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Humility & Peace



COMMUNITY NEWS



Goodrich Church of England

Attendance		6 th Edition 2025-26		19 th December 2025		House points	
Reception	96.2%	<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>	 Diocese of Hereford Multi-Academy Trust A FAMILY OF SCHOOLS FLOURISHING TOGETHER	<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	125	
Year 1	95.7%				Pegasus	126	
Year 2	95.2%				Griffin	140	
Year 3	96.1%				Phoenix	96	
Year 4	93.9%						
Year 5	96.4%						
Year 6	96.7%						
TOTAL	95.74%						

Primary School Newsletter

Twitter Snapshot @GoodrichCESch	Reminders	PTFA/ Eco
<p>Goodrich CE School and Goldcrests News... Yesterday, we had our annual Carol service at St Giles. The choir started us off with 'In the Bleak Midwinter', followed by Owls/Y5 singing 'Silent Night' in English and German, infants singing 'Jesus is born', readings by Peregrines and thankfulness prayers by Woodpeckers.</p>  <p>Goodrich CE School and Goldcrests News... On Friday, our school choir joined Roaring Megs at St Giles for their annual 'Christmas Around the World' to spread some festive cheer to the community. #CSMmusic</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As the weather gets colder, please make sure that your children not only have a warm coat but also a <u>named</u> gloves and a hat 	<p>Eco-friendly Christmas tips</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas cards Try sending recycled cards or E-cards this year. Trees Buying a real tree and donating it back to a conservation scheme, arranging for a charity to collect it, or replanting it in a pot as a more sustainable option. Christmas dinner Minimise waste this year. Only buy what your family actually want to eat, and freeze your leftovers to use another day. Presents Remember - most wrapping paper can't be recycled! Try using re-usable materials such as fabric or newspaper, or buy brown paper (it looks lovely with string!)

News

Dear Parents,

Thank you very much to all of those parents who have completed the parking survey. We will be back in touch before the return to school to let you know whether the staggered end of the day will continue in January or not. I include the links below in case you have not had a chance yet.



[Staggered End of the Day and Parking – Fill in form](#)

Thank you to everyone involved in, contributed to or supported by attending, the Nativity, the DHMAT Cathedral Advent Service with Owls + Peregrines Year Five, The PTFA Festive Friday, the Christmas at St' Giles with the Roaring Megs, our Christmas Carol Service, Christmas Dinner or the 'Christmas Extravaganza' at the Monmouth Savoy. It has been a very busy end of term with wonderful memories made for the children.

Last week we held our second 'House Event' of the year, 'Christmas Enterprise' where the houses created Christmas activities (games) and the rest of the school had to decide how to use their two tokens. (They couldn't use them for their own house.) They learnt about advertising and some dubious 'incentives.' Red house managed to collect twenty-four more tokens than any other house, adding to their total for the term. Would it be enough? Unfortunately, as you can see from the Newsletter, it was not enough to catch up with the Golden Griffins. Mrs Taylor is very proud of her house, and they have already been planning their reward at the beginning of next term.

Wishing you all peace and joy this Christmas

Best wishes
Karen

Class News

The children have been learning all about the First Christmas and why it is such a special time of year. They enjoyed re-enacting the story in our stable, taking on the roles of Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds and the 3 Wise Men. They also explored small world figures and puppets to tell the story as we read a wide selection of Nativity stories. We were very proud of all the children for the confidence they showed, as they sang and danced during the Nativity performances. We were grateful for the children's help, as we decorated the Nursery ready for our final week of celebrations. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year, we look forward to seeing you all and hearing about all the children's celebrations in 2026.

Goldcrests

Quote of the week

During our group discussion about The First Christmas, Ludo recalled how Mary and Joseph had to go to Bethlehem where Baby Jesus was born. Then the shepherds and wise men came to visit them.

Body & Mind

The children had great fun joining in with Wrens too during the Santa Dash on Friday.

Wow play!



Our wow performers in our Nativity.



