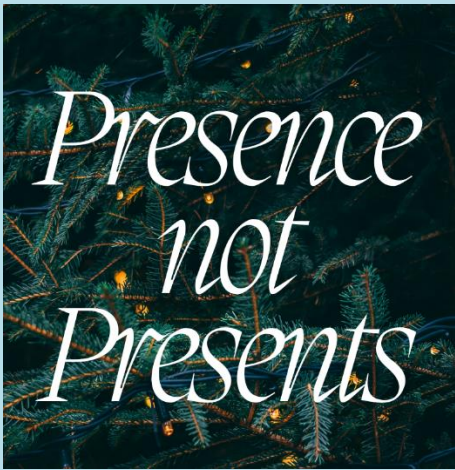


KEEPING SAFE & HEALTHY



CHRISTIAN VALUES

Humility & Peace



COMMUNITY NEWS


St. Giles' proudly presents—
A Christmassy Big Breakfast
The best possible way to start the day
and the season.



A plateful of all your favourite breakfast essentials (croissants and smoked salmon also available), toast, tea and coffee all for just £8 a head. Plus a very special Christmas raffle.

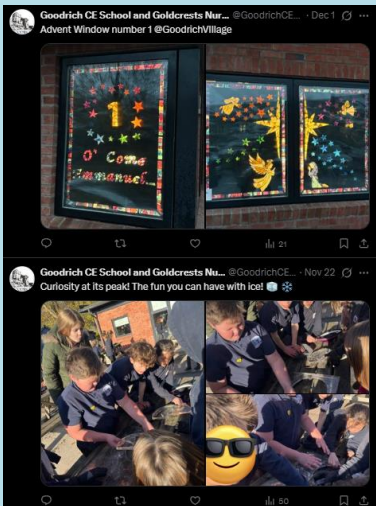
Saturday 13th December. 10am-noon

Goodrich Church of England

Attendance		5 th Edition 2025-26	5 th December 2025	House points		
Reception	96.9%	<p>Christmas Blessing </p> <p>May the humility of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the joy of the angels, and the peace of the Christ-child be God's gifts to us and to people everywhere this Christmas time. And may the blessing of the Christ-child be upon us always.</p> <p>Amen</p>	 <p>Diocese of Hereford Multi-Academy Trust</p> <p>A FAMILY OF SCHOOLS FLOURISHING TOGETHER</p>	<p>Goodrich Church of England Primary School</p> <p>Collective Worship</p> <p>At this time of year we think about Advent & Christmas</p>  <p>We are organised. We value humility and peace.</p> <p>'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you.' (John 14:27)</p>	Dragon	84
Year 1	94.2%				Pegasus	100
Year 2	92.8%				Griffin	109
Year 3	97.7%				Phoenix	77
Year 4	94.1%					
Year 5	96.4%					
Year 6	98.6%					
TOTAL	95.81%					

Primary School Newsletter

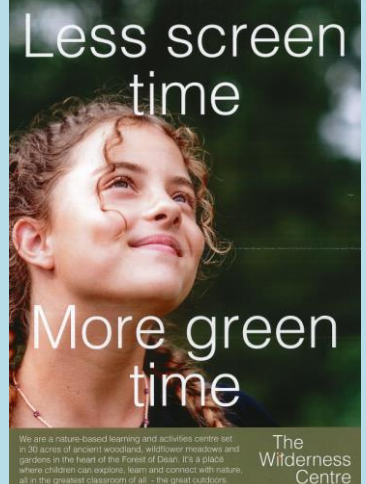
Twitter Snapshot @GoodrichCESch



Reminders

- As the weather gets colder, please make sure that your children not only have a warm coat but also **named** gloves and a hat.

PTFA/ Eco



See the end of the newsletter for further information

News

Dear All,

Thank you to our outgoing PTFA for all of their hard work last year and it was wonderful to see how money has been spent in school benefitting all of your children at the AGM this week.




Thank you and good luck to our completely new committee who took up the challenge at the meeting too. Committed to raising money to supplement our school and to ensure that we can afford the little extras that make the primary experience so special. They started their events with a 'Movie Night' tonight for over one hundred and twenty children- what a start!

We hope that you are all enjoying our advent window that was created for the village advent calendar for this year. So many children spent time carefully cutting and placing tissue paper with care. A great start to our Christmas preparations to be followed next week with a visit to the cathedral for the DHMAT Advent service by Owls & all of Year Five and our wonderful Nativity. We hope we are helping you all to get into the Christmas mood.


