



# Coaley Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Miss Jen Thomas

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Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parent/Carers,

It has been a very busy couple of weeks since returning to school after the half term break. It was lovely to see so many of you at Coaley Fireworks and I am delighted to share that you helped to raise a phenomenal £1247 from the evening. Once again, I would like to share my huge appreciation to all involved behind the scenes, during the evening and volunteers who cleared the field on the following morning. It was a great example of our school family coming together to help one another flourish.

There have been lots of visits already this term and I was delighted to receive an invite from Cotswold Homes who are working on the 17-house development in the village. They kindly invited three Year 6 pupils to visit the site and hear all about the project development. Not only did they learn a lot about the materials and the process of a build, they were delighted to receive a second invite to the grand opening of the show house later in the spring term. Cotswold Homes have also asked for our children's help in designing the child's bedroom of the show house. More details will be circulated at the start of next term when we launch the competition.

I can't quite believe we have reached the first milestone of our reading recognition programme to celebrate all of the children who have read five times a week since the start of this academic year. As we approach the end of our tenth week, we will be celebrating all of the children who have earned 10 points and earned the first prize of a bookmark during our Celebration Worship later today.

Part of our Eco-Council's mission this term is to make our school a greener place. I am sure you will remember that they raised funds last term to purchase bulbs, plants, bug hotels and lots more to help with this mission. We will be visiting Highfield Garden World later this morning to purchase these goods. Highfields have already very kindly donated a mass of daffodil bulbs, compost and pots for every child to plant. Last week, during lunchtime, children were invited to plant bulbs which will flower in springtime. I would like to say a huge thank you to Highfield Garden World for their generous donation and accommodating our visit later this morning- the Eco-Council have been particularly excited about this!

Some of you may remember the special Advent Calendar at the community shop last year. This year, the children of our school have been asked to be part of this special countdown to Christmas. Each class has been given a special Christmas mission to design a particular bauble design to go behind a door of the calendar. Several baubles from each class will be chosen to feature behind a calendar door- make sure you find time to pop along to see the calendar during December!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Best wishes,

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## Dates for the Diary

### Autumn 2

24.11.25, 9.00am- Coaley Open Day 3

11.12.25, 9.00am- Christingle service in Church

17.12.25 (2.00pm & 5.00pm)- Christmas Carol Service in Church

19.12.25, 1.30pm- End of Term 2 (NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUB ON THIS DAY)



## Christmas Disco

12th December in the village hall – see poster below!



## Everyone in school, on time, EVERY DAY!

- 37 of our pupils have 100% attendance
- 20 of our pupils have missed at least 2 days of learning (4 sessions)
- 9 of our pupils have missed at least 4 ½ days of learning (9 sessions)



