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Friday 19th September

2025

Soudley News

Dates for Diary

October

Friday 3rd—Non uniform, in exchange for a donation to the Forest Food Bank.)

Weds 8th October and Weds 15th October—Parents Evening

Monday 20th—School photos

Friday 24th—INSET Day

Congratulations to this weeks

Star's of the Week

- ★ Lexi, Electra & Charlie- Hedgehogs
- ★ Ellie, Naya & Jess - Otters

The award for attendance

this week goes to — Hedgehogs!!



News

- Soudley Humbugs! We currently have spaces available for 3 & 4 year olds in our Pre-School. Please spread the word! We are in the process of getting a sign made to advertise this and an advert will go in the local paper.
- The Dean Heritage Centre will again be offering free entry to the playground afterschool to any child who attends Soudley School! Parents with younger children can enter from 2:30pm.
- On Friday 26th September at 7pm, Soudley Village Hall invite parents and children to a concert by 'Lydbrook Training Band'. Entry to the show is FREE.
- Design a Cushion Competition—letters went out last week. Entries to be returned by Friday 26th September! Good Luck!
- An email has gone out today reminding everyone about taking holidays during term time.
- Federation Trip—Year 3&4 only. Payment due via Parentpay by 1st October.

This week in Hedgehogs...

This week in Hedgehogs. It is Friday again. Goodness how time does fly. In KS1 this week we have been learning that the UK is made of 4 different countries and comparing it with Australia which is made up of 6 states. Did you know Australia is over 10000miles away from Soudley. That would be like driving to Gloucester and back 333 times. Blimey that is a long way.

We have been continuing to work with our story Dear Earth and have been learning about how humans are damaging the earth and what we can all do to protect it like reusing, repurposing and reducing all of our stuff so it doesn't pollute our oceans and the air.

Reception have been working hard with their phonics. This week they have learnt the sounds i, n, m, d. They have been practising oral blending and are even starting to read words like sat, pin, map and dim. We will be holding a phonics stay and play session soon where parents and carers can come along and join in with the lesson. Look out for the date!

In forest school we have noticed that autumn is coming. Lots of leaves, seeds like acorns are falling to the ground. The children love walking up the track from school climbing up on the "parcour" bank.

All the year groups are working hard with maths. KS1 have been using number lines and reception noticing 1s, 2s and 3s from larger amounts. Such fun.

However, the most fun this week has been toothbrushing. We are brushing our teeth straight after lunchtime play each day. It is so funny brushing along to the 2 minute Big Brush song. It had us all in stitches.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and please listen to your child read or share their book with them as they are all working super hard with reading in school.

Mrs Saeed

This week in Otters...

This week Otter's have been investigating the text 'The Midnight Panther by Poonam Mistry'. This is a beautifully illustrated fable whose characters include 4 of the big cats and the sun, wind and rain and the children have written their own blurb and published this for the text. Challenge your children to see if they can recount any of the book we have read so far to you.

In Maths we have had a focus on place value and number. Using place value counters we have made numbers ranging from 100 - 1, 000, 000 and have now started writing these in numerals and words.

In Guided Reading Year 3 and 4 have a focus this term on texts related to Robots whilst Years 5 and 6 have just started reading 'Cogheart by [Peter Bunzl](#)'.

Our Science has continued with the children looking at classification of animals. On Monday we will be going around the school ground to support our science learning so the children will need to bring some extra footwear (eg wellies or old trainers) and a coat!

During French we have continued to look at French food and have been practising how to ask for an amount, or 'some' in French. Our favourite French word so far is 'cornichon' which is French for pickle!

Mr Knight has continued with our PE lessons where we looked at ball skills and tactics during small game situations.

The reading raffle was a success, and this week was won by Freddie, Zac, Mia- Lilly and Ruby! Keep reading for those raffle tickets!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Mason

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Youth Aerial (Ages 8 +) / 7:00pm – 8:15pm / £6 per session

FRIDAYS

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15:30–18:30

Wed 17th Sept 25

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Pumpkin Bowling
Autumn Themed Crafts
Space Invaders
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Halloween Masks
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