



# Coaley Church of England Academy

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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parent/Carers,

As we reach the end of Spring Term 1, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a wonderfully busy and enriching few weeks at Coaley. The children have thrown themselves into every opportunity with enthusiasm and curiosity and we are incredibly proud of the progress they are making.

Last week, every year group took part in first aid sessions delivered by *Mini First Aid*, and I could not have been more impressed by how engaged and focused the children were. From practising recovery positions to learning how to respond in an emergency, pupils showed maturity beyond their years. We have received such positive comments from both children and parents about the skills learnt—many children have gone home excited to demonstrate their new knowledge on family members or soft toys which has been wonderful to hear! A huge thank you to *Mini First Aid* for providing such high-quality workshops that have clearly made a lasting impression.



I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all staff who have led clubs again this term. It has been fantastic to see an increase in the number of children taking part, and even better to see how much enjoyment and talent has emerged. Some children have been wonderfully creative in Writing Club, producing pieces full of imagination and flair. In Art Club, I was impressed by the colourful chameleons the children crafted- the detail and care in their work was exceptional. And our brand-new Choir Club has brought such joy into school. The sound of "When I Grow Up" from *Matilda* drifting through the corridor down to my office has been a particular highlight for me! Thank you to all staff who have given up their time to offer these experiences.





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Owls' Class had a brilliant learning experience during their visit to the Edward Jenner Museum. They were fascinated when exploring the historic vaccination shed and returned to school buzzing with everything they had discovered. My huge thanks to Mrs Lowe, Miss Hunt and Mrs Thornell for organising such an inspiring trip. A huge thank you also to the parents who supported on the visit—your time and help were truly appreciated by us all.



This week, Mrs King, Miss Hale and a small number of children from Robins' Class joined representatives of CRAG, Coaley Parish Council and the project's funders to mark the start of the refurbishment of the toddler park. This was a huge occasion and was a result of tireless efforts to raise funds. Our pupils were delighted to be invited along to celebrate this milestone and very much look forward to seeing the developments progress.

Last week we were delighted to welcome an expert cricket coach to Coaley for our Cricket Engagement Day. Each class spent time immersed in cricket skills, teamwork and game activities. The children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions, and the skills they developed will support our cricket lessons and future clubs later this academic year. It was wonderful to see such energy and excitement throughout the day!



A huge shout-out to the pupils who represented Coaley at the cross-country event last Saturday. Despite the wet and muddy conditions, they showed incredible perseverance and determination—nothing could deter them! The infamous large puddle on the route, which they proudly renamed “the lake,” became a highlight of their stories afterwards. We are immensely proud of them all. Thank you to Mrs McClung for coordinating the event and giving up her weekend to cheer on and support our runners.



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I am very pleased to share that we have successfully appointed several new staff members this term. We welcome Miss McClung to our support staff team after half-term. She brings a wealth of inclusive practice experience, and we are excited for the positive impact she will bring to our children. More recently, we have appointed Miss Haines to join our teaching team. She will begin after the Easter holidays and will be teaching in Robins Class on Thursdays and Fridays. Miss Haines will be working closely with Mrs McClung to ensure a smooth and supportive transition. We will be putting several strategies in place before Easter so the children feel well-prepared and confident for the summer term.



I would also like to celebrate a remarkable achievement by a dedicated group of Year 6 pupils who recently raised an impressive **£105.29** for the *Cotswold Dogs and Cats Home*. Despite the pouring rain, the girls showed real determination—setting up their stalls under shelter and enthusiastically encouraging the school community to get involved. Their fundraising activities, including a raffle, ‘Guess the number of jellybeans in the jar’, and ‘Guess the name of the bunny teddy’, brought smiles to many faces. They were fantastic, courageous advocates for a cause they care about deeply and acted as superb role models for their peers. We are incredibly proud of their compassion, leadership and resilience. Well done all!

A huge well done to our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who took part in their Bikeability training this week. The trainers were extremely complimentary about the maturity, focus and sensible attitude our children showed towards road safety. They demonstrated excellent cycling skills throughout the sessions and approached each challenge with confidence and care. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented our school.

As we head into the half-term break, I want to thank our entire school community—children, staff, governors, parents and carers—for your continued support, positivity and commitment. This term has been filled with learning, creativity and memorable experiences, and it has been wonderful to see our pupils growing in confidence and curiosity; flourishing every single day.

I hope you all enjoy a restful and refreshing break. We look forward to welcoming the children back, ready for an exciting Spring Term 2.

Have a lovely half-term.

