



Coaley Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Miss Jen Thomas

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

Thursday 19th March 2026

Dear Parent/Carers,

What a wonderful couple of weeks it has been in school. The sunshine has brought such a lift, and it is hard to believe that we are already approaching the end of another term.

One of our standout events recently was the Year 6 Mock Trials. Our pupils visited Stroud Council Offices, where they participated in a trial based on a reported 'crime'. The children were exemplary throughout and rose brilliantly to the responsibility of their roles. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to experience a real setting, and they represented our school with maturity, confidence and curiosity. It has also been wonderful to see the growing excitement around our Rock Steady music lessons. Many children have taken the opportunity to form bands, and the music they are producing after only a couple of weeks is incredibly impressive. Their enthusiasm is infectious and it has been lovely to see them shine in such a creative environment.

Year 4 took part in the annual *In the Net* online safety performance, delivered by Gloucestershire County Council. This important session helps raise awareness of online dangers and supports children in developing strategies to keep themselves safe. The pupils engaged brilliantly and took away valuable messages. We were also grateful to Rednock School for welcoming our Year 5 pupils to the dress rehearsal of their *Little Mermaid* production. This visit not only allowed the children to enjoy a fantastic show but also offered them a gentle introduction to secondary school life, an important part of their transition journey.

A particular highlight for me this term has been the installation of our new cabin building. I am sure many of you have seen the progress: installed with impressive efficiency and completed by the end of the first week. We are delighted that the internal decoration is now finished and over the coming weeks we will begin adding furnishings. This additional space will make a significant difference to our school family, and we are immensely grateful to everyone who has supported this project. We hope to host a grand opening early next term, please keep an eye out for dates.

As we near the end of the spring term, I have been reflecting on the many exciting events that have taken place: World Book Day celebrations, the cabin installation, the Cotswold Homes competition, house public speaking, First Aid workshops, the Eco-Council's blooming bulbs, Bikeability and fundraising for Cotswold Dogs & Cats Home, to name just a few. Each of these events enriches our curriculum and contributes to the vibrant life of our school.

Finally, I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to our incredible staff for their relentless hard work and dedication. My gratitude also extends to our governors, parents/carers, volunteers and the wider community—your ongoing support means so much and is truly appreciated.

Wishing you all a restful and sunny end to the term.

Miss Thomas



Spring 2 Headteacher Award



Robins: Lana

Starlings: Demi

Owls: Theo





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Dates for the Diary

Spring 2

20.3.26- 9.00am Celebration Worship (please note the earlier time)

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

27.3.26, 1.30pm- 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

Cross Country

Tess competed in the Gloucestershire County Cross-Country Finals 2026 held at Ashley Manor Preparatory School on Sunday 8th March.

Overall, Tess was 20th out of 70 and came 3rd in the Dursley/Wotton District team. This is a phenomenal achievement, and we are incredibly proud of her efforts- well done Tess!



WELL DONE!

Lochlan & Charlotte played beautifully at their second concert in St Giles Church, Uley recently. The concert raised approximately £400 towards a well in a school in Malawi. A huge well done to you both for your commitment to violin practice and supporting this very worthwhile cause.



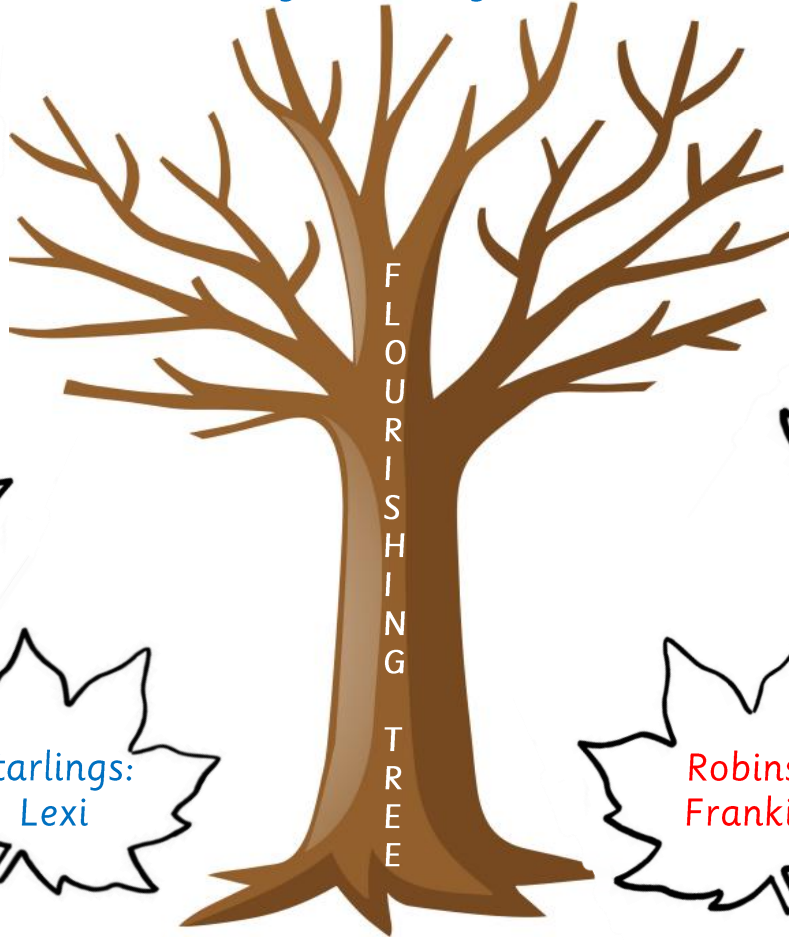
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Leaf Certificate

