

KEEPING SAFE & HEALTHY



PACKED LUNCH IDEAS FOR KIDS

CHRISTIAN VALUES

Friendship & Wisdom

Giving an honest answer is a sign of true friendship.
- Proverbs 24:26

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Giles' Church, Goodrich proudly presents
a Burns Night Ceilidh
an evening of dancing and great food with the fantastic local band
The Good, The Bad and the Ceilidh

Saturday 24th January 2026
at 6.30pm
at Goodrich Village Hall
Cash bar and raffle
Tickets just £30 per head
PREBOOKING ESSENTIAL
Available from Caroline 07973 880004

Goodrich Church of England

Attendance		7 th Edition 2025-26	16 th January 2026	House points		
Reception	95.9%	<p>School Prayer </p> <p>Dear God, Bless our school. Bless our teachers. Bless our pupils. Bless our families. Please help us to be kind and help us to always try our best. Let us remember, as many hands make a house, So many hearts make a school. Amen</p>	 Diocese of Hereford Multi-Academy Trust A FAMILY OF SCHOOLS FLOURISHING TOGETHER	<p>Goodrich Church of England Primary School Collective Worship</p> <p>At this time of year we think about Epiphany</p> We are team players. We show friendship and value wisdom. "A friend shows an as sheep" (Proverbs 22:26)	Dragon	9
Year 1	99.6%				Pegasus	10
Year 2	100%				Griffin	9
Year 3	97.2%				Phoenix	10
Year 4	91.7%					
Year 5	92.7%					
Year 6	93%					
TOTAL	95.77%					

Primary School Newsletter

Twitter Snapshot @GoodrichCESch



Reminders

- Please make sure that your children not only have a warm coat but also a named gloves and a hat
- Please make sure that all items coming into school are clearly named.
- Please don't send in chocolate or crisps to school as a snack.

PTFA/ Eco

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAYS

Hot cocoa and biscuits available from the Smiles door every Friday after school. Perfect for cold winter days!

- £1.50 - Hot Chocolate
- £2.00 - Hot Chocolate & Biscuit



News

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for the kind words and gifts bestowed on us for Christmas, a particular thank you to the family who bought me a huge cuddly Christmas Pudding with the words- "I saw this and immediately thought of you." Going on to say that "they hope it will be in my office for many years to come." Assuming this was not due to my curvy shape- I was simply thrilled and it will indeed take pride of place for many Christmases to come.



How wonderful!

We have enjoyed welcoming the children back after the Christmas break. This is such a busy holiday, that it never feels that they are quite refreshed but are absolutely buzzing with stories of their Christmas adventures. This is thankfully a shorter term for them to manage, and Wrens made a fabulous start to the term with their Celebration Worship today, sharing all about how they make their classroom a special place by trying very hard to be friends and to help and look after each other. They also shared their story of the 'Little Red Hen' with excellent, fluent story telling with no shortage of hands on hips and waggy fingers- fabulous!



Our choir set off on their journey this morning to Birmingham bp pulse LIVE arena to perform as part of the Young Voices choir which involves thousands of children. This really is an experience unlike any other, filled with music, positivity, inclusivity and pure joy. Thank you to Miss Williams, Mrs Babbage, Mrs Cleaver & Mrs Dickerson-Scriven for looking after them all day and making some memories to last a lifetime. We hope that all our families who made the journey to watch the evening show enjoyed every second.

Finally, as many of you will know, Miss Wright had been receiving long term treatment for a serious illness. We are pleased to say that after significant treatment, Miss Wright's prognosis is positive, and she made the choice to use this as an opportunity to take a step away from teaching. We are very pleased that she is putting herself first although she regularly messages to say how much she misses the children. I am glad to share that we have appointed Mrs Neal to this position. We hope that you are as thrilled as we are and share in congratulating her.




Best wishes
Mrs Miles



Class News



The children were excited to return after their Christmas holidays. Easing ourselves back into routines, meeting up with old friends and making new ones. They have thoroughly enjoyed talking about the cold weather and exploring the science behind ice melting. The children painted snowmen and made models out of playdough; they used our 'polar land' to learn about which animals live in the frozen Arctic. We have counted backwards from five to zero using our rhyme, 'Five Little Snowmen.' This week we have been thinking about ourselves and how we are unique, and how we are different from each other. For example, the things we like or dislike, or who was the tallest, shortest.

