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Friday 8th May 2026

Soudley News

Dates for Diary

May



12th May—Soudley AGM

14th—The Big School Workout—interactive session with Joe Wicks

20th—Sponsored Walk to Wenchford

21/22- School phone lines may be out of service—please email if you cant get through

June

1st- School Photographs, classes and leavers

2nd—Dental Survey (selected Reception Children)

Break time Snacks

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



Term Dates

21st May—We break up for half term

22nd May—Inset Day

1st June—Back to school

17th July—break up for summer!

20th July—inset day

What to expect

🌿 Soudley Village Hall AGM 🌿

You're invited to join us for our Annual General Meeting
Great chance to hear what's been happening and be part of the community 🍀

📅 14 12th May
🕒 7:00pm – approx. 8:00pm
📍 Soudley Village Hall

We'll be sharing a short and informative update on the past year, including:

- A brief presentation from the Chair
- Annual accounts from the Treasurer
- Highlights and achievements from the year

There will also be time for any questions or thoughts you'd like to share.

🌿 Come along, stay informed, and help shape the future of your village hall.
Everyone is welcome!

Soudley Parent Survey March 2026 –



Hedgehogs and Humbugs

The highlight of this week in Hedgehogs was our trip to Hopewell Colliery on Wednesday! We had an underground tour of the mine with our helmets and head torch. It was pitch black down there, but all of the children were so brave!



We learnt how the miners used to dig the coal out with a special pickaxe called a Mattock and how the pit ponies pulled the carts out of the mine and down the network of tram roads.

We played in the park, ate along some of the disused



our lunch and also walked tram tracks.

We also saw a 185 year old oak tree. It was a fabulous day. Thank you so much to our parent helpers. Back at school, KS1 children wrote a lovely piece of writing as if they were a hod boy in 1840, lugging the coal through the mining tunnels in the dark.

Otters Class

Happy 100th birthday David Attenborough!

This week during our English lessons we have focused on David Attenborough as he is 100 today. As well as looking at his extraordinary life we have looked at the development of technology during his time filming nature programmes. We have learnt about how technology has developed to infrared cameras, time delays and being able to narrate underwater. We will be writing a biography on David Attenborough in the next 2 weeks.

In Maths Years 3 and 4 are focusing on division and Year 5 have made an excellent start to making links between fractions, decimals and percentages.

A big well done to Year 6 who have given their all to the revision for their SATs which are taking place next week! They are well prepared and we can only ask that they give 100% as they have been. Year 6 will be having a SATs breakfast in school next Monday - Thursday to eat with their friends before they take the tests. A big thankyou to the Year 6 parents who have supported their children in their revision and homework. You can do this Year 6 ~ believe in yourself!

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Mason

Archery Competition

A group of our Key Stage 2 children recently had the exciting opportunity to attend an archery event at Viney Hill, taking part on Tuesday 28th April and again on Tuesday 5th May.

The sessions were led by qualified archery instructors, providing the children with a safe, supportive and engaging environment to learn new skills while enjoying both the relaxed and competitive aspects of the sport.

Each group began with a practice round to build confidence and technique before moving into a competitive round against other schools. The children demonstrated excellent focus, determination and teamwork throughout.

Our first group, who attended on 28th April, performed brilliantly and finished in 4th place with a total score of 51 points. The second group, who attended on 5th May, achieved an outstanding result, scoring an incredible 75 points. This placed Team Soudley in **1st place out of 24 schools**, making them the **overall winners of the Forest of Dean archery competition**, an absolutely fantastic achievement!

The children have won medals, and we are excited to receive a large trophy at school very soon. We are incredibly proud of what they have accomplished. For a small school, this success is a real testament to the hard work, determination and positive attitude of all our amazing pupils.

A very special mention goes to **Naya**, who will receive a medal for achieving the **highest individual score across all children (almost 100 participants) who attended the competition over the two weeks**, a truly exceptional accomplishment.

All of the children represented Soudley superbly and should be extremely proud of their efforts. It was a fantastic experience for everyone involved, and the children thoroughly enjoyed their time at the event. Mr Knight





Talk from the Principal at 6pm in the main hall.