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Friday 18th July 2025

Soudley News

Dates for your Diary

September

Monday 1st September—INSET DAY

Tuesday 2nd September—First day back to school! (Years 1—6)

Thursday 4th September—Reception Class—First day! (full time)

13th October—Federation Trip to Cheltenham Literacy Festival (Yr 3&4 only) - more details to follow in September

20th October—School Photos —Individual & sibling photos

24th October—INSET DAY

27th—31st October—Half term week

2nd November—back to school!

10th November—Nasal Flu Vaccine—whole school (consent to follow)

19th December – Last day of term!

The Dean Heritage Centre are offering FREE Entry for children from local schools on these two dates:

24th July

27th August

The school with the most pupils who visit, will win a free day at The Dean Heritage Centre for their school!

Art & Craft Day—Wednesday 20th August

10:00—2:30pm at Soudley Village Hall.

The objective is to create artwork to enter in to the competitions for the Summer Fete on 23rd August and the Garden and Produce show on 31st August.

Contact Tony Smith on

fridayclubactivities@gmail.com for more info!

Thank you

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding school year, we want to take a moment, on behalf of all the staff here at Soudley School, to say thank you to all parents and carers!

Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement. It has been a privilege to teach and support your children and we are grateful for the partnership we share with you in their learning journey.

To our wonderful students—thank you for your enthusiasm, effort and resilience. You continue to grow (not just in height!), but in confidence, maturity and kindness. You are the heart of our school community and we are so proud of everything you have achieved this year.

A special mention goes to our Year 6 students, who we will miss dearly. Your energy, positive spirit and unique personalities have left a lasting mark! We are so proud of you and all that you've accomplished and we can't wait to see what the future holds for you. You each have so much potential—keep believing in yourselves and go forward with courage and curiosity!

We look forward to welcoming you all back in September—including some new faces joining Reception Class. Have a restful summer, recharge and relax. Until then, thank you once again for being such a wonderful school community.

Warmest wishes,

All the staff at Soudley School

Farewell from Mrs. Mclean

After 11 wonderful years at Soudley, it's time for me to say goodbye. Over the years, I've had the absolute privilege of teaching so many amazing children and working alongside such dedicated, caring staff.

Soudley has been so much more than just a place of work – it has seen me through house moves, getting married, and becoming a mum to my two beautiful boys. It truly holds a special place in my heart.

To all the children, parents, and carers – thank you so much for your kind words and the thoughtful, generous gifts. I will treasure them, just as I will treasure the memories I've made here.

To the wonderful staff I've worked with over the years – thank you for your friendship, support and laughter. And a special thank you to Mr Knight for my brilliant leaving video – it means so much.

Soudley is a truly unique and special place. I hope everyone who is part of this community realises just how lucky they are.

With heartfelt thanks and best wishes for the future,

Mrs. Mclean

Year 6 Leavers Trip

On Wednesday 9th July, our Year 6 children enjoyed a truly memorable **leavers' trip** – a fantastic way to celebrate their final weeks at primary school.

The day began with a relaxed **picnic at Wenchford**, followed by a shopping spree at **Cribbs Causeway**, where the children had great fun choosing a few treats. From there, it was off to **AirHop**, where they bounced away 90 minutes of pure energy and laughter. The day was rounded off perfectly with a delicious evening meal at **Frankie & Benny's** – and, of course, a **slushy** to top it all off!

The children had a wonderful time and made some truly lasting memories with their friends – it was a pleasure to share the day with them.

A **huge thank you** to all parents and carers who supported the trip through our fundraising events – your help made it all possible. We'd also like to give a **special mention** to **Sophia and her family** – especially **Nanny Julie and Auntie Laura** – and to **Maxine**, whose generosity and support were instrumental in making the day happen. We are so grateful!

What a brilliant way to mark the end of their primary journey – well done, Year 6!



Otters Class

The past two weeks have been busy ones—and very hot!

We have been busy rehearsing for and then performing our summer production...'*I'm an 11-Year-Old... Get Me Out of Hereee!*' The children were fantastic—confident, funny, and full of energy in both their acting and singing. They really stepped up, throwing themselves into learning their lines, singing, and acting on stage. The final performance was outstanding—Every single child shone; it's one we'll all remember.

Year 5 headed off to Forest High School for a taster morning last week. They took part in a couple of lessons and were treated to a music performance from the Year 7s – including a familiar face from last year!

Year 6 have enjoyed their well-earned leavers' trip. They started with a picnic at Wenchford, followed by a shopping spree at Cribbs Causeway, 90 minutes of bouncing fun at AirHop, dinner at Frankie & Benny's, and a slushy to round off the evening. It really was a brilliant day, and both Mrs Wedley and I said what a pleasure it was to spend it with such a fantastic group!

Year 5 have got stuck into statistics, exploring how to read and interpret line graphs. Meanwhile, Year 6 have been busy creating props and preparing for their leavers' assembly. It was a chance to celebrate our wonderful Year 6 children and wish them all the very best as they move on to secondary school. You're a truly great bunch!