Goldcrests

Quote of the week	Body & Mind	Wow play!	Words of the Week	
<p>Rosie had a good understanding and remembered that the "snow was melting because of the fire. And the bears were only pretending to be snow bears."</p>	 <p>Enjoying our session of Sing, Move, Play.</p>	 <p>Some of our amazing pictures of snowmen.</p>	<p>Initial Sounds</p>	
			<p>'d' dog duck door den</p>	<p>'g' girl goat gate goose</p>

Wrens	<p>Over the last few weeks in Wrens, we have been learning about the importance of feelings. We have looked at the story 'Daisy's dragons' and talked about how our feelings are all important as they make us unique. The children have shared ideas of what activities make them feel different emotions and how our emotions affect others. In Science, the children have been learning all about Materials, investigating their different properties and exploring how they are used in everyday life. They have enjoyed testing, sorting and discussing what make materials suitable for different purposes. In Art, we have been inspired by the sea and have been exploring seascapes. It has been wonderful to see their curiosity, creativity and enthusiasm as they have looked at other artists' work. Our week ended with our wonderful Celebration worship. They all did so well in their performance, and we are proud of each one of them. Well done, Wrens!</p>			
	Quote of the week	Body & Mind	Wow play!	Words of the Week
	<p>When looking at Katsushika Hokusai's painting of 'Waves' Ralphie said "This painting makes me feel wild."</p>	 <p>Using our bodies to create shapes in gymnastics.</p>	 <p>The Little Red Hen sent us the ingredients to bake bread.</p>	<p>modern invent flight engine propeller properties sort</p>
Robins	<p>Happy New Year! Robins class have made a fantastic start to the Spring term. The children have definitely grown and are ready for a challenge! As you are aware Miss Burden has been teaching the children, in Art the children have enjoyed colour mixing primary colours to create a colour wheel and in Science the children have been exploring the properties of different materials. In English the children have been learning the text 'The papaya that spoke' and we have been looking at character dialogue and retelling it with expression. In PSHE we have been thinking about growing and changing and thinking about how our bodies change as we get older.</p>			
	Quote of the week	Body & Mind	Wow work!	Words of the Week
	<p>"I enjoyed mixing primary colours to make other colours (secondary colours). I mixed red and blue and that made purple!" Clement</p>	 <p>Learning through play</p>	 <p>Colour mixing in Art</p>	<p>primary secondary colour wheel transparent translucent flexible</p>
Woodpeckers	<p>Happy New Year! To start our term off, we reflected on 2025 and set goals, discussing what we want to learn, try and achieve in 2026. We recorded our ideas and made stars to hang on our class tree. In Science, we investigated the size of shadows depending on how close it was to a light source and used some of our Maths skills to record our results in the form of a bar graph. In RE, we have been learning about different Jewish festivals and how they are celebrated and in PSHE, we have been focusing on dental health and hygiene and how to look after our teeth. In Computing, we have been exploring different editing tools to edit photos and in PE, we have been creating sequences of travelling, balancing and rolling.</p>			
	Quote of the week	Body & Mind	Wow work!	Words of the Week
	<p>When looking at plurals this week, we revisited some rules from our time in Wrens and Robins. Freddy said, "I remember Miss Price telling us something to help with this – drop the 'y' for an 'i' and add 'es'." Well remembered Freddy, Miss Price will be very impressed!</p>	 <p>Gymnastic poses!</p>	 <p>Our New Year goals and aspirations.</p>	<p>hygiene estimate ethical transparent translucent opaque</p>

Owls	Happy New Year! Owls Class have made a fabulous start to 2026 by showing a great attitude to their learning. We have started our new topics for this term and have thought about what our aims and ambitions are for the year ahead. In RE we started thinking about our big question for this term, 'What kind of world did Jesus want?' This led us to consider the qualities in people that Jesus tried to encourage. We found that many of these qualities also linked to the qualities that we would need to demonstrate to achieve our aims and ambitions for 2026, e.g. resilience, compassion, self-motivation, patience and adaptability. In Art, we particularly enjoyed looking at a range of Roy Lichtenstein's Pop Art and have started to practise some of the techniques he used.			
	Quote of the week	Body & Mind	Wow work!	Words of the Week
	In RE, Matilda said, "I would be prepared to give up things that are important to me to help others because I just like helping others and making them happy."		Leyla's super RE work. 	gravitational force newtons competent meticulous reinterpreted abstract expressionist

Peregrines	Happy New Year! During our first week back, we reflected on the previous year and considered our intentions for 2026. We have recorded our ideas and set them into the air on mobile bird hangings. They have made a wonderful ceiling display in our classroom. Last Friday, some of Year 6 undertook Level 2 Bikeability training. Despite the weather, they all worked hard, represented the school brilliantly and succeeded in completing the one day course. In PSHE, we have been discussing the importance of mental health as well as physical health and ways of taking care of it. As part of our Geography learning theme, we are taking part in six workshops. In our first one, on Monday, we learned about the greenhouse effect and the impact extreme weather is having on the world.			
	Quotes from the week	Body & Mind	Wow work!	Words of the Week
	On being back at school, Aleeah said, "It's good to be back and back into a routine."			greenhouse scurvy clinical ascorbic acid perishable
		A few of our mental health information posters.	Some of our 2026 'intention' bird mobiles.	

