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Friday 16th January 2026

Soudley News

Dates for Diary

January

14th—Year 5 Transition morning at The Dean Academy

February

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

13th February—Last day of term

23rd—back to school

Congratulations the Star's of the Week

★ Willow & Ethan J—Hedgehogs Class

★ Alia, Ellie & Arthur—Otters Class



The award for attendance

this week goes to — Otters!!

Well done to everyone for settling back into school routine so quickly!

After the snowy weather last week, please do keep an eye on Class Dojo and the Gloucestershire County Council school closures list for any updates during bad weather.

We do try to get the children outside into the fresh air as much as possible, please make sure your child has a suitable coat to wear as we will go outside even if it is raining a little. Children are welcome to wear gloves, scarves and hats to keep warm. Please make sure these are named so we can return them to their owners.



We would also encourage children to wear appropriate clothing so that they are warm, trousers are preferable to shorts in the temperatures we are having at the moment.

Children should also be wearing school shoes in line with our uniform policy, unless they have PE on that day.

News

- **After School Clubs**—Don't forget to book these on Parentpay!
- **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.
- **Hedgehogs and Humbugs outside space revamp!** - We are open to ideas for the outside space. We hope to have a Construction Area, a new Mud kitchen and easel. As the weather gets better, we will be asking for donations of bulbs, potting soil/compost and colourful plastic planters. Any play food, kitchen or role play donations would be gratefully received too.

Sporting Achievements

On Tuesday 13th January, a group of Year 3 and 4 children were selected to represent Soudley School at a New Age Kurling competition held at Newent School.

The children represented Soudley School as proudly as they always do. Their behaviour was impeccable throughout the day, showing excellent listening skills, teamwork and sportsmanship, and they were a real credit to the school.

We competed against five schools: Staunton and Corse, Lydney C of E, Hope Brook, Tibberton and Westbury-on-Severn. The team won two games, drew two and lost one, finishing second in our group with 17 points. We narrowly missed out on reaching the final, finishing just two points behind the group winners — a real stone's throw away!

All of the children had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience, as did Mr Knight and Mrs Broomfield.

Well done to everyone involved!



Hedgehogs Class

This week in Hedgehogs has been super busy!

On Wednesday we had a day of workshops with Caterlink. The children learnt all about eating a balanced diet. They then learnt about the taste buds and most of the children were brave enough to do some blind-folded taste testing. They tried basil, pickled onions, chocolate chips, grapes and crisps. After lunch they learnt how to use a knife and fork properly and we have been practicing in the lunch hall. It would be great to practice these skills at home.



Today the children have started balance Balancability using balance bikes on the playground. They are having such fun.

Enjoy the weekend everyone!

Mrs Saeed

Otters Class

What a productive week again!

We have continued with our poetry writing based on the book 'Peace on Earth' and have developed peace charters and peacekeeper adverts.

In Maths we have continued with our work on subtraction in Years 3 and 4, Powers of 10 in Year 5 and Fractions, decimals and percentages in Year 6 ~ the perseverance and making links between previous learning has been amazing.

In Geography the children have focused on OS maps and symbols and enjoyed a game of symbols bingo.

Science continued this week looking at the development of a foetus, we found it really interesting to look at weekly development against fruit and vegetable sizes.

During this week we have also managed to fit in a group of children attending a kurling competition and a group of children being invited for an art lesson at Dean Academy ~ yet again everyone represented our class superbly.

Next week, we have a chef from Caterlink coming to make pasta with us on Thursday which links with our Design and Technology lessons where we have been designing our own spaghetti bolognaise.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Mason

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