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Friday 13th February 2026

Soudley News

Dates for Diary

February

13th—Last day of term / Angling Workshop

20th—Valentine's Disco at Soudley Village Hall (tickets purchased on the door)

23rd—back to school

26th—SEND Event—See Class Dojo for details

March

5th—World Book Day—Wear your Pj's! - More details to follow

13th—Non school Uniform—in exchange for Easter Hamper items

10th March—Science Week—After School STEM Challenge

17th & 18th - Parents Evening

24th—Yr 1&2 Federation Trip to Woodside School

27th March—We break up for half term

April

13th—Back to school

Congratulations to this weeks

Star's of the Week

Hedgehogs Class

★ Charlie L, Lexi & Kacie

Otters Class

★ Alfie, Layla S & Hayley

The award for attendance this week goes to Otters Class with 87.2%

FOSS

We would like to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thank you to FOSS for their ongoing fund-raising efforts, their dedication and hard work. They have helped fund a wide range of projects, equipment and enriching experiences for your children. We are incredibly grateful for all they do to enhance school life,

World Book Day

To celebrate this year, children are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or in their pyjamas, as we will be enjoying a hot chocolate and story. We will also be running a book swap similar to previous years. Please wrap a book up at home and write 3 clues on the front of the paper e.g. The Gruffalo - preschool/ EYFS book, animals, forest . Children will be able to bring these books into their classes and swap as a mystery book. They will then keep the book that they have chosen from the swap. Please can we ask that books are age appropriate for the class your child is in. Children will be completing other book themed activities during the school day and we are really looking forward to it!

Hedgehogs Class

Here we are at the end of term 3. Wow. We are now halfway through the year already!

On Tuesday we had a visit from Laura from Young Minds Matter. They children talked about their emotions and learnt some ways to calm down when feeling frustrated or angry.

On Wednesday we had a lovely walk with Otters around Soudley Ponds. They all loved squelching in the mud and splashing in the puddles. Then we used up more energy with a roll down the banks at Soudley Camp. Such fun!

Today the children had lots of fun angling in the hall!



I think we are all ready for the half term holiday.

We wish you all a lovely week!

Mrs Saeed

Otters Class

Otters really enjoyed their second music lesson this week with Ellie and Si and have started to learn the melody to their song.

This morning we had Prostars come into the hall to run an angling fishing session with all the children ~ they really enjoyed it.

This week we have had a focus on wellbeing as it has been Children's Mental Health Week.

We have related this to the Winter Olympics discussing resilience, perseverance and how sport and exercise can help improve our wellbeing.

Year 5 and 6 had their joint federation workshop at Steam Mills and on Tuesday Laura from Young Minds Matters came into school to deliver a workshop on emotions.

To connect with nature Wednesday we went on a whole school walk around the ponds and enjoyed playtime on the field ~ the sun even shone for us!!

We have moved classrooms this week and below are some of the pictures. We now have direct access to the sensory garden and more natural light. The Year 6s are getting used to having a drawer for their belongings rather than their own desk space ready for secondary school.



Have a wonderful half term, I cannot believe we are half way through the school year already.

Mrs Mason

February Half Term at the Museum!

It's a busy Half Term packed with hands-on activities, creative workshops and plenty for families to explore. Creative makes, family fun and brilliant ways to dive into history all week long.



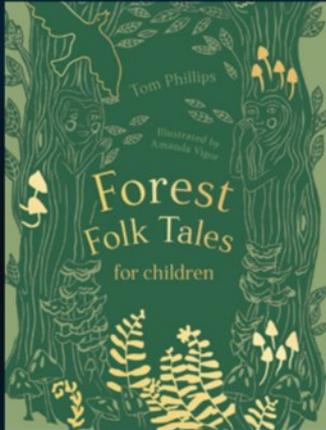
Thursday 18th - Sunday 21st June

Storytelling: Forest Folk Tales for Children

Sunday 21st June at 11am

Children £8
Adults £2.50

The Watson Hall



One of twenty-one fabulous speakers, including Suzannah Lipscomb, Alison Weir and lots more!



Art Explorers: Arts & Crafts Trail Sat 14 - Sun 22 Feb | £2 per trail

Follow the trail through puppets, pottery and nature-loving makers, try creative challenges and design your own patterns. Finish it and you'll earn a nature-inspired stamper to take home.

Making Folk: Crafting Charms and Folk Motifs Sat 14 Feb, 1-4 pm | £5

Get creative with natural materials, beads and fabric as you make your own charms or stitch folk-inspired motifs. For all ages, proudly part of Gloucester Folk Trail.

Hands On History: Object Handling with the Birdlip Mirror Sun 15 & Wed 18 Feb | £1 donation

Take a closer look at our Birdlip Mirror replicas and discover their stories with our Visitor Experience Assistant. This relaxed drop-in is free, with a suggested £1 donation. Great for families aged 3+.

Brick Builders Club: The Great Outdoors Tue 17 Feb, 10am - 1pm | £3 per child

Get creative with nature-themed LEGO challenges inspired by our Arts & Crafts displays. Build landscapes, dream up wild creatures or invent something totally new. Pick up fun prompts and let your imagination take over. Suitable for ages 5+.

Glorious Glevum Tour Wed 18 Feb, 2-3pm | From £5

Explore Roman Glevum with Lucius Sita, our resident auxiliary soldier. Discover why the Romans chose Gloucester, what daily life looked like and the hidden treasures inside the museum.

Medieval Mercenary Tour of the Eastgate Chamber Sat 21 Feb, 2-3pm | From £5

Join Sir Miles, our medieval mercenary, for a fascinating trip into the Eastgate Chamber. Explore its history, uncover old myths and hear the superstitions that have surrounded this hidden space for centuries.

MUSEUM OF GLOUCESTER

Scan me for more info!



Half-term Crafts February flowers

Wed 18th Feb,
10-11.30am

Old Baptist Chapel
£1 per child



Bookings: 01684 297174 or email
admin@johnmooremuseum.org

World Wildlife Day

Bath Salts & Bath Bombs

Sat 28th Feb,
10.30am - 12pm
John Moore Museum

This is a free event-
donations welcome



Wartime Poetry Competition!



Do you see yourself as the next Ivor Gurney or F.W. Harvey?

In recognition of **World Poetry Day**, the Soldiers of Gloucestershire Museum will be running a poetry competition.

We need you to send in your best Wartime Poetry! This can be on any topic related to the Wars, from a Frontline or Home Front perspective. The winning poetry will be displayed in our museum galleries, so please feel free to get creative and decorate your entries too!

The poetry will be judged under 2 categories, **Key Stage 1** and **Key Stage 2**.

The prize for the winning entries will be:

- **1st place:** poetry displayed in the museum during easter holidays with 12 months free admission for 1 Adult and 1 child.
- **2nd place:** poetry displayed in the museum during easter holidays with 6 months free admission for 1 Adult and 1 child.
- **3rd place:** poetry displayed in the museum during easter holidays with 3 months free admission for 1 Adult and 1 child.

The **deadline** for all entries is the **18th March 2026**.

These can be sent in by post, or emailed to:

jade.smith@sogm.co.uk

Good Luck!