Best wishes,

Miss Thomas





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## Dates for the Diary

### Spring 1

13.2.26- End of Term 3

### Spring 2

23.2.26- INSET

24.2.26- Term 4 begins

5.3.26- World Book Day Celebrations

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

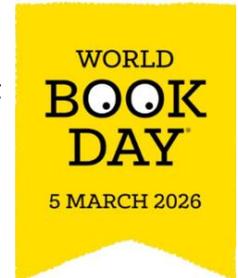
21.5.26, 9.00am- Pentecost in Church delivered by Owls

22.5.26- Whole school sports day

22.5.26- End of Term 5

## WORLD BOOK DAY 2026

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February. For Year 3-6 Forest School will take place in the afternoon as usual. We have lots of fun activities planned for the day!



### Clothing

Children are invited to dress as their favourite book character OR wear their own clothes and bring their favourite book in to read.

### Book swap

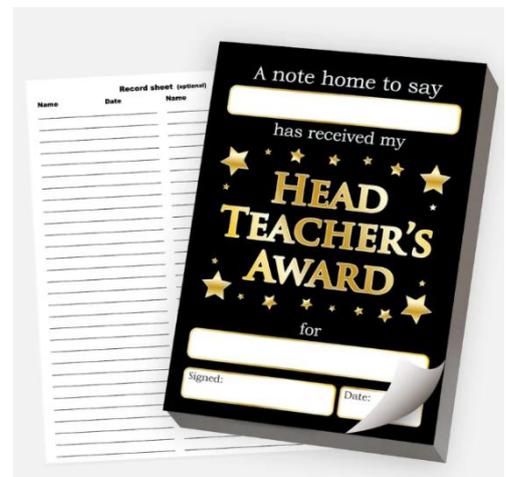
We would like to invite children to take part in a whole school book swap. This entails each child bringing in a book from home in good condition which is appropriate for primary age children. During the day, children will have opportunity to choose from a selection of books and take a new book home to keep.

## ★ Spring 1 Headteacher Award ★

Robins: Josh

Starlings: Iris

Owls: Lucas





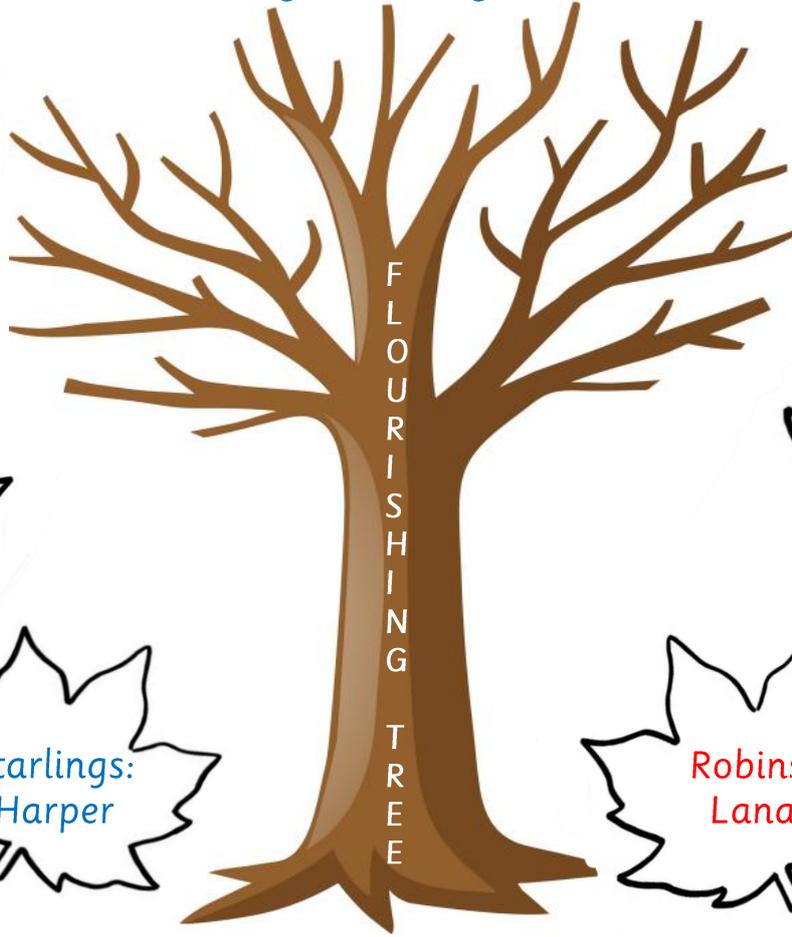
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## Leaf Certificate

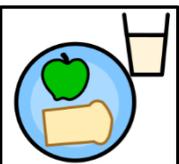


## Values Certificate



Robins	Dougie D	Edith
Starlings	Lexi	Reggie
Owls	Laurence	Theo

## Lunchtime Certificate



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