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Soudley News

Dates for Diary

May



20th—Sponsored Walk to Wenchford

21/22- School phone lines may be out of service—please email if you can't get through

June

1st- School Photographs, classes and leavers

2nd—Dental Survey (selected Reception Children)

2nd—Hedgehogs Swimming

11th—Sports Day - 1pm at Soudley Village Hall

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

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Information for Families

The **Families In Partnership Newsletter** shares the latest news for families with **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities** in Gloucestershire. Our partnership of organisations work together to develop the newsletter, which comes out every month and includes:

- Activities and events
- Signposting to guidance from education, health and care services
- Information on support for parent carers and children and young people

Click here for the link: [Families in Partnership newsletters | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme in Gloucestershire

We are committed to supporting families of children with disabilities to access enriching activities and nutritious meals during school holidays. Our service is designed to reduce barriers to participation and ensure that every child has the opportunity to engage in a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable environment. We understand that each family's needs are unique, and we work closely with parents, carers, and professionals to provide flexible, person-centred support.

Families can find out more and register by using this link <https://www.parentandcareralliance.org.uk/haf>

Reading

Reading at home Reading regularly with your child is one of the most valuable ways you can support their learning at home.

Listening to your child read, even for just 10–15 minutes each day, helps to build confidence, fluency, understanding, and a love of books. Please encourage your child to read aloud regularly and take time to talk about the story, characters, and new vocabulary.

Praise and encouragement make a huge difference and help children develop positive reading habits that will benefit them across all areas of learning. We are noticing a huge difference in the progress and confidence of those children who are regularly heard read at home. Reading little and often has a significant impact on fluency, comprehension, and enjoyment of books.

Please try to hear your child read:

3 times a week in Years 1 and 2

4 times a week in Years 3 and 4

5 times a week in Years 5 and 6

We do appreciate it isn't always easy to fit in reading, especially with the longer days and drier weather, however we thank you for your continued support in helping your child become a confident and enthusiastic reader.

Hedgehogs and Humbugs

Another busy week in Hedgehogs.

This week we have been mostly trying to keep quiet for the year 6s to focus for their SATS so we have been outside a lot! Inspired by all of the springtime life that is in our lovely orchard, we have created a huge springtime mural that we have worked on all week. We think it is finished but we may add a few more bits. We will hang it up in Humbugs Class.

On Wednesday, years 3, 4 and 5 joined us for Forest School. We went for a lovely, long walk up through the woods and made a massive den. Everyone worked collaboratively transporting the sticks. It was great fun. Our books in class at the moment are *The House Held Up By Trees* for English and *The Magic and Mystery of Trees* in guided reading so we are learning so much about trees (one of my favourite subjects!).

Enjoy the weekend all!



Otters Class

WOW! Year 6 have shown such perseverance, effort and enthusiasm during the national SATs tests this week. Whatever the outcome, they should be really pleased with their achievements ~ well done Year 6!

After taking a total of 6 tests from Monday ~ Thursday they celebrated after the tests with a PE session with Mr Knight and then started making their memory scrap books whilst eating a sausage sandwich!



Otters all joined together in the afternoon with a live PE session from Picture News with Joe Wicks for Mental Health Week.

Years 3, 4 and 5 have focused on computing with Mr Phillips in the morning sessions this week to allow Year 6 to work in test conditions. They had a wonderful time on Wednesday when they joined Hedgehogs for Forest Schools and the main focus was den making. Our writing focus has been on David Attenborough and they have produced some amazing biographies. Next week we have another busy week with our sponsored walk.

Have a lovely weekend following a busy week,

Mrs Mason