Words of the Week

Initial Sounds
'n'
net
nail
nest
'm'
man
moon
mouse

What a wonderful Autumn term we have had in Wrens. The children have settled into school life well and have taken the structures and routines in their stride. It has been a lovely watching them all grow in confidence.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Nativity performances- the children were delighted to perform for you and were all superstars! We have enjoyed doing the Santa dash, going to our Church Christmas service, attending the performance at the Savoy Theatre, Christmas lunch, our class party and lots more Christmassy events! Thank you for your continued support this term, we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and all the very best for 2026!

Wrens

Quote of the week	Body & Mind	Wow play!	Words of the Week
<p>Whilst writing our class prayer for the church Ava said 'Let's say please help those people who do not have anywhere to go for Christmas, maybe they could spend Christmas with us.'</p>	 <p>Our Santa Dash</p>	 <p>We drew beautiful portraits in Art.</p>	<p>United Kingdom celebrations portrait texture Advent extravaganza</p>



Robins have enjoyed many festive activities over the last two weeks of term after their fabulous Nativity. We all took part in our annual Santa dash, trotting like reindeers and twirling like a snowflake. The children enjoyed taking part in the Carol Service at St Giles and were very excited to take part in the Christmas extravaganza at the Savoy theatre this year; popcorn and ice cream were a huge hit! Party day was so much fun with party games and a yummy, shared class lunch, before ending the day with a Christmas story around the Christmas tree.

I would like to take this time to say a huge thank you to all for your continued support throughout this busy term, it really does make a big difference. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Robins






Quote of the week	Body & Mind	Wow work!	Words of the Week
<p>When creating our class acrostic poem, we had to put our thinking caps on to think of something for 'Y' when Ayda Suggested "Yay! Ring out the bells to celebrate the birth of Jesus!"</p>	 <p>Santa dash</p>	 <p>Paper chain competition- which group could make the longest paper chain?</p>	<p>Advent extravaganza landmark</p>

Woodpeckers	<p>What a busy two weeks to end a fabulous Autumn term! Last week, we started off watching Goldcrests, Wrens and Robins in their Nativity, followed by our Santa Dash on Friday and our second House Event of the year – Christmas Enterprise.</p> <p>This week, we have been writing a set of instructions to build a snowman or how to steal Christmas – Grinch style! We have also been learning all about the Anglo-Saxons – who they were, where they came from and why they wanted to settle in England. We have also been doing some research and town names and finding towns and cities in England, that started off as Anglo-Saxon settlements. We even found some in Herefordshire!</p> <p>To end the term, we have joined the whole school in the Carol Service, took a trip to the Savoy Theatre to watch the ‘Christmas Extravaganza’ and finally partied the day away with some Christmas films, activities, games, dancing and a shared lunch.</p> <p>Before we finish this term, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTFA for their constant support and to you as parents for your kindness and help, it is very much appreciated. Finally, we hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to hearing all about what you have got up to over the break and we will see you all in 2026!</p>			
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<p>Whilst discussing what presents from God are we thankful for, here were some of our answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families • Love • Jesus • Hope • Life • Courage • Bravery 	 <p>Santa Dash</p>	 <p>Our Space Art Gallery</p>	<p>Angles Saxons Jutes settlement thankfulness</p>	

Owls	<p>In the last two weeks of term we have been enjoying some festive activities. Last week we completed our Santa Dash around the running track and some of us managed to exceed our one-mile target. We also took part in the DHMAT Advent Service at Hereford Cathedral, alongside 400 other children to create a huge choir which sounded magnificent. This week in D&T, we have been making our Christmas cards which draws on our scientific knowledge of making electrical circuits. We needed a lot of patience and resilience to get them working! This week we have also enjoyed the Christmas Carol Concert at St Giles church; The Christmas Extravaganza at Monmouth Savoy and partied all day on Friday! We are now all exhausted after a busy term! A huge thank you to our wonderful reading volunteers and parent helpers who have supported us this term, your contribution makes an enormous difference. We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and hope that you enjoy precious family time over the festive period. Thank you for all of your support this term and we look forward to the New Year and new term.</p>			
	Quote of the week	Body & Mind	Wow work!	Words of the Week
<p>After attending our Christmas carol concert at St Giles church, Elliott said, “I liked listening to the singing in the church. It made me feel calm and relaxed.”</p>	 <p>The children completed the ‘Santa Dash’ last Friday and completed lots of laps.</p>	 <p>Elsie and Leyla’s wonderful Christmas co-ordinates work.</p>	<p>extravaganza copper tape polarity magnetic field</p>	

