



# Coaley Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Miss Jen Thomas

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Dear Parent/ Carers,

What a phenomenal enrichment week we have had! On Monday, Victoria and Amy from The Music Works in Gloucester joined us. Throughout the day they worked with all of our pupils to create our new school song; this involved writing lyrics and creating a musical accompaniment. Victoria and Amy commented on the children's impeccable behaviour, their awareness and articulation of our school vision and values and were blown away by the enthusiasm and dedication the children demonstrated during their session. It was wonderful to come together as a school family at the end of the day to see how the song had evolved and watch our children flourish as they sang their hearts out. After Easter, we will have our second workshop to finalise the song and record it. A group of children will attend the recording studio in Gloucester and the song will be filmed to capture the magic of it. I am sure your child came out of school humming along to the very catchy tune and singing along to the chorus!

For the remainder of the week, children have been immersed in a range of activities to explore diversity in the wider world beyond Coaley. Each class explored a different country, learning about music, art, language, worldviews and traditions. We do hope you enjoy exploring the gallery of learning in the school during the afternoon.

Have a restful weekend- I look forward to seeing many of you at the table-top sale on Sunday if you are able to attend,

Miss Thomas



## *As a family, we flourish*

### Dates for the diary

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March- 2.15pm-** Enrichment week gallery in school hall to celebrate the week. All parents welcome to visit the gallery. **THERE WILL BE NO CELEBRATION WORSHIP THIS WEEK (due to the gallery installation in the hall!)**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March (11.00-3.00)** Table top sale at Coaley Village Hall

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March-** No teacher-run clubs (except Miss Thomas' Art Club!)

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 9.00am-** Easter Service in Church, all welcome to join

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March-** Miss Thomas' Art Club (due to cancellation on 12<sup>th</sup>)

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March-** FOCS Easter Eggstravaganza-The Great Easter Bake Off!

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March-** Last day of term

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April-** Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard at 10.30am.

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 9.00am-** Coffee and cake with Miss Thomas in the school hall, all welcome.

***Every Friday at 2.45pm- Celebration Worship in the hall, all welcome!***



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## Robins

The Robins have been transported to Jamaica this week! They have created wonderful colourful Jamaican art and explored Jamaican sounds. They have found out about famous Jamaicans, including Usain Bolt, Benjamin Zephania and Bob Marley. The children were inspired by the lyrics of Bob Marley and how they reflect our school mission through references to peace, love, living together and flourishing as a family.



## Starlings

This week the Starlings have been finding out about the country of Turkey. Children have been in groups and researched an aspect of the country and created fact file posters for you to view on Friday. We have also had a go at Ebru which is the Turkish art of marbling. We used milk as the base and dropped acrylic paint into it to create some wonderful patterns. The children have had a superb week and look forward to showing you all they have done on Friday afternoon.

## Owls

This week Owls class have been learning about the country India. During the week we have immersed ourselves in the culture by creating Rangoli patterns, henna designs and created information posters to showcase our learning.





## School Appeals

Gloucestershire County Council are in the process of recruiting volunteer Panel Members to assist with virtual School Admission Appeals. They are particularly in need of Parent Members (those with children currently in education). If you are interested, please follow this link: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions/apply-to-become-a-volunteer-school-appeals-panel-member/>

## Gloucestershire Libraries

Explore this link to find out about events happening in Gloucestershire Libraries:

[What's On April-June 2024 by Gloucestershire Libraries - Issuu](#)



**The Library**  
APRIL - JUNE 2024  
**WHAT'S ON**

/ Shakespeare's Birthday / May Half Term /  
/ Dementia Action Week / Pride Month /  
/ Crime Reading Month /

Advance booking required for most events


gloslibraries.uk  
Gloucestershire Libraries  
@gloucestershire\_libraries  
@gloslibs

Gloucestershire COUNTY COUNCIL  
Supported by ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND



