nd and Rosie 3rd.

Overall: Rosie 2nd and Lilah 3rd.

An amazing achievement for both girls, neither of which do gymnastics outside of school.

Sophia competed in a very competitive Year 6 Level 3 group.

On floor: Sophia came 1st place.

On the vault: 3rd place.

Overall: 2nd place.

They had to perform their vaults and routines in front of judges, other competitors, teachers and an audience of parents. A very daunting prospect for most people, but they were amazing!

We're very proud of each of you.

Hopefully this won't be the last time Soudley enter this event, it was a great experience.



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FOSS Newsletter

We have some fun and exciting events happening over the next few weeks, although these events aren't necessarily parties everything we do is in the interest of the school and the children - raising essential funds for us to be able to support trips, IT equipment and other essential equipment to aid the children's education and school experience

Volunteers Needed

We would like to thank those that have helped with the Orchard project and the vegs on the school field, but there's still plenty more to be done and will still need more volunteers to complete the work. Please let FOSS know if you can help in any way, we really appreciate anything you can do to help.

Find us on Facebook:
Friends and Community of Soudley
School

A Friendly Reminder About Our Facebook Page
We love keeping you updated through our Facebook page! It's a space where we share:

- 📅 Upcoming events
- 🏆 School progress and achievements
- 💰 Fundraising news and opportunities

To keep our community space positive and focused, we kindly ask that any complaints or concerns be sent directly to us via email. This helps us respond more effectively and ensures the page remains a helpful resource for everyone.

Please note:

We reserve the right to remove individuals, comments or disable commenting if necessary to maintain a respectful and supportive environment.

🙌 FOSS is run entirely by volunteers, and we truly appreciate your kindness, patience, and continued support.

Thank you for being part of our community!



If you would like
to join FOSS
please drop us
an email or chat
to one of us on
the playground

Upcoming events

Next FOSS meeting
21st June - Bingo night at
the White Horse
11th July - end of year
celebration - details to
follow

More Events Coming Soon

We have a large selection of pre-loved uniform available in our uniform shop, please let us know if there is anything you need and we can have a look for you.

There is a small charge for this service of 50p per item or £4 for 10 items but please do reach out to FOSS should you need our support.

This service is available all year round.

Just drop us on email or approach any of the FOSS committee on the playground

Don't forget you can label your child's uniform and support FOSS by purchasing your labels at www.stikins.co.uk using fundraising number 18190



Orchard project



We have made some amazing progress in the top section of the orchard, although there's still lots to do we really appreciate the help we have received so far.

We have been able to make our own chippings to use in other areas of the school, thanks to Hales & Co for the donation of the use of a chipper last weekend.





ACTIVE TOTS *joins* ACTIVE GAMES & CRAFTS

If you have a toddler, a ten year old or any child under 12, why not join us this half term as our regular Active Tots session is joined by our holiday Active Games and Crafts?

We'll be running a relaxed timetable with activities for different age groups; you can play some games; get stuck into craft, or a bit of both! Light refreshments will be available.

Thursday 29th May
11am-1pm

Anyone under 12yrs

**Soudley Village Hall, Lower
Road, Soudley, GL14 2TS**

➤ **Head to the website for more
information and to book now.**



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PRICE: £25

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Thursday 29th May

10am – 3pm

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and Food for
everyone to
enjoy**

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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

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

**£5 PER
SESSION**

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