



Coaley Church of England Academy

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Love each other as I have loved you (John 15:12)

Friday 6th March 2026

Dear Parent/Carers,

We have had a glorious week of sunshine and spring is in sight! The daffodils (planted by our fabulous Eco-team) are flowering and the field has been glistening in the sunshine.

What a joyful day we had yesterday celebrating World Book Day! It was wonderful to see so many children marvelling at each other's fantastic outfits and sharing their favourite books. A particular highlight was the appearance of our *mystery superhero readers*! Huge thanks to two of our wonderful governors, Anne and Will, who appeared in full cape and eye mask to surprise each class with a story. They had a brilliant time joining us.



Children also thoroughly enjoyed competing in their houses during the Coaley Reading Kahoot Quiz! Well done to all houses for their enthusiasm and teamwork, and a special congratulations to Orange House, who topped the leader board.

A huge well done to Owls' Class for their precision, creativity, and teamwork during last week's K'Nex Challenge. The children worked together brilliantly to create stable and imaginative structures. The judge had an incredibly difficult decision to make, but eventually selected the winning duo, Theo and Laurence, who demonstrated exceptional teamwork, perseverance, and engineering skill, resulting in a very secure and impressive K'Nex build. Well done, Owls!

Both Starlings and Owls have greatly enjoyed their cricket lessons last week and this week, led by a professional coach from the *Chance to Shine* cricket programme. The sessions have been fun, active, and a great opportunity for pupils to develop their skills. We're grateful to Chance to Shine for providing such high-quality coaching.





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Earlier in the year, a small group of children joined me on a visit to the Cotswold Homes development in Coaley, learning about how new houses are designed and built. This inspired the launch of Cotswold Homes' exciting competition for our children: to design a room for the new show home.

We were delighted to welcome representatives from Cotswold Homes to school yesterday to announce the winners. The calibre of entries was outstanding, making the final decision incredibly difficult. In the end, the judges chose two overall winners, Daisy and Martha, whose designs completely blew them away. Huge congratulations also go to Leo W, who achieved second place, and Lily T, who came third. All four pupils received a beautifully framed copy of their design along with a book voucher. The interior designer will now be incorporating the winning designs into the show home bedrooms!

Well done to every single child who entered – your creativity and ideas were fantastic. The show home will display the designs, so do pop along for a look when you can.



We are delighted with the progress on our new cabin this week. By Tuesday the base was complete, and as of today the entire shell is up and watertight. Next week we look forward to welcoming the painter and vinyl floor fitter, who will complete the interior. This new space will make a significant difference to both the learning opportunities we offer and our day-to-day operations.

Please note the slightly earlier time of today's Celebration Worship which will include the final round of the public speaking competition where you will vote for the overall winner. In addition to this slight change, please note that Celebration Worship will take place at 9.00am on Friday 20th March and will include a Ukelele performance from children in Owls.

Thank you for your continued support,

Best wishes,

Miss Thomas



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Dates for the Diary

Spring 2

6.3.26- 2.30 Celebration Worship (please note the earlier time of 2.30 for public speaking finalists)

19.3.26, 6pm- FOCS Coaleyfest meeting – everyone welcome

20.3.26- 9.00am- Celebration Worship & Owls Ukelele Concert

26.3.26- 9.00am- Easter Worship delivered by Robins in Church

27.3.26, 1.30- End of Term 4

Summer 1

13.4.26- Term 5 begins

24.4.26, 9.00am- Miss Thomas Coffee Morning

4.5.26- Bank Holiday

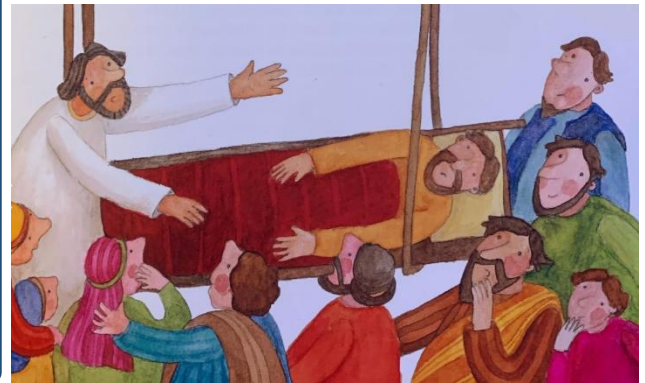
19.5.26- Scholastic Book Fair in school

21.5.26, 9.00am- Pentecost in Church delivered by Owls

22.5.26- Whole school sports day

22.5.26- End of Term 5

Open the Book



It has been wonderful to welcome the **Open the Book** team into school throughout the Spring Term. We are so grateful to them for their inspiring and engaging collective worship sessions, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in. Find out a little more about the team...

