



Coaley Church of England Academy

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

Friday 24th April 2026

Dear Parent/Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this term, refreshed and ready for the exciting term ahead.

I would like to thank our Year 5 and 6 families who attended the recent residential meeting. A special thanks goes to Mrs Lowe for hosting the session and for kindly sharing the slides with parents who were unable to attend. I know that many children have shared their excitement of the activities on offer.

Thank you also to our Year 1 parents who joined us for the phonics screening information session and to Mrs McClung for hosting this. If you were unable to attend, please don't worry, there will be opportunities later this term to come into class and see phonics in action. If you have any questions about the statutory phonics screening check, please do not hesitate to ask Mrs McClung or Mrs Haines.

A huge well done goes to Abi, Sasha, Albert and Clem, who represented Coaley in this year's *Schools Wildlife Quiz*, hosted by Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust. The pupils were exemplary throughout and showcased an impressive depth of knowledge- we are incredibly proud of them.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks to the staff members who generously gave up some of their Easter holiday to help relocate our library into 'The Nest' our wonderful new cabin. Our parent coffee morning will be hosted in here today and we are delighted to be holding a special opening ceremony later this afternoon to thank the many supporters who so generously contributed to this project.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support,

Best wishes,
Miss Thomas



Smartphone Free Childhood – Parent Information

A parent has asked us to share information about the *Smartphone Free Childhood* parent pact, which some families across the UK are choosing to explore. The pact encourages open conversation between parents about delaying access to smartphones until at least age 14, and social media until 16.

We are sharing this link for those parents who may be interested in reading more or reflecting on their own family's approach to smart phone use. There is no expectation that families sign the pact, and the school is not promoting any single position. Rather, we recognise that the impact of smartphones and social media on children is a growing topic of national discussion, and many parents welcome opportunities to engage with this thoughtfully and at their own pace. The website includes background information and ideas for parents who may wish to discuss these issues with others. We hope it may be a helpful starting point for reflection and conversation within families and the wider community.



[Sign the Parent Pact](https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org)



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Dates for the Diary

Summer 1

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

Attendance

Vision:

Every child, in school, on time, every day!

Since 13th April:

10 pupils have been late for school equating to over an hour of lost learning

14 pupils have had at least one day of absence

Help your child stay safe online!

The Department for Education has published new resources on the 'Kids online safety' website to help parents and carers understand and get support for online bullying and gaming. These new sections are designed to help you and give you more confidence in talking to your children about what they're doing and experiencing online. The updated content includes:

- how to spot the signs of online bullying
- guidance and support if a child is being bullied
- practical tips to help make online gaming safer
- information on age ratings and parental controls for games

Take a look at the website using this link: [Help your child stay safe online - Kids Online Safety](#)



How to talk about being safe online

Talking to your child about being safe online can help protect them from harm, build trust, and know what to do if they need help.



Find the right questions to talk with your child about toxic online content

Learn how to ask the right questions to help your child think critically about what they see online and get practical tips for starting open, supportive conversations.



Parental controls

Learn about why it's important to make a device safe for your child to use.



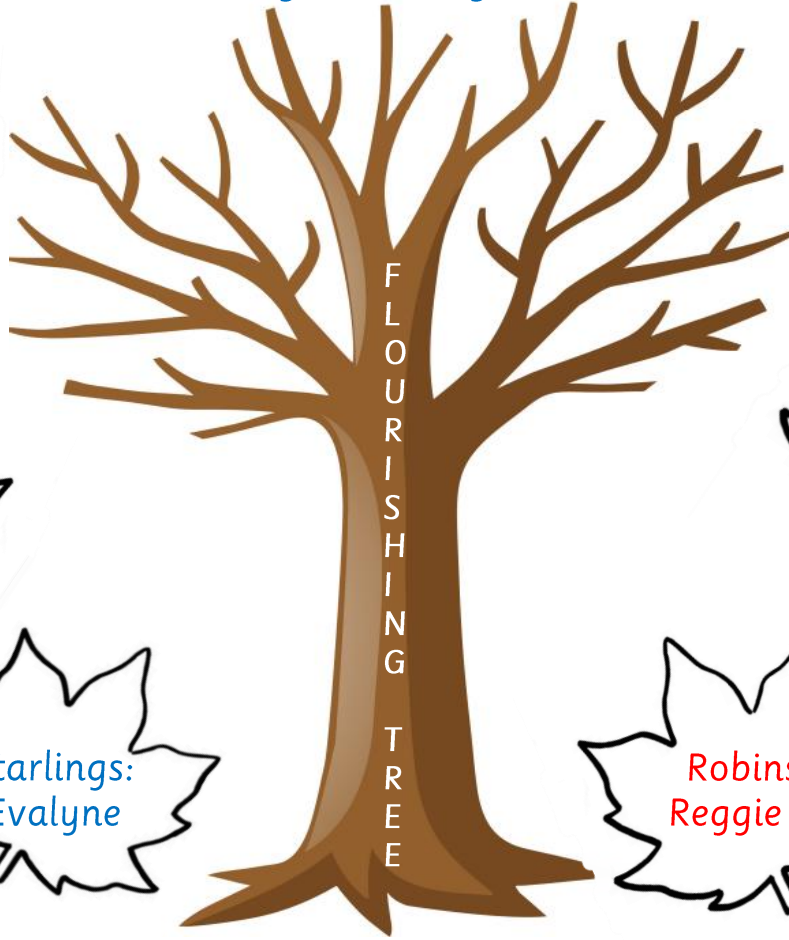
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Leaf Certificate