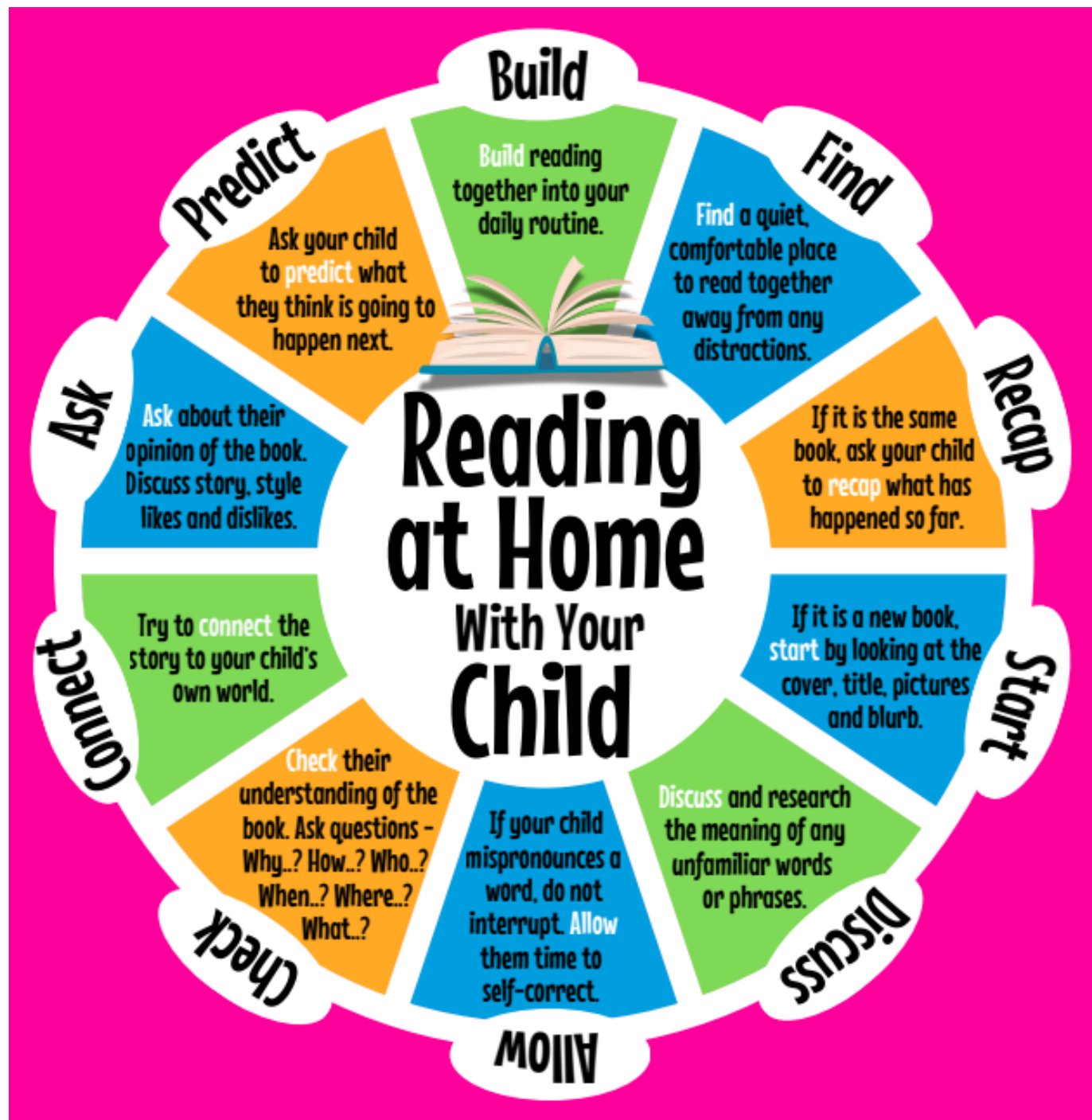
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Supporting your child with their reading at home







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## School Council visit to Stroud Food Bank

As part of our ongoing support within the wider community, some members of our school council visited our local food bank in Stroud last Wednesday. We were greeted warmly (with squash and crisps!) as the staff and volunteers showed us how their distribution centre operates. The children helped pack some of the food for a local community hub as well as weigh and label the trays for them to be picked up. We came away feeling inspired by the work they do and how many volunteers dedicate their time to the charity. Over the next few weeks, the school council will be meeting again to put together a letter to send out to our school community in a plea to support our local food bank with donations they are most in need of before Christmas.





