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# Soudley News

## Dates for Diary

### November

28th—Second Panto instalment deadline

28th - Non-uniform in exchange for a luxury hamper item

### December

1st December—Christmas Experience, Forest Community Church

3rd December—Panto (Courtyard Theatre, Hereford)

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

8th—Visit from author Charlotte L.Taylor

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

17th—Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day!

19th—Last Day of Term

## Congratulations to this weeks

### Star's of the Week

Hedgehogs Class

★ Georgie, River & Phoebe

Otters Class

★ Ruby, Alfie & Flossie

## The award for attendance



this week goes to — Otters!!

## News

### • **Outside Hedgehogs Class**

We are working on developing the outside space for Hedgehogs Class. FOSS have kindly agreed to help fund some new equipment. If you have any of the following to donate to school it would much appreciated:-

- Construction signs
- Any wooden spoons, kitchen utensils, small pots/pans

### • **GCC Families in Partnership Newsletter.**

This newsletter for families with SEND in Gloucestershire is now published monthly - thank you for your feedback. The newsletter shares the latest updates, news and developments in and around the county. [Families in Partnership newsletter November 2025 | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

# Hedgehogs Class

Well what a super cold week it has been although we have still enjoyed being out in the sunshine.

Reception have been learning more digraphs in phonics - sh, ch, th, ng, nk. They are working really hard. In maths we read the book 'One is a snail, Ten is a Crab' Book by April Pulley Sayre and Jeff Sayre. We made some clay snails to help with the counting.

In forest school we rambled through the forest wearing the brand new all in one suits that FOSS have kindly paid for. They are fabulous. Thank you so much FOSS.

As part of their Walk in London English text, Year 1 and 2 have been designing and building their own bridges to cross the river Thames. They were very creative using lots of different construction materials. They have also been learning more about coding in computing, Guy Fawkes in history and the Nativity practise has begun!

We will be holding two Nativity performances on Wednesday 10th December - one at 9.15am and the other at 5.30pm at school—We hope you can come along and watch us!

Best wishes Mrs Saeed

# Otters Class

Otter's class each week seems to get busier and busier! This week not only have we covered our curriculum areas but bikeability has taken place and Tony and Catherine, who work alongside the Dean Heritage Centre, have been in school making books with the children for future work we will be completing.

Miranda, the bikeability instructor, has been extremely impressed with the bike skills that the children taking part have shown in some very cold weather. Years 3 and 4 spent all of Monday morning outside completing tasks and challenges set by Miranda and Years 5 and 6 ventured out riding safely on our roads. She has fed back how polite, well mannered and sensible our children have been ~ well done!

We have had a computing focus this week with Years 5 and 6 focusing on using Microsoft Word and Years 3 and 4 coding to create a game.

During this week and next we will be taking our autumn tests within class so that the information can inform the next teaching steps for Otters. They have already approached these tests with enthusiasm and effort ~ keep it up!

Have a lovely weekend, stay warm.

Mrs Mason

# 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](mailto:engage@artspacecinderford.org)



FOSS & Soudley Village Hall

INVITES YOU FOR

# CHRISTMAS WREATH



# WORKSHOP

FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> 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 :

[foss@soudley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:foss@soudley.gloucs.sch.uk)

# 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**

12<sup>th</sup> Nov though to 10<sup>th</sup> Dec



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