



Coaley Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Miss Jen Thomas

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Friday 10th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another wonderful academic year, I would like to begin by reflecting on what can only be described as an unforgettable weekend of community celebration at Coaleyfest and Assembly Sing-Along a couple of weeks ago.

A huge thank you must go to every member of FOCS and the wider community for the tremendous effort, energy and enthusiasm that went into organising such a fantastic event. It was an enormous success, and the buzz throughout the day was truly contagious. There was something for everyone to enjoy! The debut of the Coaleyfest Burger was a huge hit, while the face painting and tattoos proved incredibly popular with children and adults alike. The tug of war brought out some healthy competition, the bouncy castles provided endless fun, the animals behaved impeccably and we certainly cannot forget the fabulous performers who took to the stage throughout the day. From our talented piano players to the wonderful ukulele recital, every performance showcased the confidence, creativity and spirit of our school community.





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The magic did not stop there. The following day, a wonderful “Assembly Sing-Along” took place on the Coaleyfest stage. A huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Greenow for organising this fantastic event. It was wonderfully nostalgic and had everyone reminiscing about the highlights of our generation’s school days – particularly the overhead projector monitor, which certainly sparked many memories and smiles!



Our school family would also like to extend a HUGE thank you to FOCS for the Inflatable Day on Monday which was a huge surprise to our children. Although several children were convinced it was a celebration of England’s football victory in the early hours of Monday morning, this exciting treat had actually been planned for some time as a way of celebrating the achievements and successes of all our children this year. Special thanks also go to Ritchie from With the Ball, who hosted the event and led a range of fun activities on the inflatables, ensuring everyone had a memorable day.





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It has also been wonderful to welcome our new Reception children into school for their Stay and Play sessions this term. Seeing them begin their journey with us has been a joy, and we look forward to officially welcoming them as members of our school family in September. At the same time, it has been lovely to see our current pupils spending time in their new classrooms and meeting their new teachers as they prepare for the next stage of their learning journey.

One of the highlights of the final weeks of term has been seeing children reflect on their own spiritual journeys and the journeys of others during our enrichment week last week. Using the language of 'Ows, Wows and Nows', children explored significant moments and experiences in their lives, considering their connections with themselves, with other people and with the world around them. Through a variety of engaging activities and resources, they were encouraged to pause, reflect and wonder. The team from Sportily delivered a range of thought-provoking learning opportunities that helped children explore our school values while also providing moments of stillness and reflection to support wellbeing amidst the busyness of everyday life. Alongside all these exciting events, the children have been busy preparing their entries for the Coaley Village Produce Show, which is always a much-anticipated tradition and a wonderful opportunity for children to showcase their creativity, talents and hard work.

As this academic year draws to a close, I would like to thank all of our parents and carers for your continued support, encouragement and commitment to the school. Your presence, partnership and feedback are valued enormously. By working together, we are able to help every child flourish academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually.

Finally, to our wonderful Year 6 pupils, we wish you every success as you move on to the next phase of your education. You have been fantastic role models, and each of you has left a lasting mark on our school community. We are incredibly proud of all that you have achieved and will miss every one of you. We hope you leave Coaley with treasured memories, lifelong friendships and the confidence to embrace the exciting opportunities ahead.

On behalf of all the staff and governors, thank you for being part of another incredible year at Coaley. We wish you all a happy, restful and enjoyable summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

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Best wishes,

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Attendance

Whole school attendance 95.3%

- 8/83 children have 100% attendance
- 59/83 children have 95%+ attendance
- 11/83 children have attendance below 90% which means they have missed at least 19 days of school. Any attendance below 90% is deemed 'persistently absent'.

★ Spring 1 Headteacher Award ★

Robins: Harry W

Starlings: Lexi

Owls: Clem





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The Great British Summer Saving Scheme



- Running from 25th June to 1st September 2026
- Reduced VAT on days out including tickets at attractions like soft play, adventure centres and theme parks, children's tickets for theatres and cinemas and children's meals in restaurants
- Children aged 5 to 15 in England will also be able to travel free on local bus services throughout August
- For further information about the scheme visit [Summer Savings](#).