Gloucester	LAB Events
<b>LEGO Inventors</b> <b>Gloucester LAB</b> Age 7-14 Start building and learning with LEGO Spike Education sets and Scratch. This is a fun and creative way to develop practical and digital skills. We'll provide everything you need to get started and our friendly Lab Technician will be on hand to help. Once you're comfortable working with the tools you'll be able to build and code your own creations! 13 June, 16:30 - 17:30 27 June, 16:30 - 17:30	<b>Make a Game in Scratch</b> <b>Gloucester LAB</b> Age 7-14 Join us in building a simple game using Scratch! This is an intermediate session for younger learners, but if you've even used Scratch before our friendly Lab Tech will help you follow along. 25 April, 16:30 - 17:30 18 May, 14:30 - 15:30 30 May, 13:00 - 14:00 15 June, 16:00 - 16:00
<b>3D Pen Workshop</b> <b>Gloucester LAB</b> Age 7-14 Learn how 3D Pens work in this hands-on workshop! Use one of our templates or make your own and by the end of the session, you'll have something you've made yourself to take home. 11 April, 13:00 - 14:00	<b>Program a Robot with Pico</b> <b>Gloucester LAB</b> Age 7-14 Come and program a robot using Pico! We'll use Scratch to build a set of behaviours for a robotic head. 9 May, 16:30 - 17:30
<b>Set the Stage in Scratch</b> <b>Gloucester LAB</b> Age 7-14 In celebration of National Shakespeare day, we're increasing a short course from a Shakespeare play in Scratch! This is a beginner's course, perfect for younger learners who have never used Scratch before. 20 April, 14:30 - 15:30	<b>Get Started in 3D Modelling with TinkerCAD</b> <b>Gloucester LAB</b> Ages: Teens and Adults Aged 16+ Learn to use Autodesk's TinkerCAD in this hands-on workshop where we'll introduce the basics of 3D design. 21 June, 13:00 - 14:00
<b>Generate a Story in Python</b> <b>Gloucester LAB</b> Ages: Teens and Adults Aged 16+ Learn how to use the Python programming language to create a program that tells a randomised story, based on user input. This is an entry-level introduction to Python. 13 May, 16:00 - 17:00	<b>Get Started with Programming in Javascript with PS.js</b> <b>Gloucester LAB</b> Ages: Teens and Adults Aged 16+ We'll run you through the basics of working with Javascript and PS.js to create a simple program. 4 April, 13:00 - 14:00 23 May, 16:00 - 17:00

**The Library** Event booking is required. Scan QR code or visit [gloslibraries.uk](https://gloslibraries.uk)



**APRIL**

**EARTH DAY**  
Creative Walks in Nature with Canopy  
Take a walk through the beautiful Forest of Dean and engage in an art workshop with Canopy after the walk. Connect with the local landscape and community by making art through nature-inspired poems, photographs, sketches, and walking talking in song. Bring in the season!

**SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHDAY**  
[A Midsummer Night's Dream]  
Join us for a special performance of the Royal Shakespeare Company's production of the play. In this interactive full-day workshop, we'll be exploring themes, characters and text through creative exercises to create a play in just 15 hours.  
**Gloucester Library** Age 11-15 yrs  
 Sunday 24 April, 10:00 - 16:00

**'The Wood Without the Tower'**  
Performance about Bottom  
Wood without the tower is a new piece about writers and performers by Daniel Gabor. It's about music, storytelling, humour and adventure. Join us for a performance of 'The Wood Without the Tower' in the afternoon, followed by a workshop and then a journey to the theatre to see the play.  
**Gloucester Library** Age 11-15 yrs  
 Sunday 27 April, 14:00 - 16:00





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## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION COFFEE MORNING**

**SATURDAY 23RD MARCH 2024**

**COALEY VILLAGE HALL**

**10:30 - 12:30**

**FORMAL PRESENTATION**

**11:00**



**YOUR OPINION  
MATTERS**

**HELP US SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THE REC**



**Crag Welcomes all Coaley residents to view  
the new plan for the rec and offer feedback.**

**Coffee and cake will be available throughout  
the morning.**





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**COALEY ACADEMY**  
**EASTER**  
**EGGSTRAVAGANZA**

**THE GREAT EASTER  
BAKE OFF**

**CLASS PRIZES  
TO BE WON**

Make an Easter themed cake or biscuit  
Bring your Easter bakes to school on  
the morning of Friday 22nd March  
Remember to label your bakes!

**CAKE SALE**

**3:15-4:15pm in the school hall**

\*Please bring cash

**FOGS** Friends of Coaley School

[friendsofcoaley@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofcoaley@gmail.com)



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## Parenting Possible



Helping parents empower each other by a peer to peer support group. Unpick the challenging and sometimes downright impossible missions that parents face daily.

