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Soudley News

Congratulations to this weeks

Star's of the Week

Hedgehogs Class

★ Liam & Melody-Rose

Otters Class

★ Tyler & Olivia

The award for attendance this week goes to Otters Class!

Dates for Diary

February

2nd Feb— Music Session with Music Works (7 week programme)

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

13th February—Last day of term

23rd—back to school

- 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.

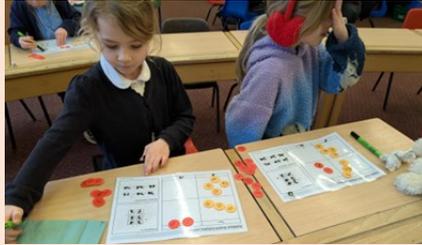
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- **Messages to teachers**—If you have a class-based query, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance via the school office. Please be assured that teachers will respond, but not necessarily on the same day. Teachers are not expected 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.
- **School Drop Off**—Please remember that children should be brought into school **via the blue gate at the bottom of the playground** and wait there until a teacher calls them in. Even if it is raining! (Unless you have an agreement in place with Mrs Davis to drop via the staff car park). **If you are late, you must come in via the school office.**

Hedgehogs Class

In Hedgehogs this week our year twos have been exploring addition of two digit numbers using place value counters. They are really enjoying exchanging 10 ones for 1 ten and are getting much more confident at using their number bonds to 10 to solve calculations.



Reception have been working hard with their maths and how five is hidden inside number 6 to 10 so they are using the language, "Eight is made from five and three. Five and three makes eight all together."

We are encouraging all the children to read more at home. I have created a new Dojo board where children are receiving a dojo every time they read at home. Phoebe and Lexi have read the most so far. Well done everyone who is trying really hard with this.

We have nearly come to the end of our book *The Streets Beneath My Feet* which is a fascinating book that explores what is under the ground starting in a city and travelling all the way down to the earth's core and then out the other side ending up in a forest location just like ours!

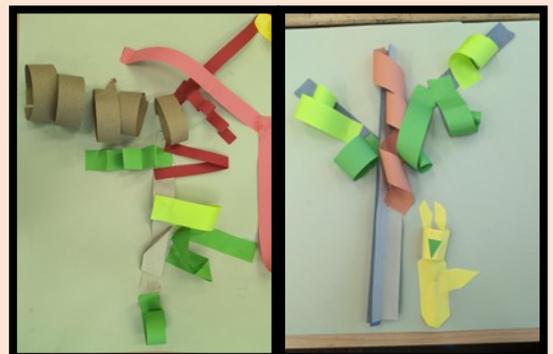
It has been fascinating.

Soon we will be getting on to our mining project with our plan to take a trip to Hopewell colliery soon.

Next Tuesday, some of our Year twos will be attending a cricket morning at Dean Magna. We are all excited for this.

In forest school this week we travelled up the Blue Rock trail looking for signs of mining and the Industrial past of forest. We found what looked like an old quarry.

In art, key stage 1 have been continuing their paper 3D art unit and have created a tree of life. Some of them are not finished yet, but they are looking stunning so far. Happy weekend everyone!



Otters Class

Otters have been working hard again this week. We are thoroughly enjoying reading our book and have found out many interesting facts about how the Twin Towers were built. Phillippe Petit walked between them before they were finished, and we watched a trailer to the documentary 'Man on Wire (2008). The children were very engaged in this dangerous act where we have drawn comparisons to the climb on Netflix last Saturday.

In Maths I have been very impressed with the perseverance with Fluent in Five ~ well done. Mr Knight was also very impressed with their tennis skills!

In French we have focused on 'Our School' and in Geography we have continued to develop our maths skills. Our weekly music lessons are being run by The Music Work from Monday for 7 weeks. The children will be working with 2 very experienced musicians to create an original song and lyrics that celebrate their community and what it means to them. We look forward to sharing it with you.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Mason

Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and all police forces.



