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Friday 28th November 2025

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

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

★ Macey, Nelly & Mabel

Otters Class

★ Arthur, Isla & Layla S

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.

Hedgehogs Class

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!

This week in Hedgehogs.

It has been assessment week this week for our year 2s, working hard with their reading and maths "fun booklets". No assessments for Year 1 or Receptions this week so they have been keeping out of the way so as not to distract the Year 2s.

Year 2 have also been trying their best in maths where they are finding subtraction tricky. In English the year 1s and 2s are continuing to create a walkers guide to Soudley. It will be complete with map, points of interest and fun facts.

Reception children are building up their phonics knowledge in our daily phonics sessions. This week they have learnt ai -wait for the train, ee - bee on my knee, igh - light up the night and oa - float on the moat. They are improving their drawing and writing skills too. In maths Reception have begun matching numerals with amounts and using numicon plates to represent each number.



In PE, all of the children have been impressing Mr Knight with their balancing and jumping skills on the large apparatus in the hall.

Finally, we have begun practising for our Nativity called Whoops-a-Daisy Angel meets the Sleepy Shepherd. We will be sending scripts home for children to practise their parts. Don't forget costumes, (if you are buying them- we do have some in school), are due in by next Friday.

Happy weekend everyone!

Mrs Saeed

Otters Class

It has been wonderful this week to receive some lovely feedback on how hard Otters have been working in class. Subject Leaders from Steam Mills and Ruardean Woodside have been into school looking at children's learning in different lessons and Otters have shown themselves to be hardworking, polite and have been proud of their learning ~ well done!

This week we have continued working hard on our Autumn tests and to celebrate them nearly being completed we had some wellbeing time with hot chocolate in this cold weather!

We have started our new Design and Technology unit looking at improving a healthy recipe ~ keep your eyes peeled for some inventive spaghetti bolognese recipes on the way soon.

The children have continued to develop their French knowledge of healthy food and next week will be learning how to say different breakfast items in French.


Next week the Christmas excitement will begin to build with a visit to the Christmas Experience with Forest Community Church, our trip to the pantomime and an advent book calendar from Monday.



Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Mason



Thank you to FOSS for our fabulous waterproofs.


**GIFT VOUCHER**




PUPIL COMPETITION!

DRAW US YOUR BEST CHRISTMAS STOCKING!

SEND A PICTURE OF YOUR DESIGN TO THE CATERLINK TEAM AND WINNERS WILL RECIEVE A BOOK VOUCHER



**NAME:**
SCHOOL:

**THE WESLEY**
BELLE VUE ROAD, CINDERFORD

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2025
5-7PM

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



**@FoDYouthAssociation**
**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 :

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

12th Nov though to 10th Dec



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