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Friday 3rd July 2026



Soudley News

Dates for Diary

July

Monday 6th—Year 6 Stepping Up Days -

(The Dean Academy and Forest High)

Tuesday 7th—Hedgehogs Swimming

Wednesday 8th—Year 5 Transition Day at Five Acres School

Thursday 9th— Year 6 Fun Day Out

Friday 10th—Sports Day—NEW DATE

Tuesday 14th—Otters Class Summer Production

1:45pm and 6pm (see Otters page for further details)

Wednesday 15th - year 6 STEM Event

Friday 17th—Last Day of Term



September

Wednesday 2nd—Years 1-6 Back to school today

Thursday 3rd—Pre-School and Reception first day

Tuesday 8th—Swimming

Break time Snacks

Children are encouraged to bring in a healthy snack; ideally fruit or vegetables.



Term Dates

17th July—break up for summer!

20th July—inset day

2nd September—back to school!

Hedgehogs and Humbugs

This week in Hedgehogs. It has been a super busy, fun filled week as always in Hedgehogs and Humbugs. On Tuesday we had our move up day where the fabulous year 2s spent the morning with their new teacher, Mr Bowkett, in Otters class. We could all feel the buzz of excitement around the school. They all had a great time and were rather impressed that he didn't make them do any work! Our year 2s are a great bunch and are so ready to take that next step into year 3.

In Hedgehogs on moved up day, the year 1s became year 2s and Reception became year 1s for the morning. We played some team games outside and painted portraits of ourselves ready for our September display.

We also welcomed our new Reception children, starting with a teddy bears picnic on Monday and move up day on Tuesday. I think all our new reception children will fit beautifully into Soudley School. They are coming back for another move-up session next Wednesday.

In Forest School this week, we went for a mammoth walk. We ended up going all around the forest stopping a few times on the way to have snack and a rest and only just made it back in time for lunch. We were surprised to find some tadpoles in a pool. It was mighty impressive how well our preschool children managed that hike through the forest. Well done everybody! In maths this week we have been consolidating key number facts. Reception have been perfecting their number formation, year 1s have been learning number bonds to 10 and year 2s have been consolidating number bonds to 20 and 100.

In Humbugs they have been listening to the story of Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell and they enjoyed this very much. All of our Humbugs children are getting better at listening and focusing, sharing and cooperating. Great work Preschoolers!

What a lovely week! Happy weekend all

Mrs Saeed

Otters Class

Otters class have continued with their fantastic focus and great learning behaviours this week. They have been practising their roles in the play ready for the last week of term and I have been so impressed with the effort and commitment they have shown.

As well as continuing with their daily Fluent in Five this week, Year 3 have cracked fractions, Year 4 have smashed decimals and Year 5 have focused on mixed and improper fractions.

This week Mr Bowkett came into school for our 'move up' morning. He was really impressed with Otters and how our Year 3 – 5 children helped to settle the new Year 2s into the classroom environment. He is really looking forward to joining our school community in September.

Year 6 have continued to work hard across the week. 2 of our Year 6s have completed their transition visits to their secondary schools and 5 are completing these next Monday and Tuesday. Year 6 have continued to work on their Soudley memory book during this week.

End of Year Production

The end of Year production is taking place at Soudley Village Hall on Tuesday 14th July at 1.45 and 6.00 and will last approximately 1 hour. For the evening performance please can all children be at the village hall for 5.30 (if there is a problem with this please Dojo message Mrs Mason).

Children in Otters will need to be collected from the village hall on Monday 13th July (dress rehearsal) and Tuesday 14th July at 3pm please. This will allow parents with children in Hedgehogs time to collect from school as usual.

Mrs Mason

School Uniform Help in the Forest Of Dean

Information for all parents and carers. To set out the help and resources available to obtain school uniform when cost is an issue.

1

Please approach your child(ren's) school if they have second hand uniform available, if the cost of second-hand uniform is still an issue the Forest of Dean Baby Bank can help with this. Please contact us on fodbabybank@gmail.com.

2

For all Primary School uniform needs

There are two 'Free School Uniform Shops' that parents can visit, these are run by The Salvation Army

- The Hub at Broadwell** – 43 North Road, Coleford GL167BX, 01594 839106
- Hilltop Family and Children Centre** – Latimer Road, Cinderford GL142QA

There will be 'Pop Up' School Uniform shops around the Forest, run by The Salvation Army and Christians Together in Lydney alongside family events.

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For all Secondary School Uniform needs

Please contact the Forest of Dean Baby Bank. Various agencies can also refer for help with school uniform via our website forestbabybank.org or email. Please join our buy/sell group on Facebook solely for secondary school uniform.

[Secondary School Uniform for sale in the Forest of Dean | Facebook](#)

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Lego/activities (fruit pot making on 14th August)

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From 9-10.30am on Fridays in the summer holidays
24th and 31st July, 7th, 14th 21st and 28th August, 4th September

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Kids must be accompanied by an adult

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12 WEEK COURSE

14 SEPTEMBER - 8 DECEMBER 2026
(EXCLUDING HALF TERM)

AGES 5 - 16 YEARS **SESSIONS BETWEEN 09:00 - 16:00** **GROUP SESSIONS 1½ HOURS** **INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS 1 HOUR**

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- ♥ IMPROVE EMOTIONAL WELLBEING
- ♥ DEVELOP RESILIENCE
- ♥ ENHANCE COMMUNICATION
- ♥ BUILD POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS
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14/08
21/08
13:00 - 15:00

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1:1 £25
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Ages 4 - 11

GYMNASICS FUN CAMP

05/08
12/08
19/08
9:00 - 15:00

£35

An inclusive, confidence-boosting day packed with games, challenges, crafts and gymnastics for all abilities! The fun camp is all about teamwork and enjoyment, giving all children a positive experience with gymnastics.

**07/08
14/08
21/08
9:00 - 12:00**

GEEKOUT GLOUCESTER

FAMILY-FRIENDLY POP CULTURE EVENT
25th July 11am - 4pm
KING'S SQUARE • KINGS WALK • EASTGATE

WHAT YOU'LL FIND ON THE DAY

RETRO GAMING 8 stations with access to 5,000 games	WALKAROUND CHARACTERS Meet your favourite heroes & villains	JURASSIC ZONE Dinosaurs, Dino Dig & themed props	ARTIST ALLEY & MAKERS MARKET Amazing artists, indie makers & unique finds	FACE PAINTING & FAMILY FUN Fun for all ages with activities & creative play	EVOLUTION WRESTLING Live wrestling entertainment throughout the day
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THREE ZONES. ONE EPIC EXPERIENCE.

1 KING'S SQUARE Main event hub	2 KINGS WALK Artist Alley & Makers Market	3 EASTGATE Jurassic Zone
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DON'T MISS IT! SAVE THE DATE 25 JULY

BRING YOUR CREW. SHARE THE FUN. SEE YOU THERE! #GEEKOUTGLOUCESTER

Summer Fair 2026

**BBQ
Bar
Ice Creams
Cakes**

**Live Music
Stalls & Games
Animal Petting
Henna**

Sunday 5th July 2026
1pm - 4pm
Upper Stowfield, Lower Lydbrook GL17 9PD.
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