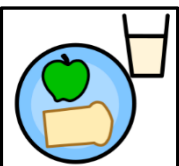


Values Certificate



Robins	Scarlett	Lana
Starlings	Demi	Thea
Owls	Niamh	Honey

Lunchtime Certificate



Alfie



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Coaley Easter Bake-Off



Thank you to FOCS for organising our annual Easter Bake-Off competition.



The entries were fantastic; a huge well done to everyone who took part. Choosing just one winner from each year group was an incredibly difficult challenge!





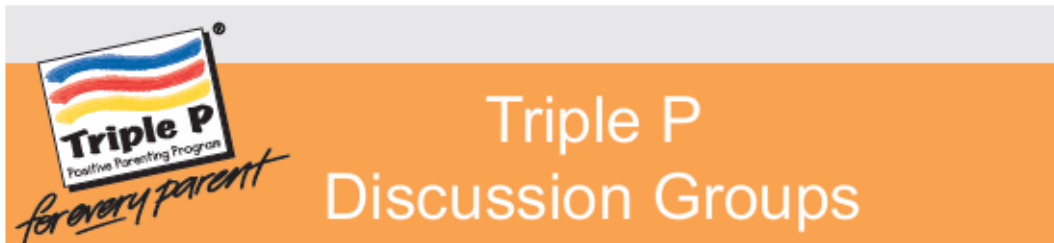
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Discussion Groups under 10 years



The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program® knows all parents have different needs. That's why Triple P has many different ways for you to get your parenting help. So you can choose what will suit you and your family best.

Who is this for?

- parents of children birth–12

Triple P can help you

- encourage behaviour you like
- deal with problem behaviour
- become confident as a parent
- be realistic about parenting
- take care of yourself

Is this you?

Mostly, you enjoy parenting, but you wish you knew how to deal with specific problem behaviour. Maybe your child won't go to bed without a fight. Perhaps they have a meltdown or tantrum almost every time you shop. They may be constantly disobedient, or they bite, fight or hit.

If your child fits any of these descriptions, Triple P Discussion Groups can help.

What are Triple P Discussion Groups?

Triple P Discussion Groups are short, small group sessions that offer practical advice for tackling a specific problem behaviour.

A discussion group is run by a trained Triple P provider. Each session brings together about 10–12 parents who are experiencing the same parenting problem, and covers one of the four topics listed below. Just choose which one (or however many) of the discussion group sessions fits your needs:

Dealing with disobedience
Developing good bedtime routines
Managing fighting and aggression
Hassle-free shopping with children

What happens at a discussion group?

In a relaxed group session, your provider will give you tips and suggestions for dealing with your child's problem behaviour. You'll see short video clips showing other parents successfully dealing with the same issue, and you'll be encouraged to share your thoughts with the other parents in the group. You'll also be given a take-home workbook with simple exercises and information to help you try your new strategies at home.

How long do the sessions take, and how many do I attend?

A Triple P Discussion Group session takes two hours. You may do as many or as few as you like. One, two, three or four – it's up to you. You'll be surprised at how a few small changes can make big differences!

Dealing with Disobedience – Thursday 21st May 9.30-11.30am
Managing Fighting and Aggression – Wednesday 10th June 10-12pm
Bed Time Routines – Thursday 25th June 9.30-11.30am
Hassle Free Shopping – Tuesday 21st July 11.30-1.30pm
Hassle Free Meal Times – Wednesday 22nd July 10-12pm



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Coaley Produce Show

Coaley Plant Swap

3 & 4 May 2026

10am to 4pm

Swap a plant of similar size or buy a plant by donation or by bank transfer.

Tables will be situated at Westend, The Street, Fox Meadow,



***Hamshill, Far Green, Ham Lane, Silver Street & Trenley Road.
Maps provided.***

***Delicious tea and cakes by Coaley WI at the Village Hall.
Parking is available at the Coaley Village Hall. Bring your
own bags. Funds raised will support the Show and local
groups.***

More information at: coaleyproduceshow.org.uk



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Ever wanted to try an instrument but not sure which one is for you? Then come along to our

TRY AN INSTRUMENT DAY!

We will have a wide range of instruments for you to try along with an expert team of tutors to guide you.

Saturday 25 April, 10am - 12pm,
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Open to children of all ages.

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