“ Children who live in homes where there is domestic abuse, or who experience domestic abuse in their own teenage relationships, can be negatively impacted by this experience. ”

“ Children who experience domestic abuse are recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right¹. ”

“ We have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained about Operation Encompass procedures. This allows us to use the information that has been confidentially shared with us by the police, to understand how a child may be impacted by domestic abuse and to then offer support to the child/ren in our care. ”

“ Operation Encompass means that our school will be told, prior to the start of the next school day, when police have attended an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child or young person who attends our school who is related to any of those involved in the incident. ”

“ This information means that we can understand a child’s behaviour and support that child in whatever way they may need or want. ”

“ We are keen to offer the very best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that being part of Operation Encompass helps us to do this. ”

¹ Domestic Abuse Act 2021

www.operationencompass.org

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2025/26



SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
Mon 1 8 15 22 29	Mon 6 13 20 27	Mon 3 10 17 24
Tue 2 9 16 23 30	Tue 7 14 21 28	Tue 4 11 18 25
Wed 3 10 17 24	Wed 1 8 15 22 29	Wed 5 12 19 26
Thu 4 11 18 25	Thu 2 9 16 23 30	Thu 6 13 20 27
Fri 5 12 19 26	Fri 3 10 17 24 31	Fri 7 14 21 28
Sat 6 13 20 27	Sat 4 11 18 25	Sat 1 8 15 22 29
Sun 7 14 21 28	Sun 5 12 19 26	Sun 2 9 16 23 30
DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY
Mon 1 8 15 22 29	Mon 5 12 19 26	Mon 2 9 16 23
Tue 2 9 16 23 30	Tue 6 13 20 27	Tue 3 10 17 24
Wed 3 10 17 24 31	Wed 7 14 21 28	Wed 4 11 18 25
Thu 4 11 18 25	Thu 1 8 15 22 29	Thu 5 12 19 26
Fri 5 12 19 26	Fri 2 9 16 23 30	Fri 6 13 20 27
Sat 6 13 20 27	Sat 3 10 17 24 31	Sat 7 14 21 28
Sun 7 14 21 28	Sun 4 11 18 25	Sun 1 8 15 22
MARCH	APRIL	MAY
Mon 2 9 16 23 30	Mon 6 13 20 27	Mon 4 11 18 25
Tue 3 10 17 24 31	Tue 7 14 21 28	Tue 5 12 19 26
Wed 4 11 18 25	Wed 1 8 15 22 29	Wed 6 13 20 27
Thu 5 12 19 26	Thu 2 9 16 23 30	Thu 7 14 21 28
Fri 6 13 20 27	Fri 3 10 17 24 31	Fri 1 8 15 22 29
Sat 7 14 21 28	Sat 4 11 18 25	Sat 2 9 16 23 30
Sun 1 8 15 22 29	Sun 5 12 19 26	Sun 3 10 17 24 31
JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
Mon 1 8 15 22 29	Mon 6 13 20 27	Mon 3 10 17 24 31
Tue 2 9 16 23 30	Tue 7 14 21 28	Tue 4 11 18 25
Wed 3 10 17 24	Wed 1 8 15 22 29	Wed 5 12 19 26
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Term Time	Holidays
Bank Holiday	Insets-Forest Fed
Term 1: Mon 1 st Sept – Fri 24 th Oct 2025	40 days
Term 2: Mon 3 rd Nov – Fri 19 th Dec 2025	36 days
Term 3: Mon 5 th Jan – Fri 13 th Feb 2026	30 days
Term 4: Mon 23 rd Feb – Fri 27 th Mar 2026	25 days
Term 5: Mon 13 th April – Fri 22 nd May 2026	29 days
Term 6: Mon 1 st June – Mon 20 th July 2026	36 days
Total	195 days*

Christmas Bank Holidays	25 th December 2025
	26 th December 2025
New Year Bank Holiday	1 st January 2026
Good Friday	3 rd April 2026
Easter Monday	6 th April 2026
Early May Bank Holiday	4 th May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday	25 th May 2026
Summer Bank Holiday	31 st August 2026

*195 days are defined as "School days". In the school year 2025/26 pupils must attend for 190 days. Schools may decide individually or collectively which 5 days in the year are INSET or non-contact days (days pupils do not need to attend). Academies and free schools are not legally bound by school day and school year regulations; however, the DfE has stated they should be working towards a minimum of 32.5 hours per school week by September 2024 at the latest.

Please Note: As per the Governance handbook, academies and free schools can choose to set their own term dates. Schools considering alternative dates or considering changes to their school opening times may wish to contact our Transport Team to discuss transport implications and contact local childcare providers to discuss what impact this could have.