Best wishes


Mrs Miles




Class News


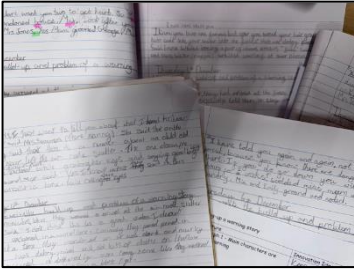
Goldcrests	The children have had a great time role playing in the opticians, finding out why some people need glasses to help them see. We have also been exploring different musical instruments and how to play them. The children tried so hard to listen quietly to the sounds they can hear around them. This week we talked about people who can help us in the jobs they do- firefighters, police, doctors, nurses, builders and our teachers. We listened to the story of 'Little Robin Red Vest' and how he helped all the animals through the cold weather by giving them one of his Christmas jumpers, until he had none left for himself. This linked with our math focus, recognising how many we have left when we take one away. Over the week the children shared their ideas of the different ways we can help others.			
	Quote of the week	Body & Mind	Wow play!	Words of the Week
	Enjoying his first cooked lunch in school Oscar commented, "I love my dinner." 	Gaining more confidence walking across the slippery sleeper bridge Fenix said "I can do it myself." 	 Creating our own Little Robin Red Vest	Initial sound 'I' Incy igloo iguana insect

Wrens	Over the last few weeks, we have been thinking about why Christians celebrate Christmas. We have talked about the birth of Jesus and the importance of him to their faith. The children have used puppets, wooden characters and felt characters to retell the story. We have also been busy practising for our performance of the Nativity- it is going to be wonderful! In English the children have been busy writing a set of instructions for 'How to catch a star' based on Oliver Jeffers storybook. It has been lovely to see them using verbs and imperative (bossy) verbs.				Class Superstars
	Quote of the week	Body & Mind	Wow play!	Words of the Week	Flo Penny
	In Phonics this week we have been learning some new digraphs Ethan said "I can spot a digraph in (the word) pink... 'nk' a digraph is two letters that make one sound." 	This week we went on our secret mission to buy a Christmas tree for the school 	 Retelling the Nativity story	Nativity Bethlehem Advent seasons weather Winter	

Robins	Robins have been very busy learning their lines ready for our Nativity, which promises to be a wonderful performance. In Maths the Year Two children have been adding two, two-digit numbers together using the column method, the Year Ones are using their knowledge of place value to understand multiples of ten. In Science we have been answering the question 'Is there the same amount of daylight hours through each season?' In RE we have been thinking about why Christmas matters to Christians and how it links to our Nativity performance.				Maxie Eddie
	Quote of the week	Body & Mind	Wow work!	Words of the Week	
	In Maths the children have been learning how to add two, two-digit numbers using the column method. After missing the first lesson, Albert quickly caught up saying "Oh I get it now!"	We have been sketching to music after lunch.		Nativity Advent Bethlehem	

Woodpeckers	To start the season's festivities, on Monday, Woodpeckers Class worked together in their tables to make the longest paper chain to help decorate the class. In Geography, we have been learning about food miles, researching how far our food travels and fair trade. We have also been looking at the journey of a banana and even made some banana bread. It was delicious! In Science, we have been investigating what materials reflect light and in Art, we have been using different techniques and media to create a space-themed pictures.				Sam Oliver Callum Isaac
	Quote of the week	Body & Mind	Wow work!	Words of the Week	
	Whilst learning our different spelling rules this week and going through our spelling lists, Ewan said; "Wren is my sister's name, I will definitely know how to spell that!"	Woodpeckers have been enjoying 'Ice Age – Continental Drift' as part of our Wake & Shake in the mornings. The Sid Shuffle - Ice Age: Continental Drift	 Some of our fantastic festive wooden characters. Thank you to the PTFA for helping us.	fair trade poverty addition subtraction reflect	

Owls	This week in Science, we have been learning about how electricity is generated and how it reaches our homes. We attempted to make our own electricity by making coin batteries and they worked! In Art, we have been completing our space themed painting using a range of techniques including using water colours and pastels. On Thursday Mrs Smith came into teach us for the final time before our Advent Service, next week. We are performance ready!				Noah Sebbie
	Quote of the week	Body & Mind	Wow work!	Words of the Week	
	Seren said, "I'm really proud of my artwork." 	In PE we have been improving our fitness levels. 	 Our wonderful Space Art, inspired by David A. Hardy.	generator transformer pylon geothermal voltage	

