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Friday 24th April 2026

Soudley News

Dates for Diary

April

28th—KS2 Archery at Viney Hill

May

5th - Height and weight school nurse screening for Reception & Year 6

5th - KS2 Archery at Viney Hill

6th May—Hedgehogs Class Trip—Hopewell Colliery

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

20th—National Bee Day— cancelled until next year!

20th—Sponsored Walk to Wenford



Break time Snacks

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



Term Dates

4th May—Bank holiday

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



Stars of the week!

Hedgehogs— Leo, Marie & Finn

Otters—Naya, Isla & Layla S

We would be grateful if you could spare some time to complete the Parent Survey below.

This is similar to the one you may have completed recently for Ofsted's visit.

[Soudley Parent Survey March 2026 - Fill in form](#)



Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

We are very excited to announce that FOSS have kindly agreed to fund a Leavers Hoodie for all Year 6 students.

The link to the order page has been emailed to you directly to enable you to order your free hoodie.

If you wish to order an additional hoodie, you can do so through the same site.

The FOSS funded hoodies are in Navy. This will allow your child to wear them to school if they wish.

Hedgehogs Class

This week in Hedgehogs has been as busy as ever. The year twos have been doing some statistics in maths this week. They have been interpreting tables, creating pictograms, tally charts and block diagrams. Reception have been ordering numbers to 10 and noticing their positions on a number track.

In science this term we are learning all about growing plants and seeds. We have been enjoying *The Tiny Seed* by Eric Carle and have learnt a lovely little song. We all planted beans and the first shoots are starting to pop out of the soil. Key stage 1 have planted three seeds in one pot; a French bean, runner bean and broad bean. We are wondering which one will grow first and the biggest. In forest schools we searched for wildflowers and found blue bells, wood anemones, primroses, campions, and lesser celendines. We created some beautiful observational drawings. Happy weekend everyone.



Otters Class

We have had yet another productive week in Otters. This week we have begun looking at a new text 'The promise' with the children comparing images of the beginning and middle of the book.

The sentences they have produced have been really strong and the children have also created freeze frames from the book.

Year 6 are continuing with their focus on SATs ~ they are doing amazing! Years 3, 4 and 5 have been focusing on a medieval story in guided reading and are excited to find out what happens next.

Linked to our history we have started our new art unit looking at stone age art ~ last week we sketched animals thinking about shape and structure and this week we experimented with charcoal. I am sure you will agree the images they have created look amazing!



This week we celebrated St Georges day in class, looking at the history of St George and designing our own coat of arm shields.

Have a lovely weekend in the sun.

Mrs Mason

SPRING FOOD FESTIVAL

Sunday 24th May 2026

The Speech House Hotel Grounds
Forest of Dean Gloucestershire
GL16 7EL



Making Dips,
chopping veggie
sticks & making
either nettle veggie
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10am - 5pm

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Family ticket £24
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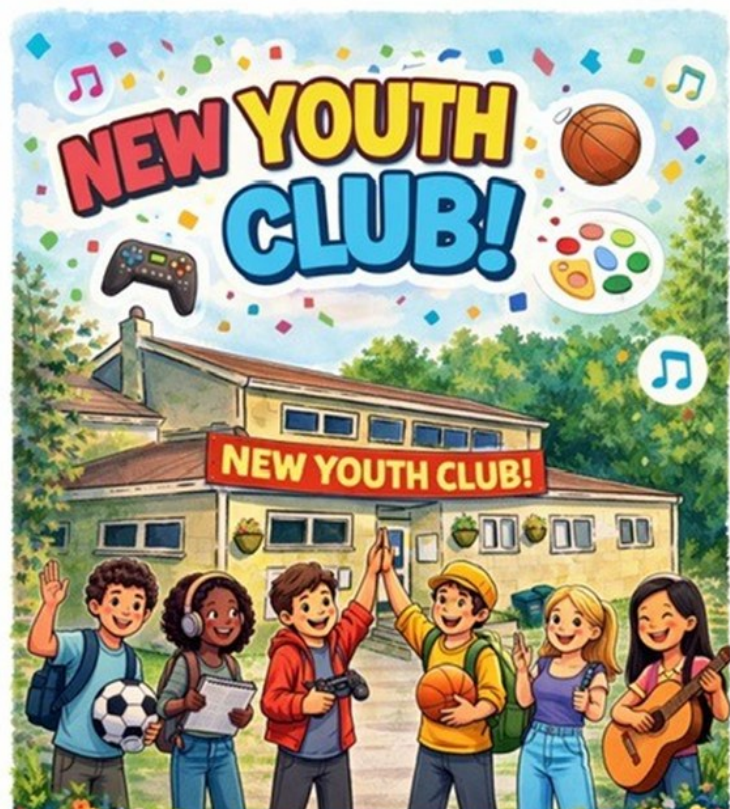
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WHAT'S ON AT THE MUSIC WORKS

STARTING FROM THE 13TH APRIL

Weekly programmes

MONDAY

The Drop | 3:30pm - 5pm

Drop-in music club: create, record and make friends (ages 10-16).

Music Social | 5:30pm - 7pm

Drop-in sessions for making and recording music (ages 16-25).

TUESDAY

IncDrop | 4:30pm - 6pm

Inclusive music club for all abilities (ages 8-30).

WEDNESDAY

The Drop | 3:30pm - 5pm

Drop-in music club: create, record and make friends (ages 10-16).

Music Social | 5:30pm - 7pm

Drop-in sessions for making and recording music (ages 16-25).

THURSDAY

The Drop EHE | 10am - 12pm

For Elective Home Educated young people. Create, record and make friends (ages 10-16).

Youth Voice | 5:30pm - 7pm

Have your say in what happens in the Forest. (ages 14-17).

1-1 Sessions

Feeling low, stuck, or disconnected? Our Key Changes programme offers 1-to-1 music sessions to support your mental health, build confidence, and help you feel more like yourself again (ages 11-25).

Book a studio

To book a commercial session, please either call us on 01452 923950 or email forestofdean@themusicworks.org.uk.



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