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Friday 5th December 2025

Soudley News

Dates for Diary

November

5th December—Xmas Wreath Workshop (see poster to book a place)

8th—Visit from author Charlotte L.Taylor

8th—KS1 Glow in the Dark Dodgeball (Children collected from school as normal)

10th—Hedgehogs Nativity (9:15am & 5:30am)

11th—KS2 Glow in the Dark Dodgeball (Children collected from school as normal)

17th—Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day!

19th—Last Day of Term— Wear your pyjamas in exchange for £1

Congratulations to this weeks

Star's of the Week

Hedgehogs Class

★ Finn, Marie & Tadhg

Otters Class

★ Monty, Zacary & Hollie

The award for attendance



this week goes to — Otters!!

News

- [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#) - Follow the link for helpful NHS guidance.
- **Messages to teachers**—If you have a class-based query, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance via the school office. Please be assured that teachers will respond, but not necessarily on the same day. Teachers are not expected to respond whilst they are teaching or beyond 5pm; your patience is appreciated.
- **'Design a stocking'** Caterlink Competition—Copies available from reception. Return your entries to the school office or a take a picture and email it to school admin by 12th December.
- **Glow in the Dark Dodgeball** —Please note the changes—the dates have changed and children need to be collected from school as normal.
- **Swimming**— After Christmas, it will be Hedgehogs turn to swim on a Tuesday afternoon.
- **Afterschool Clubs**—When we return after Christmas, Mr Knight will be running Parkour Club on a Monday and Tag Rugby on a Thursday.

Whole School Update

Wow what a start to the Christmas festivities we have had at Soudley this week. As well as continuing with all of our usual day to day learning we visited the Cinderford Community Church and saw 'Mother Goose' at the pantomime.

On Monday the whole school travelled to the Community Church, thanks to them for funding our transport, and had an immersive Christmas story experience as well as time for some arts and crafts. The feedback from the children was extremely positive and they really enjoyed the interactive aspect of finding out more about the Christmas story. The children moved around the different activities in mixed age groups and it was a delight to see the different age ranges working together.

On Wednesday we travelled to Hereford to the Courtyard where we watched an engaging production of 'Mother Goose'. It was wonderful to see the children being active participants booing and joining in with 'He's behind you'. There was much clapping and dancing going on and the children were amazed by the eggcellent jokes and the way even 6 - 7 was included!! Thankyou to FOSS for helping with the cost of the trip and for the sweet cones provided.

Review from Hayley

Do you enjoy laughing, singing and terrible jokes? Then I have found the perfect panto for you (Oh yes I have). I recommend it as it's really inclusive with everyone and was a really funny experience. I loved Squeak the bad fairy, it was amazing and I give it 4.5 stars!

Review from Mia Lilly

Mother Goose Christmas panto is full of bad jokes, laughing and signing all of the time. My favourite character was Lucy Goose and Be because they were fun and silly. My favourite part was when the Dame was on the mobility scooter covered in tinsel but it was not her mobility scooter. I would say the age rating is 4+ because it was very loud whilst the show was on. The scenery and costumes were great!

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Saeed and Mrs Mason

Forest Foodbank

During the Christmas holidays the Coleford distribution centre at the Salvation Army in Broadwell GL16 7BX will be open on Wednesday 24th December but then all the distribution centres will be closed over the Christmas period.

The last session before Christmas for Lydney distribution centre will be on 16th December and for Cinderford will be 18th December.

Lydney distribution centre at the River Family and children's centre, Naas Lane Lydney GL15 5AU opens after Christmas on 6th January 2026, Coleford opens on 7th January 2026 and Cinderford at The Forest Community church will be open on 8th January 2026.

To get help look on our website <https://theforest.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/>

We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and thank you all for the tremendous support that all schools in the area give to us!



BLOODHOUND EDUCATION **BUILD AND CRAFT EDITION FOREST OF DEAN** **Department for Education**

GLOUCESTERSHIRE HAF - WINTER 2025

Monday 29th December 2025

Lydney Youth & Community Centre,
Lydney

10 AM - 12.00 NOON
Catapult Cars & Festive Crafts

12.30 PM TO 2.30 PM
Festive Jewellery & Card Crafts

Fully funded for children who live or attend school in Gloucestershire and are entitled to benefit-related free school meals.

LINK TO MAKE BOOKINGS

[HTTPS://FAMILYHUBS.GLOUCESTERSHIRE.GOV.UK/FORSTOFDEAN-HAF](https://familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk/forestofdean-haf)

WWW.BLOODHOUNDEDUCATION.COM



Christmas Raffle

The most wonderful time of year brings lots of amazing prizes. Support our school and join in our raffle for a chance to win.