Peregrines	<p>On Monday, Year 6 enjoyed accompanying Reception on a secret mission. Our mission was to choose the best Christmas tree for our school. Despite the rain, we succeeded and the tree has been put up and decorated. It is definitely beginning to feel like Christmas. As part of our World War Two history theme, we welcomed two visitors into our class. Angela came from Hereford Archives, and she gave us a brilliant talk all about the munition factories and its workers at Rotherwas. This was followed by a visit from Mark who shared an array of period artefacts and gave us an insight into the life of a WWII soldier.</p>			Wynter Hayleigh
	<p>Quotes from the week</p> <p>These are some quotes about our history experiences.</p> <p>Leia said, "It was interesting learning how WW2 bombs were made."</p> <p>Robin said, "It was great to be able to touch and connect with the artefacts."</p> <p>Lily said, "I liked knowing that some of the artefacts we looked and held were actually used in WW2."</p>	<p>Body & Mind</p> <p>Coming together with the Reception children on Monday morning, gave Year 6 the opportunity to share an experience and to have fun and laugh together. It helped them to make a memory that will last for many years to come.</p> 	<p>Wow work!</p>  <p>These are some of our warning stories.</p>	

Headteacher Star Award	Mrs Miles is on the look out for her next star. Keep being TIPTOP.
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Forest School	Celebration Worship	Other Dates	
		09/12/2025	Owls + Yr 5 DHMAT Advent Service
		10/12/2025	Nativity performance 1
		11/12/2025	Nativity performance 2
		12/12/2025	House Event
		17/12/2025	Carol Service @ St Giles 10am
		17/12/2025	Christmas Dinner
		18/12/2025	Whole School Christmas Show - Monmouth
	05/12/2025	Woodpeckers	19/12/2025
			19/12/2025
			06/01/26
			Tuesday- 1 st day of Spring Term

Be Ready
Be Safe
Be Respectful

Why choose the Wilderness Centre?

At the Wilderness Centre, we aim to make nature accessible to everyone. Being in nature is good for us, whether it's swinging from ropes, building camp fires, or simply enjoying the calming, soothing effects of looking at green open spaces.

We believe nature has a profound impact on our health, and the Wilderness Centre can help children reconnect with and benefit from the natural world around them.



Described by many as a 'home from home', the Wilderness Centre has been providing outdoor education with accommodation for schools and private groups for over 50 years. Set in 30 acres and high on the hill, there is a feeling of space, but it is also a private site where comings and goings are easily monitored and group management is straightforward.



ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Archery
- Catapult-build
- Crate stack
- Tree climb
- Tunnel trail
- Low ropes course
- Air rifles
- Nature discovery
- Search and rescue
- Canoeing
- Mountain biking



While activities are at the heart of most of our programmes, just being somewhere as beautiful as the Wilderness has huge benefits. The ability to run free in the woods and meadows is what many children remember of their visit here.

Get in touch to book your school's adventure in nature:
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Welcome to the Wilderness Centre

Situated in the heart of the Forest of Dean, our site has been called 'the Wilderness' for over a thousand years. It dates back to Saxon times when the ancient woodland between the River Severn and the River Wye was designated a royal hunting forest.

The Wilderness Centre remains true to its history and community roots by providing exceptional day and residential visits for schools from primary, secondary, and independent sectors. Our qualified team share their knowledge and encourage young people to explore, learn, and connect with nature, within the greatest classroom—the great outdoors.

Rewild the child

We believe it's never been more important for children to connect with nature. It's been scientifically proven that it makes us all healthier. Within 90 seconds of looking at a green landscape, our blood pressure and heart rate decrease, and we become calmer. The effect on children is even more noticeable; nature-based play is crucial for their development and well-being, as well as for making connections with each other.

Where kids learn social skills, not social media

We often meet people who came to the Wilderness as children, frequently 10 or 20 years ago. It's extraordinary how much they remember of their stay.

They can recall the activities they engaged in and the rooms they stayed in. They also remember the feeling of freedom compared to school. They say the teachers appeared very relaxed. We believe it's important to keep personal stories in mind when children come up the drive to the house. They will remember what happens here. For many of them, it's a kind of rite of passage where they experience a little more independence, and we do all we can to enable this to happen.

From the initial phone call to reviewing the programme, the Wilderness team will work closely with you. We want to understand your goals, the approach you want to take, and how we can collaborate with you.

We are committed to providing a valuable experience to everyone who visits us. We are used to working with children and young people with a wide range of backgrounds, preferences and abilities, and we pride ourselves on being respectful, flexible and adaptive.

We look forward to welcoming you and your children to the Wilderness Centre and hope you also leave with life long memories.



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Beginners and Improvers Sessions

4 th October	10 - 11am
18 th October	10 - 11am

8 th November	10 - 11am
22 nd November	10 - 11am

6 th December	10 - 11am
13 th December	10 - 11am

10 th January	10 - 11am
24 th January	10 - 11am

All ages and abilities welcome, small groups of 16 skaters.
Free skate and pad hire.

**Tickets from: skatehereford.co.uk
due to funding just £5**

The Core, Foley Trading EST, Hereford, HR1 2SF

Christmas FAYRE

Christmas Market
 Santa's Grotto
 Live Entertainment
 Food & Drink
 Free Activities

SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2025
10.30AM TO 3.30PM

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