We have had a FUN Day—and what a day it was! Non-stop laughter and smiles as the children tackled the drop slide, obstacle course, bouncy castle, and Nerf wars.

Thursday gave us a chance to wind down. We watched *The Descendants*, spent time on the gymnastics equipment, and enjoyed being together in our last days of term.

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer break and the very best for the future. I will miss you all!

Best wishes, Mrs Mclean



Moles Class

This week in Moles, we have had a lovely send off to the year and all the children's hard work.

On Monday, we had an all day rehearsal for the summer production, followed by our first performance of the play.

On Tuesday, we chatted about our favourite Soudley memories and created some memory dioramas.

On Wednesday, the children were rewarded for their hard work and dedication throughout the year with a fun day filled with inflatables, movies and lots of fun. The children were thrilled. Their huge grins lasted from the start of the day right through to the end.

On Thursday, we got creative with some baking. The children learnt how to make gingerbread men, and I was so impressed by their resilience. Even when the mixture did not quite go to plan and things got a bit tricky, they persevered and made some lovely gingerbread men. I hope they enjoyed their bake.

On Friday, we have really enjoyed our last day together, playing games, chatting and having lots of fun and laughter.

I would just like to take this opportunity to say Wow, what a year this has been! It's all gone so fast, in the blink of an eye!

I would like to share that I've loved my time at Soudley and have made so many memories that will stay with me forever. It's been wonderful to watch how much the children have grown into confident, enthusiastic learners. I will miss you so very much, and it has been a pleasure getting to know you and share this small part of your educational journey with you.

I'd like to say a big thank you to all the children who have made my Soudley year one to never forget. Their amazing effort and hard work all year have been a real joy, and I'd also like to thank all the parents for their kind support throughout.

I wish you all the best in whatever comes next, whether that's starting a new school, year group or class. I know that you will be the very best that you can be, just as you have shown all year.

I hope you all have a restful, enjoyable summer. I wish you all the best in your next adventure!

Miss Cameron



Hedgehogs Class

The last few weeks of term have been busy as ever in Hedgehogs Class. We had a lovely time walking the Blue Rock Trail. It was an educational delight! We learnt some geology, history, geography and science. Did you know the Blue Rock Trail follows an old tram road that used to be used to transport coal and iron ore from the local mines and quarries? The children had a super time collecting different types of rocks on the way. We found fossils, crystals and lots of black shiny rock. We all came back to school with our pockets weighed down and full of rocks. To top it all off we also heard (and some of us saw) the peregrine falcons which are nesting up in the quarry. What a treat! We had the best time.

We have had the delights of a dance instructor who taught us some contemporary dance with scarves. Phoebe won dance star of the session. Well done everyone.

In preparation of the end of the school year the children have started sorting out their drawers so apologies if they come home with their bags full of paper! Could you please check for any school reading/library books at home over the holidays and send them back in September. Have a wonderful summer break, relax and enjoy the time off. We will miss your children but look forward to welcoming them back, not doubt taller and full of stories, in September.

Mrs Saeed





FOSS End of Year Newsletter

Thank you everyone!

FOSS would like to thank parents, families and staff at the school for all their support and hard work over the past year.

FOSS are in need of volunteers to help us keep operating next year, the committee will be down to just 2 willing volunteers again and this just isn't enough support. If nobody is able to help support us we will have to look at closing.

this years fundraising

We have continued with the regular staples throughout the year, the CLOTHES BIN in the car park does us well and we have had it regularly emptied through the year.,

Thank you to those of you that have signed up for and continued to use EASYFUNDRAISING, you can sign up to this at any time through the year, we have help a couple of PRELOVED LOVED UNIFORM sales this year and continue to have this service available to all through out the school year.

The ASDA CASHPOT was a successful and easy fundraiser for us (finger crossed they run it next year too!)

We have also held a WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP and a PAINTING PROSECCO AND PUDDINGS (PPP) night as well as raffles and parties through the school year.

We finished off the school year with the festival of colours including a colour run and BBQ

Top fundraisers

Raffles
Wreath making
Clothes Bin
PPP night
Colour run
Asda cashpot
Easyfundraising

What FOSS funded

Stocking and pantomime
Laptops
Easter Egg hunt

If you have any ideas of what FOSS could help fund to enhance the children education then please let a member of FOSS know.

Special Thank you's

Thank you to those of you who have supported the improvement works to the outside areas, we now need some help to keep on top of this, please let us know if you can help maintain the space.

Thank you to the office staff you have put up with our regular demands for printing and laminating this year and finally thank you to Mrs Davis for never turning down any of your requests and ideas!

Future plans

Foss have been talking to the other schools in the federation about bringing some joint events for the 2025/26 school year - watch this space and please reach out if you can help in any way

Tell us what you think

What do you like about the place that you live?

We want to know what you like about the place that you live.

Are there new things that you would like to see?

