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Friday 19th December 2025

Soudley News

Dates for Diary

November

18th—Christmas Stocking Morning

Hedgehogs Class trip to The Dean Heritage Centre

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

January

5th —INSET DAY

6th—Back to School!

14th - Year 5 Transition morning at The Dean Academy

February

11th—Year 5 & 6 Federation Trip to Steam Mills

13th—last day of term

News

- **Swimming— Apologies for the mix up—There will not be any swimming until Term 6 which will begin on 1st June.**
- **Afterschool Clubs**—When we return after Christmas, Mr Knight will be running Parkour Club on a Monday and Tag Rugby on a Thursday.
- You should have received your child's short report this week and some information about attendance. We do understand that this term comes with lots of germs and some pupils have been poorly. Not to worry, over the whole year **good attendance** equates to approximately **10 days** off, hopefully in the Spring term we will avoid viruses and bugs as the better weather arrives. If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, please visit this webpage: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)
- When calling in to inform us of your child's illness, please can you give details about the reason for the absence.

Whole School Update

Merry Christmas Everyone!

What a fantastic week we have had. On Monday FOSS provided the children with a Christmas party full of fun, games and dancing. All children received a present and a hot chocolate cone.

Wednesday, we had a whole school forest schools' session. We took a walk around Soudley travelling over the stone bridge and then we ended back up on the field where the children made Christingles.



At lunchtime they were served their Christmas dinner by staff. All of the children agreed how delicious it was!



During the afternoon we gathered together to make our Christmas willow stars. It was a fantastic day where the children worked together with our older children supporting our younger children.

During the night on Wednesday, Father Christmas arrived and filled all of the children's stockings with gifts ~ a wonderful Soudley tradition.

Hedgehogs then made their way to the Dean Heritage Centre to visit Father Christmas whilst Otters held a craft and baking morning.

Have a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year ~ we look forward to seeing you all in 2026.

Mrs Saaed and Mrs Mason

Winter WATER SAFETY

In winter, more people who are walking or running alongside water fall in and drown than in any other season.

Slippery paths, patches of ice and a lack of daylight can make being near water more dangerous than in the summer months. If you fall into the water, the cold temperatures make it difficult for you to control your breathing, to use your hands to climb out and can even cause you to have a heart attack.

So, follow our safety tips to make sure that your winter walks are enjoyable and safe.



KEEP BACK FROM THE EDGE

When walking alongside water keep back from the edge.



ONLY USE WELL LIT AREAS

Time your walks to make the most of the daylight; if you need to walk in the evening only use well-lit areas or take a route not alongside water.



KEEP DOGS ON THEIR LEADS

Keep dogs on their leads when near ice and don't throw sticks or toys onto the ice.



TEACH CHILDREN NOT TO GO ON TO THE ICE

Teach children not to go onto the ice under any circumstances.



DON'T GO ON THE ICE TO RESCUE A DOG

Don't go onto ice or into the water to rescue a dog, move to somewhere that the dog will be able to climb out and call them towards you.



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Christmas Family Bingo and Festive Quiz!

Monday 22nd Dec, 2-3.15pm

- Free entry and refreshments
- Please reserve a table: text Laura on 07727 699751

PUT ME ON
your fridge!

- Drybrook Methodist Church, Hawthorns Road
- Children must be accompanied by an adult

The **Methodist Church**



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Forest of Dean

AGES 7-YR7

Music

Fun + Games

sportily
PLAY SPORTS. TALK LIFE

LEARN ABOUT JESUS

BRING MATES

**Saturday 17th
January 2026
5pm-7pm St
James Church
Centre, Bream**

**Contact us @
xsiteforestofdean
@gmail.com**

A light snack will be served!



You are invited to

THE CALM CLUB'S HAF WINTER YOGA & CRAFT CAMPS!

Mon 22nd Dec @
Ruardean Village Hall
Tues 23rd Dec @ River
Children's Centre Lydney
Ages 4-11
Mon 29th Dec @ Soudley
Village Hall
Ages 9-14

**FREE THIS
OR PAID WINTER
HOLIDAYS**

09.00 AM - 2.00 PM

FUN ACTIVITIES:

- Yoga & Yoga Games
- Seasonal crafts
- Outdoor play & walk
- Warm lunch included

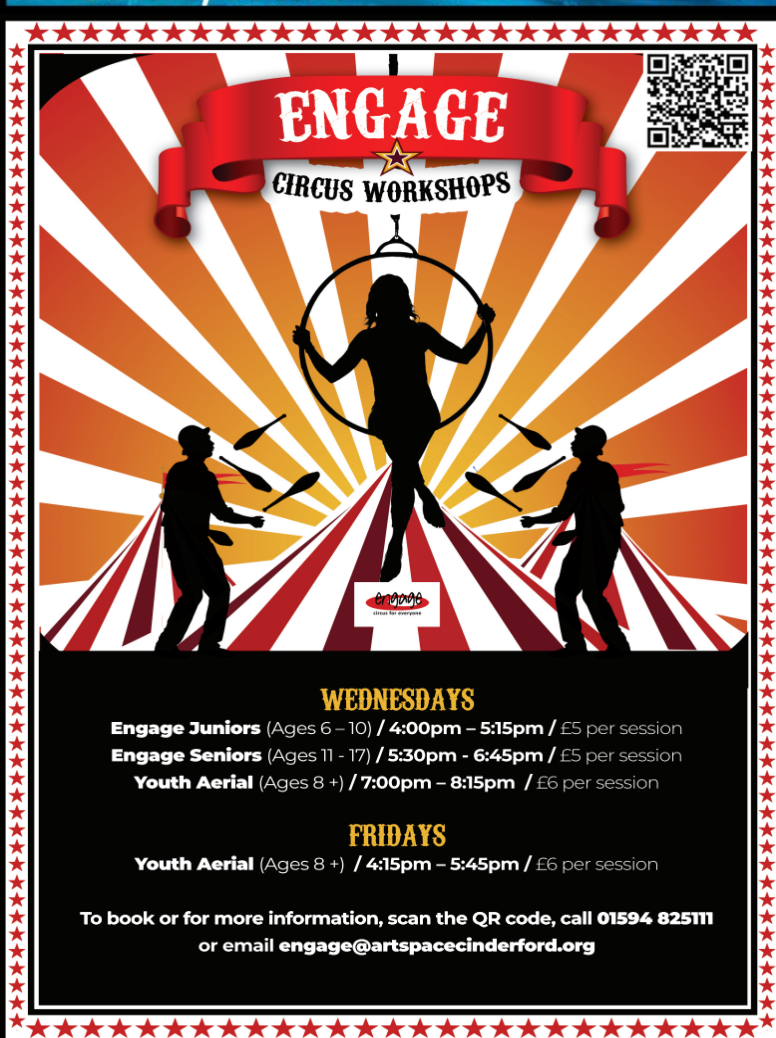
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THE CALM CLUB
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ENGAGE
CIRCUS WORKSHOPS

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**