What a busy last two weeks! We have fitted in a house event, completed a Santa Dash, had our advent service at St Giles Church, completed our annual class tradition of decorating our tables to make them a Christmas inspired wonderland, had a trip to the Savoy Theatre in Monmouth for a magic show spectacular and had a festive party day. We have well and truly entered into the Christmas spirit. We have also been focusing on our history theme, and we have been watching and discussing the events in Goodnight Mr Tom and comparing attitudes from the past to the present. Before we leave for the Christmas break, we just wanted to say a huge thank you to our reading volunteers, to the PTFA, to our parents and to anyone who has helped and supported us this term. It is greatly appreciated. Finally, we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a joyful New Year. See you on Tuesday 6th January.

Peregrines

Quotes from the week	Body & Mind	Wow work!	Words of the Week
 <p>“It was great seeing everyone’s face when they came to look at our table decorations,” said Maggie.</p> <p>“I really enjoyed being creative with our Christmas theme,” said Leia.</p>	<p>Hayleigh played two pieces of music for us on her harp. It was a beautiful mind and body experience.</p> 	<p>Making cookies using carrots as they would have done in World War Two because of rationing.</p>   	<p>rationing evacuees propaganda military blitz</p>

Headteacher
Star Award

Mrs Miles is on the lookout for her next star. Keep being TIPTOP!

Calendar

Forest School		Celebration Worship		Other Dates	
07/01/2026	Year 5 & 6	16/01/2026	Wrens	06/01/26	Tuesday- 1 st day of Spring Term
12/01/2026	Robins	30/01/2025	Peregrines	07/01/26 – 08/01/26	Year 6 Bikeability
14/01/2026	Year 3 & 4	13/02/2025	Owls	16/01/2026	Young Voices Trip
19/01/2026	Wrens			24/02/2026	Parent Consultations
21/01/2026	Year 5 & 6			25/02/2026	Parent Consultation
26/01/2026	Robins			05/03/2025	World Book Day
28/01/2026	Year 3 & 4				
02/02/2026	Wrens				
04/02/2026	Year 5 & 6				
09/02/2026	Robins				
11/02/2026	Year 3 & 4				

Be Ready

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Less screen time

More green time

We are a nature-based learning and activities centre set in 30 acres of an ancient woodland, wildflower meadows and gardens in the heart of the Forest of Dean. It's a place where children can explore, learn and connect with nature, all in the greatest classroom of all - the great outdoors.

The Wilderness Centre

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.



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



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.



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 30 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 houses. 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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The Wilderness Centre

Festive Fun at the Museum!

Discover your Winter Window and dive into festive fun with creative workshops and seasonal trails - complete the trail and claim your special prize!



Winter Windows
 Tue 2 Dec - Sun 4 Jan

A magical Christmas display of over 1,000 pupil-made cardboard windows, celebrating light, warmth, and winter traditions at the Museum of Gloucester.

Free!



Lights, Feasts and Fire Trail
 Tue 2 Dec - Sun 4 Jan

A festive museum trail exploring global winter traditions through creative challenges, stories, and seasonal fun for all ages.

£2 per trail



Cracker Creations
 Sat 20 Dec, 10am - 1pm

A festive kids' workshop where young makers craft unique, eco-friendly Christmas crackers filled with surprises and seasonal creativity.

£3.50 per child - adults go free!

MUSEUM OF GLOUCESTER

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Beginners and Improvers Sessions

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

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

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

 10th January 10 - 11am
 24th 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

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