**When:** Monday, weekly 1pm - 2.30pm

**Starts:** 18 March 2024.

**Where:** GL11 Community Hub.





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**Key Stage 2 girls...**

**Join us for Stroud High School  
Open Morning**

**9.15-11.30am Friday 26 April  
or Friday 28 June 2024**

**Register online at  
[stroudhigh.gloucs.sch.uk](http://stroudhigh.gloucs.sch.uk)**



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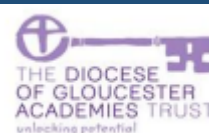
**Everything Is Possible.**

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## Free School Meal support during the Easter 2024 and May 2024 holidays from Gloucestershire County Council

The vouchers are funded through grant funding Gloucestershire County Council have received and is separate to that of term time free school meals. Vouchers for the May half-term will be distributed at the same time as those for the Easter holiday period. Therefore, families who have signed up will receive a total of £30 per eligible child, comprising of; 1 week (£15) for Easter 2024 and 1 week (£15) for May 2024 half-term.

During 2024, there will be food and activity support available via the HAF programme (during Spring, Summer and Winter holiday periods). This is a separately funded scheme that provides the children who book and attend events with a meal. The HAF programme is not able to distribute food/supermarket vouchers. For more information on the HAF programme please visit their webpage here: [Holiday activities and food programme \(HAF\) | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

The holiday voucher scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive Pupil Premium (income-related) free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. We are unable to consider college and sixth form students as well as children who receive infant free school meals (available to all children in reception to year 2); they are not eligible for this scheme.

Families who have signed up previously do not need to re-register for Easter 2024 and May 2024 holiday vouchers - they will already have been included. Families that have previously signed up will need to contact us with any changes to their circumstances. To ensure we reach all those who are eligible, we are encouraging parents that have not previously signed up, to sign up as soon as they can.

Voucher emails will be sent out week commencing 18 March. Please encourage parents to check their junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If parents have not received their vouchers by the 20 March, please encourage them to email [childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk).

Please note we check eligibility for the scheme by cross-referencing with the term-time free school meal register, so please make sure parents are registered beforehand. They can register by [clicking here](#). If your school is one of the five that do not use this method, we will require confirmation from yourselves on the child's eligibility. You can find more information on what schools these are on the same link.

For more information and to sign up, please visit our website - [Holiday School Meal vouchers](#).

If you have any updates to an existing application, please email [childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk) so that we can update your details, as this is not an automatic process.



## EASTER SPORTS CAMPS

### Sports Development with Social-emotional Learning



"I love that as well as getting better at sport, it is equally about developing the children as young people" - Parent



Kingsway Primary Academy, GL2 2AR



Westlea Primary School, SN5 7BT



Cam Woodfield Juniors, GL11 6JJ



St Peter's Academy, SN14 0LL



Benhall Infants, GL51 6PS



St Briavel's Primary, GL15 6TD

## R-Y6

9am - 4pm

**£12.50/DAY**  
(IF WHOLE WEEK)

**£15/DAY**  
(SINGLE DAYS)

BOOK NOW TO AVOID YOUR  
CHILD'S DISAPPOINTMENT

To Book - click on link or copy into your browser



[the-sports-project.class4kids.co.uk/camps](http://the-sports-project.class4kids.co.uk/camps)



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## **SPORTS & ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

**TAG RUGBY, FOOTBALL, DANCE, CIRCUS SKILLS,  
FENCING, CHEERLEADING, STREET HOCKEY,  
ULTIMATE FRISBEE, CRICKET, MUSICAL THEATRE,  
DODGEBALL, PARKOUR, TENNIS, ATHLETICS.**

**Alongside the sports coaching, we follow the needs of  
the children to support with the competencies below:**

**Self-Awareness, e.g. self-efficacy, self-esteem, resilience,  
self-confidence, identifying strengths and weaknesses.**

**Self-Management, e.g. independence, self-motivation,  
expressing emotions appropriately,  
executive functioning.**

**Social Awareness, e.g. empathy and compassion, mutual  
respect, perspective-taking, conflict resolution.**

**Relationship Skills, e.g. collaborative problem-solving,  
leadership, honesty, resisting negative social pressure.**

**Responsible Decision-Making, e.g. self-discipline,  
reasoned judgement, problem-solving,  
evaluate consequences of actions.**

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