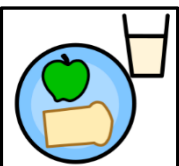


Values Certificate



Robins	Reggie	Harry W
Starlings	Rowan	Daisy
Owls	Lola	Megan

Lunchtime Certificate



Cleo & Demi



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BULLYING

Bullying is intentional behaviour that hurts someone else. It includes name calling, hitting, pushing, spreading rumours, threatening or undermining someone. It can happen anywhere – at school, at home or online. It's usually repeated over a period of time and can hurt a child both physically and emotionally.

At Coaley, we teach children about what bullying is, often addressing the myth that if a peer has said something unkind to them on a single occasion, it is not bullying. Most importantly, we teach children about the importance of sharing their worries and talking to a trusted adult who can action change and help them. If you are worried that your child is being bullied in school, online or in the community, please reach out to us.

Bullying can take different forms. It could include:

- physical bullying: hitting, slapping or pushing someone
- verbal bullying: name calling, gossiping or threatening someone
- non-verbal abuse: hand signs or text messages
- emotional abuse: threatening, intimidating or humiliating someone
- exclusion: ignoring or isolating someone
- undermining, constant criticism or spreading rumours
- controlling or manipulative behaviour
- making silent, hoax or abusive calls.

Signs of bullying

No single sign will indicate for certain that your child's being bullied, but watch out for:

- belongings getting 'lost' or damaged
- physical injuries, such as unexplained bruises
- being afraid to go to school, being mysteriously 'ill' each morning, or skipping school
- a change in how they are doing at school, including a dip in grades or not handing homework in
- asking for, or stealing, money (to give to whoever's bullying them)
- a change in behaviour, including being nervous, losing confidence, or becoming distressed and withdrawn
- a change in eating or sleeping habits
- bullying others.

Effects of bullying

The effects of bullying can last into adulthood. At its worst, bullying has driven children and young people to self-harm and even suicide.

Children who are bullied:

- may develop mental health problems like depression and anxiety
- have fewer friendships
- aren't accepted by their peers
- are wary and suspicious of others
- have problems adjusting to school, and don't do as well.

All children who are affected by bullying can suffer harm – whether they are being bullied, bully others or witness bullying. It's important all children get support if they are being bullied, or if they are displaying bullying behaviours towards others



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Parent Peer Support Group

@ GL11 Community Hub



Parent drop in support of children with SEND.

No diagnosis required.

Join our growing community of parents
navigating the SEND world.

Non-judgemental space, with free tea and
coffee.

FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH 9.30-11.00



Registered Charity Number 1130096



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Gloucestershire Family Hubs

Your local
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for
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advice,

and
friendly
faces

Got a baby?

Pop in to get them weighed or chat about breastfeeding and feeding your baby.

Raising a child with SEND?

We're here to support you every step of the way.

Need help with childcare or thinking about going back to work?

Let's talk options.

Struggling with bedtime routines or other parenting challenges?

You're not alone – we can help.

Looking for support for children and young people age 11 to 25?

Find out what our Youth Hubs have to offer. Scan the QR code to visit the Virtual Family Hub website.

Worried about money?

Our partners can offer advice and support.

Just need a friendly chat?

Come in for a coffee and a safe space to talk.

And that's just a snapshot of the support we offer. There's so much more waiting for you at your local Family Hub.

Help us to shape support

What services would you like to see in your local Family Hub?

Visit www.familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk to tell us.





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Best start in life support



Birth Registration Service



Information, advice and guidance



Adult education and employment support



Parenting advice and support groups



Specialist advice



Early years education



Community space



Scan the QR code to find your nearest Family Hub



Support for families with SEND

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FROCESTER YOUTH CRICKET 2026

Our established Youth section provides high level coaching and competitive cricket for boys and girls from age 5. As well as our own u9 softball and u11 hardball, we provide these ECB programmes:

All Stars Cricket for Boys and Girls aged 5-8 who are beginners. For information and booking go to ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars and choose Frocester as your Club.

Girls Dynamos Cricket for Girls aged 8-11. For information and booking go to ecb.co.uk/play/dynamos and choose Frocester as your Club.

For more information about any of our activities, go to https://frocester.play-cricket.com/web_pages/youth_section or contact our Youth Chair, John Higgs, on 07979 756674 or email youth@frocestercc.com

We look forward to hearing from you!