Dates for the Diary

Summer 2 2026

- 13.7.26- Rec-Y5 reports shared
- 16.7.26- Y6 reports shared
- 17.7.26, 9.00am Leavers Service in Church
- 17.7.26, 1.00pm Leavers Worship in school hall
- 17.7.26, 1.30- End of Term 6

Autumn 1 2026

- 31.8.26- Bank holiday
- 1.9.26- INSET
- 2.9.26- INSET
- 2.9.26, afternoon (New Reception home visits 1)
- 3.9.26- Start of Term 1 for Y1-Y6
- 3.9.26, 3.15- Parent welcome meeting (please attend this one OR 8.9.26)
- 4.9.26, afternoon (New Reception home visits 2)
- 8.9.26, 3.15- Parent welcome meeting (please attend this one OR 3.9.26)



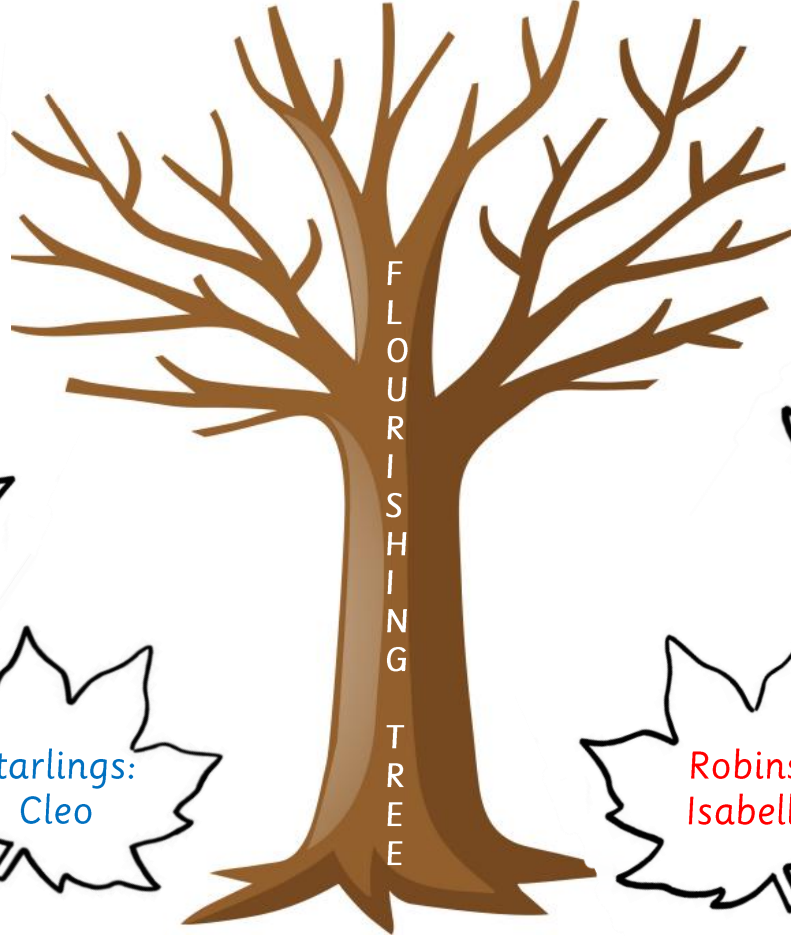
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Leaf Certificate

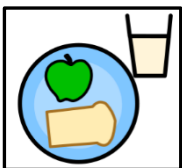


Values Certificate



Robins	Tahlia	Lana
Starlings	Poppie B	Jacobi
Owls	Lucas	Eloise

Lunchtime Certificate



Frankie V



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The Library

Challenge

11 July – 12 September 2026

Tales Through Time

Calling all readers, adventurers and story explorers!

Join the Library Challenge this summer to travel through time, get reading, and earn rewards.

How to Take Part

- Children aged 3+ can sign up for free at any Gloucestershire Library.
- Explore the tasks in your Challenge Journal, collecting stamps and rewards for each completed task.
- Come along to exciting events throughout the summer.



Find out more - scan QR code

or visit gloslibraries.uk/welcome-library-challenge



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The **not so secret** book club

by **Read with me**

Join our **fun** and **free** event
for children of all ages,
featuring storytime, crafts and
a special treasure hunt.

Plus, we'll have plenty of **free books**
to take home and enjoy!

Find us on **Robinswood Hill**
Gloucester, GL4 6SX.

Tuesday, 25th of August
Drop in from **11am until 1pm.**



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24th July – 10am-12:30pm
Woodfields Play Area, Cam, GL11 6LU

24th July – 2pm-4:30pm
Synwell Playing Field, Wotton-under-Edge, GL12 7HQ

29th July – 2pm-4:30pm
St. Michaels Park, Cirencester, GL7 1JT

30th July – 10am-12:30pm
Dolphins Rec Field, Tetbury, GL8 8AQ

Gloucestershire **HAF** holiday activities & food

world jungle