The **Open the Book** team are all from 3C Community Church. We are a small group of trained and DBS checked volunteers who give our time to visit Coaley fortnightly, on a Tuesday morning. The team, along with some pupils who are invited to join us on the morning if they wish to, share dramatic retellings of Bible stories using simple props, audience participation and audio and visual effects.

In our most recent collective worship, we shared the story 'Down Through the Roof'. One of the children played the part of Anna, a little girl who watched with amazement as, in front of a crowd, a sick man was lowered through a hole in the roof and Jesus made him better! (You can find the account in the Bible, if you look for Luke chapter 5)

At the end, we took a moment to think if there are things we might feel unable to change in our lives and we said a prayer, asking God to help us.

Next time we are going to be sharing a dramatic retelling of Psalm 23.



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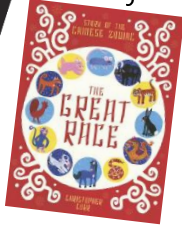
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WORLD BOOK DAY 2026



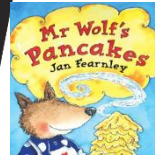
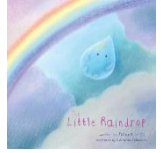
Robins

In Robins, we have been reading The Great Race, The Little Raindrop, Mr Wolf's Pancakes and LOTS MORE!



I like the dragon, he helps an animal, I think that's really kind (Harry W).

He goes on the sand and dries up (Reggie).
The raindrop fell into a puddle, it was funny (Marlowe).



I liked Mr Wolf eating them up. (Isabelle)
They (the neighbours) should've helped him or he wouldn't have eaten them up (Lucas).

In Starlings, our whole class 'reading for pleasure' book is 'The Wild Robot'.



I like that the robot doesn't know why she is on the island (Iris).

My favourite part was the storm chapter (Finn).

In guided reading, Year 2 are reading Hotel Flamingo and Year 3 are reading An Alien in the Jam Factory.



I like how the hotel changes from not being very nice to being a good hotel (Jacobi).

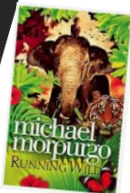
I like Chapter 8 when the alien tried eating all of the jams (Evalyne)



Starlings

Owls

In Owls, our whole class 'reading for pleasure' book is 'Running Wild'.



I'm enjoying the book because it's based in the jungle and it's based on a real-life story. I like when the book is read to us because it's nice after doing lots of work that we can relax and listen to the story. (Sammy)

In guided reading, Y4 are reading 'How to train your dragon' and Y5&6 are reading 'Running on empty'.



I really look forward to our guided reading sessions when we get to read a new chapter. My favourite part so far is when they all try to shout at the humungous dragon and Gobber got flicked back to town because it was very funny. If I had to choose a favourite character it would be Toothless because he's crazy! (Eloise)

I like the book because it's kind of fitting for our age group and it's a moderate read so it's not too easy but it's not too hard either. The book's about this boy who loves to run and his parents have learning difficulties. I'm enjoying reading this book because I like learning about the characters because life can throw a lot of stuff at you and it's good to know you can do things. (Clementine)