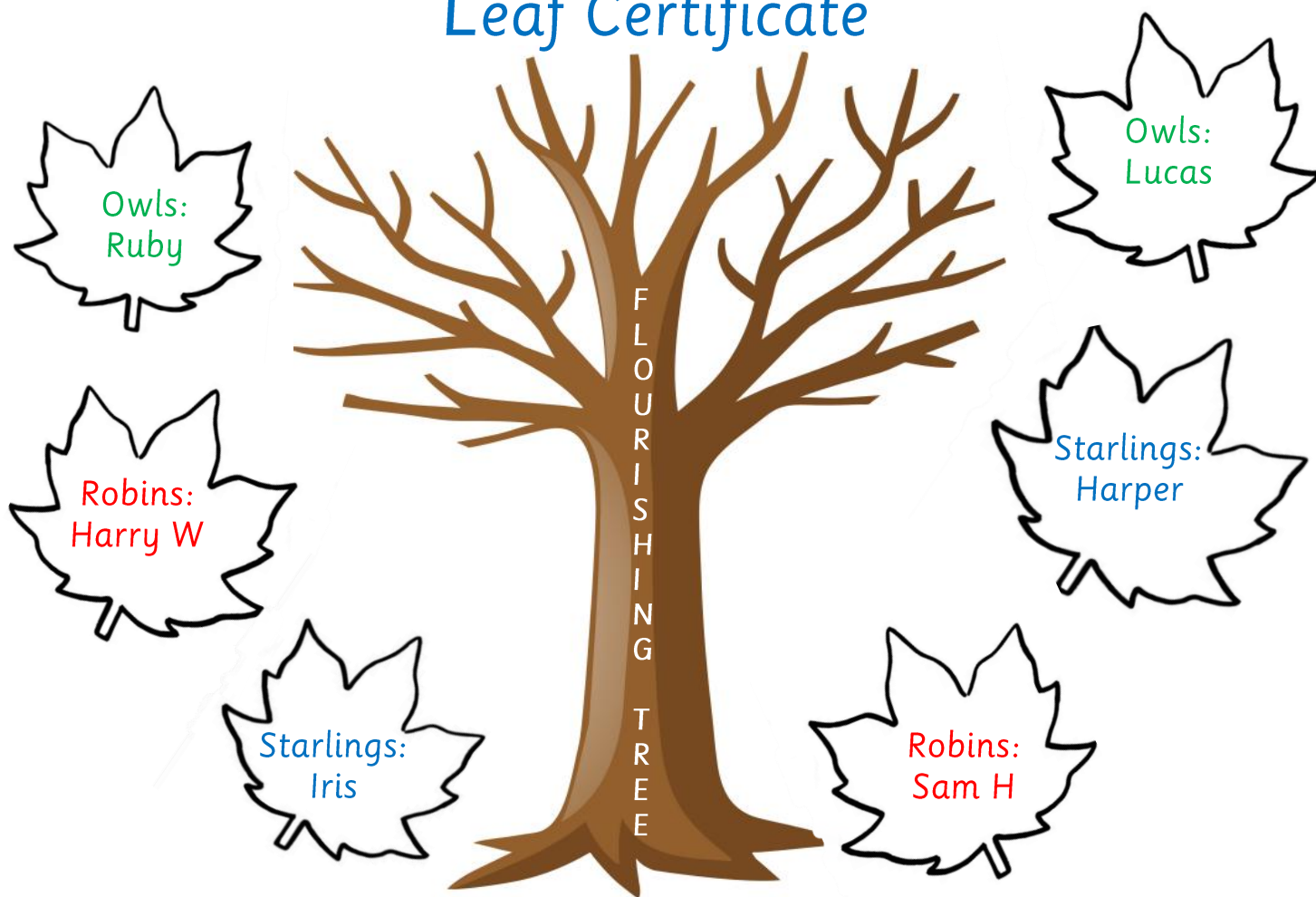
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## Leaf Certificate

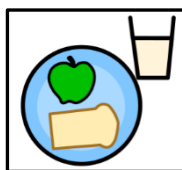


## Values Certificate



Robins	Lucas H	Isabelle H
Starlings	Leo W	Jaxon H
Owls	Sasha	Finley

## Lunchtime Certificate



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## House Competition Time! Get caught reading in an unusual place!



Get someone to “catch” you reading in the most unusual place  
you can think of!

Can you find a *weird, wacky, or simply wonderful* place to enjoy  
a good book?

### How to Enter:

- 1) Find a fun, safe and unexpected place to read. Think about a place, a position and the surroundings to make your photo really unique!
- 2) Ask a parent/carer to take a photo of you reading your book there.
- 3) Ask your parent/carer to email your photo to Mrs King ([admin@coaley.dgat.org.uk](mailto:admin@coaley.dgat.org.uk)) with your name and house team or bring in a printed copy of your photo **by 3.30pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025.**

### Winners

One winner will be chosen from each house.

Winners will be announced on 12.12.25.





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**FOCS**  
Friends of Coaley School

## Christmas DISCO

**At: Coaley Village Hall**

**Friday  
12th  
Dec**

**5 - 6pm:  
Playgroup/Robins**

**6 - 8pm:  
Starlings/Owls**

**£2 entry** on the door  
(max £5 per family)

**HOT DOGS £2**

**Pre-booking  
essential for  
hotdogs:  
(by 10th December)**

COLD & HOT DRINKS, POPCORN,  
CAKES & SWEETS ALSO FOR SALE

**ADULTS ARE WELCOME TO BRING THEIR  
OWN ALCOHOLIC DRINKS**