Headteacher
Star Award

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

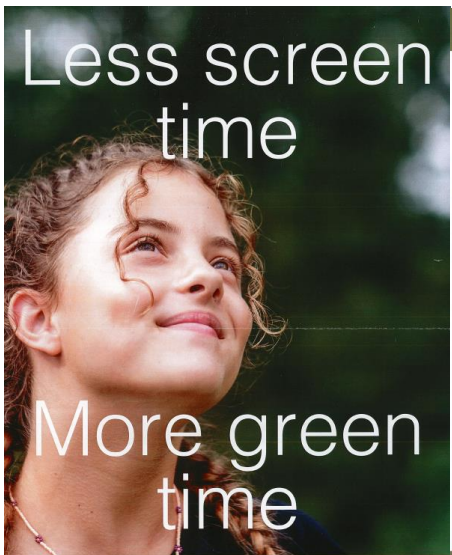
Calendar

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			20/02/2026	Yr R & 6 National Child Measuring Programme
21/01/2026	Year 5 & 6			24/02/2026	Parent Consultations
26/01/2026	Robins			25/02/2026	Parent Consultations
28/01/2026	Year 3 & 4			05/03/2025	World Book Day
02/02/202	Wrens				
04/02/2026	Year 5 & 6				
09/02/2026	Robins				
11/02/2026	Year 3 & 4			16-20/02/26	Half Term

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 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
- Cliff-build
- Crate stack
- Tree climb
- Tunnel trail
- Low ropes course
- Air rifles
- Nature discovery
- Search and rescue
- Canoing
- Mouslihi hiking



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: info@wildnesscentre.com 01294 542567 www.wildnesscentre.co.uk



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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FEBRUARY HALF TERM INTENSIVE SWIMMING LESSONS

Our intensive lessons are perfect for children aged 4+ who are new to lessons, or children on our Learn to Swim programme wanting to progress to the next stage.

Designed to help build confidence, improve technique, and have fun, all in just 4 sessions!

Get 50% OFF your booking — only £15.75 total for 4 lessons!
That's just £3.94 per session!
To view days and times visit www.haloleisure.org.uk/whats-on

Limited spots - don't miss out!
Call us on **01432 842075**, or pop in to your local pool to secure your child's place.

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FEBRUARY HALF TERM FULL OF FUN!

What's On at Ross Swimming Pool...

- ☆ **STAGE 1 INTENSIVE**
Swim lessons perfect for beginners aged 4+ to boost water confidence in just 4 days!
- ☆ **STAGE 2 INTENSIVE**
Swim lessons perfect for those who have completed Stage 1 (aged 4+) to boost water skills in just 4 days!
- ☆ **FAMILY SWIM**
Throughout the half-term break, enjoy exciting swimming sessions for all ages.

*Advance booking is required due to limited spaces available.

Book now in centre or give us a call on 01989 763 487

SCAN TO VIEW THE FULL TIMETABLE
Or visit: haloleisure.org.uk/whats-on

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Funded by UK Government

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

Children's Workshops at Make-it Happen Feb Half Term 2026

- SLOTH Plushie** Children's Hand Sewing Workshop
- Whale Plushie** Children's Hand Sewing Workshop
- Pizza Plushie** Children's Hand Sewing Workshop
- Broccoli Plushie** Children's Hand Sewing Workshop
- MILKSHAKE PLUSHIE** CHILDREN'S HAND SEWING WORKSHOP

Get 50% Off Second Child!

Make-it Happen February Half Term Children's Workshops

Workshop	Date & Time
Axolotl Plushie	Tuesday 17th February 10am - 11am
Rainbow Plushie	Tuesday 17th February 11am - 12pm
Avocado Plushie	Wednesday 18th February 10am - 11am
Sloth Plushie	Wednesday 18th February 11am - 12pm
Rocket Plushie	Thursday 19th February 10am - 11am
Milkshake Plushie	Thursday 19th February 11am - 12pm
Whale Plushie	Friday 20th February 10am - 11am
Broccoli Plushie	Friday 20th February 11am - 12pm
Pizza Plushie	Saturday 21st February 10am - 11am
Magic Wand	Saturday 21st February 11am - 12pm

Book through our website www.make-ithappencreativdreams.com