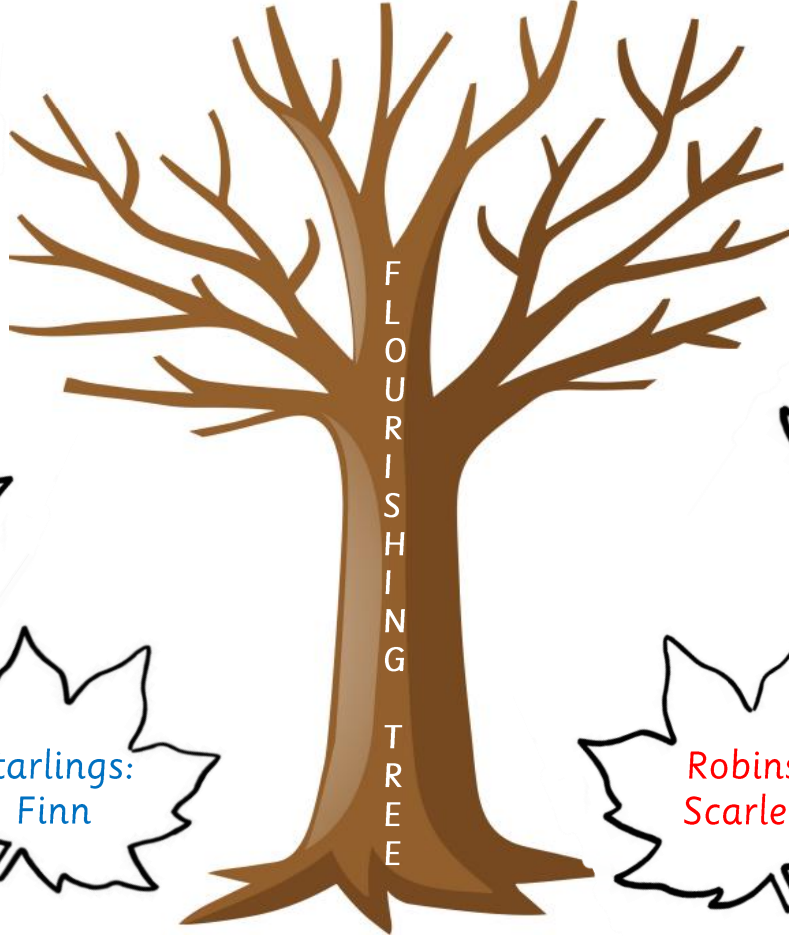
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Leaf Certificate

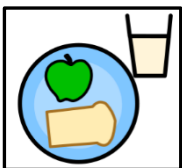


Values Certificate



Robins	Rowan	Dougie F
Starlings	Lily	Cleo
Owls	Ruby	Aiden

Lunchtime Certificate



Clem & Lola



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COMPASSION

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value COMPASSION. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK TOGETHER about Compassion

Compassion is about 'standing in someone else's shoes' when they are having a hard time. In other words, trying to understand how they might be feeling and doing our best to try to help.

Talk together about:

- how we can show **compassion** and kindness to one another at home
- recognising when friends at school need us to listen and act with **compassion**
- stories in the news demonstrating how strangers show **compassion** in times of natural disasters
- how nations show **compassion** to other nations at times of disaster or need by sending money or volunteers to help



READ TOGETHER...

The good Samaritan

When someone asked Jesus the question, "Who is my neighbour?" he told a story that surprised everyone who heard it. The hero was from Samaria but those listening were mainly Jews. (Jews and Samaritans usually kept well away from each other.)

"A man set out on foot from Jerusalem to a town called Jericho", said Jesus. The crowd murmured and exchanged knowing glances. They knew this was a lonely, dangerous road, a favourite place for robbers to attack travellers. "As the man reached a rocky and desolate place, a gang of robbers leapt out and beat him. They took all that he had and left him bleeding and bruised. To the man's relief, he saw in the distance a priest from the temple. A priest is bound to help me, thought the man. He waited until the priest came a little closer and then called out, 'Thank goodness it is you. Please Sir, take me to safety.' But to his amazement the priest hurried past pretending not to see or hear him.

As the poor, injured man grew weaker and weaker in the burning midday sun, he once again heard footsteps. Looking up he saw a Levite, another of his own people. 'Please Sir, please help me', he called out. Surely this Levite would take pity on him, but to his horror the Levite just kept on walking.

The man had almost given up hope when he felt a gentle touch on his shoulder. A stranger, a Samaritan, had bent down beside him and was bandaging his wounds and giving him sips of water to drink. The Samaritan helped the man on to his own donkey and slowly, carefully took him all the way to an inn. There he paid the innkeeper to look after the man until he was well. The man never forgot the **compassion** and kindness of the Samaritan stranger."

"Who do you think was a good neighbour?" asked Jesus.

Bible story based on Luke 10:29-31



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Every Monday 1pm-2.30pm

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A monthly focus session

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