Tickets available from Soudley School reception or White Horse Inn

Draw
12th December
Afterschool



Hampers



PUPIL COMPETITION!

★ DRAW US YOUR BEST CHRISTMAS STOCKING!
SEND A PICTURE OF YOUR DESIGN TO THE CATERLINK TEAM AND
WINNERS WILL RECEIVE A BOOK VOUCHER



NAME:
SCHOOL:

CHRISTMAS DISCO



📍 THE WESLEY
BELLE VUE ROAD, CINDERFORD

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2025

5-7PM

KS1 AND KS2!
PARENTS/CARERS,
PLEASE STAY WITH
YOUR CHILDREN



Facebook icon @FoDYouthAssociation
Email icon hi.ya@fvaf.org.uk

What's On This Festive Season!

Lights, Feasts and Fire Trail

Tue 2 Dec - Sun 4 Jan

A festive museum trail exploring global winter traditions through creative challenges, stories, and seasonal fun for all ages.

£2 per trail

Winter Windows

Tue 2 Dec - Sun 4 Jan

A magical Christmas display of over 1,000 pupil-made cardboard windows, celebrating light, warmth, and winter traditions at the Museum of Gloucester.

Free!

For parents only!

Art After Hours: Retro Christmas Decorations

Fri 5 Dec, 6pm-7pm

Adults-only workshop to craft vintage-style Christmas ornaments with a nostalgic twist.

£12 per person - hot drink included with ticket price!

Make Your Mark

On until Sun 7 Dec

Help create a bold, collaborative tape artwork in the Museum of Gloucester's gallery – a free, evolving installation celebrating creativity and community.

Free - donations welcome

Ghosts & Giggles: Family Tour of Haunted Gloucester

Fri 12 Dec, 5pm-7pm

A family-friendly ghost tour uncovering Gloucester's haunted history, from museum mysteries to eerie ruins and hidden halls.

Child: £10 | Adult: £15

Brick Builders Club: Christmas Building!

Sat 13 Dec, 10am-1pm

Drop-in LEGO sessions for kids aged 5+. No rules, just brick-tastic fun!

£3 per child - adults go free!

Medieval Mercenary Tour of Eastgate Chamber

Sat 13 Dec & Wed 31 Dec, 2pm-3pm

Join Sir Miles for an underground tour of the Eastgate chamber, uncovering its history, myths, and medieval superstitions.

Adult: £7.50 | Child: £5 | Family: £25

Cracker Creations

Sat 20 Dec, 10am-1pm

A festive kids' workshop where young makers craft unique, eco-friendly Christmas crackers filled with surprises and seasonal creativity.

£3.50 per child - adults go free!

Glorious Glevum Tour

Tue 30 Dec, 2pm-3pm

Explore Roman Glevum with Lucius Sita, a guided tour revealing the city's history, hidden treasures, and life as an auxiliary soldier.

Adult: £7.50 | Child: £5 | Family: £25





ENGAGE

CIRCUS WORKSHOPS

WEDNESDAYS

Engage Juniors (Ages 6 – 10) / 4:00pm – 5:15pm / £5 per session

Engage Seniors (Ages 11 - 17) / 5:30pm - 6:45pm / £5 per session

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

FRIDAYS

Youth Aerial (Ages 8 +) / 4:15pm – 5:45pm / £6 per session

To book or for more information, scan the QR code, call **01594 825111** or email engage@artspacecinderford.org



FOSS & Soudley Village Hall

INVITES YOU FOR

CHRISTMAS WREATH



WORKSHOP

FRIDAY 5TH OF DECEMBER
AT 6PM

EVERYONE WELCOME
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

£25/PER PERSON

FREE Glass of Mulled Wine
on Entry

✉ Book your place
email

FOSS DIRECTLY :

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Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 6th of December

10:00–16:00

Entry fee :
Donations!

- VISIT FATHER CHRISTMAS
- CHRISTMAS MARKET
- CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
- FESTIVE MUSIC

CHRISTMAS MARKET

- CASH RECOMMENDED
- LOCAL PRODUCE
- HANDMADE GIFTS, CRAFTS & ART
- FESTIVE TREATS & DECORATIONS

HERITAGE COFFEE SHOP

- DELUXE HOT CHOCOLATE
- FESTIVE FOOD

Read Together

after-school

at Hilltop Children and
Family Centre
Cinderford, GL14 2QA



3:15pm - 4:30pm

All sessions
FREE
No need to
book!

Every Wednesday

12th Nov though to 10th Dec



- Group storytime
- Themed craft activity
- Snack break
- Books to take home
- Wind down time