We'd really like your help in shaping the future of the Forest.

Design a poster or drawing and show us what you think your town should look like.

Homes



Character



<https://www.fdean.gov.uk/localplan>

Forest School summer holiday club

£15 half day

For children in Reception - Year 6

£25 all day

At Bream C of E Primary School

Session times:
9:00-12:00
12:30-3:15 or
9:00-3:15

Meet new people, make new friends, gain new experiences.

Week 1 - 28th July - 1st August
Week 2 - 4th - 7th August

ACTIVITIES

- Fire lighting
- Tool work
- Team challenges
- Den building
- Bug Hunting
- plus much more

Book Now - Limited Spaces Available

Message us on Facebook or email wildexplorersfs@gmail.com for more information or to book a place.



PLAY GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S PLAY RANGERS

**The Recreation Ground,
Ruspidge, GL14 3AE**
Tuesday 10am - 4pm
22nd July, 5th & 19th August 2025

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Our Play Days are all open access, where we are working in partnership with Gloucestershire County Council and the Department for Education in the Holiday Activity and Food Program families can book in securing food at lunchtime. For more information including checking eligibility and how to register for HAF and book activities this summer search for Gloucestershire HAF Program.



Our Play Ranger activities take place outdoors in all weathers and are open access. This means there is no registration, children are free to come & go as they please.

Our Activities are aimed at school aged children. Under 8's are welcome and should be accompanied by an adult.

We believe all children have the right to play. Please talk to us if your child needs additional support to enjoy Play Rangers. We welcome disabled children & their families.

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WOODLAND WALK & ACTIVE GAMES

Join us in Soudley this summer for a woodland walk and active games.

Light refreshments will be available.

Thursday 31st July

11am-1pm

All ages welcome!

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

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

For more information contact
rachel.saum@sportily.org.uk

sportily.org.uk



Wyldwood - Free summer workshops

WISH Play & Potions

Mix up your own potions for the bath, and print your own paper using the power of the sun + other play/craft activities!

Everyone welcome. Free food provided.
Children must be accompanied with an adult.

Activity times

Breakfast Club & packed lunch (food from 9am)

Tues 22/07/25 10:00-11:30
CINDERFORD in St Stephens Church

Wed 23/07/25 10:00-11:30
SEDBURY in Sedbury Village Hall

Community Brunch (lunch after activity)

Thurs 24/07/25 10:00 - 11:30
LYDNEY in St Marys Church

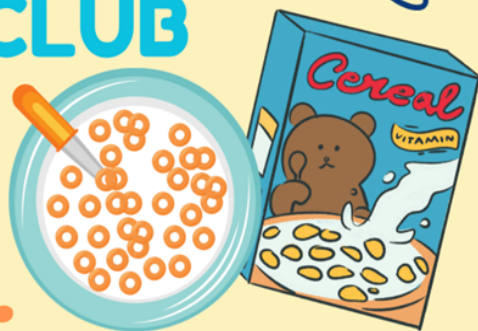
Community Brunch (free child packed lunch)

Wed 20/08/25 13:00 - 14:30
BREAM in Bream Sports Club

Mix your own
special bath
salts

Create a
cyanotype -
print using
the magic of
the sun

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST CLUB



FREE...

**Breakfast
LEGO / Games
Activities with Community Groups**

St Stephen's Church

Belle Vue Rd, Cinderford, GL14 2AA

9.00 am - 10.30 am

Tues 22 and 29 July, activities will run until 11.30 am

Tuesdays in Summer Holiday

ALL welcome!!

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times

Any questions, email Rachel (rachel@cinderford-churches.org.uk)



JOIN US FOR OUR END OF HAF PARTY!

**WEDNESDAY
27TH AUGUST
10AM TO 2PM**

**ALL FREE
(INCLUDING
FOOD)**

**RIVER CHILDREN &
FAMILY CENTRE &
SEVERN BANKS PRIMARY
SCHOOL, LYDNEY,
GL15 5AU**

INFLATABLES



CRAFTS



MULTI SPORTS



MINI FARM



CIRCUS SKILLS



... AND MUCH MORE!



Children & Family Centre

**POP UP
PLAY DAYS**

July 11am - 2pm

Monday 21st: **Beacon, Kingsway, GL2 2BS**

Tuesday 22nd: **Finlay, Tredworth, GL4 6TL**

Monday 28th: **Hilltop, Cinderford, GL14 2QA**

Thursday 31st: **Kaleidoscope, Kingsholm, GL1 3DN**

**FREE fun & activities for families & children
aged 0-11 years**

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Children & Family Centre

**POP UP
PLAY DAYS**

August 11am - 2pm

Friday 8th: **Lighthouse, Linden, GL1 5JA**

Wednesday 13th: **River, Lydney, GL15 5AU**

Wednesday 20th: **Bartongate, GL1 4AW**

Friday 22nd: **The Link, Matson, GL4 6DB**

Tuesday 26th: **The Oaks, Tuffley, GL4 0RN**

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