



# Coaley Church of England Academy

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Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parent/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! I am sure you will agree that the Christmas holidays feel like a distant memory now we are full steam ahead into Spring Term. We had a very exciting visit from Rock Steady last week and the buzz around school following their visit was electric! We will keep you updated with forthcoming rock performances.

A huge welcome to Miss Davenport who has settled into Coaley life brilliantly, thank you for making her feel so welcome. I would like to share with you all that Mrs Clark will be leaving Coaley later this term. We are incredibly grateful to her for her service and time at Coaley; she has made a huge impact on the children in her care and will be missed enormously by everyone in the community. We look forward to keeping in touch with her at drop off and collection. Recruitment processes are in place and I will update you when we have successfully appointed.

I am delighted to share that we are finalising dates for the installation of our new cabin building after February half term. This is a very exciting time and the additional space will make an instrumental difference to our children and staff. A lot of work has taken place behind the scenes to get to this point so it is wonderful that that it will be installed imminently.

Best wishes,

Miss Thomas

## Dates for the Diary

### Spring 1

9.2.26, 3.30-5.30- Parents' Evening  
10.2.26, 3.30-5.30- Parents' Evening  
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



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# ROCK STEADY

From drums to the microphone, there was a roll for everyone and some of our youngest pupils loved performing to their audience!

It was wonderful to welcome Rock Steady into Coaley last week to ignite musical opportunities and interest amongst the children. Children and adults were buzzing with excitement as many participated in a rock band performing their 'I love sausage rolls' debut. Rock Steady transformed the hall into a vibrant rock concert, and it has been great to see so many children sign up to participate in future musical opportunities in school with them. A huge thank you to Mrs McClung for organising this very exciting experience!



The staff were also roped in and performed their very own debut to the children too!



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## FORGIVENESS

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

### TALK TOGETHER about Forgiveness

Everyone makes mistakes, it's part of being human. Sometimes our mistakes hurt others and then we need to say sorry. Sometimes mistakes made by other people hurt us. When this happens we need to be able to **forgive**. **Forgiveness** can be difficult and costly but without it a new start is impossible.

Talk together about:

- A time when you needed to say sorry
- A time you didn't say sorry but wish you had
- A time when you had to **forgive** someone who had hurt or upset you
- How it feels when you are given a new start because someone has **forgiven** you

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



### READ TOGETHER...

#### Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

Zacchaeus was a little man. He was a tax collector and had become rich by making others pay lots of money in taxes to the Romans and to him. He didn't have many friends.

When Zacchaeus heard Jesus was in town, he wanted to see him. But Zacchaeus was short and Jesus was always surrounded by a crowd. So Zacchaeus decided to run ahead of the crowd and climb a sycamore tree. From there he could watch for Jesus. As Jesus drew closer, he held his breath excitedly until Jesus stopped right beneath his tree. Jesus looked straight up at him! "Zacchaeus," said Jesus with a smile, "come on down. I want to stay at your house today!"

Zacchaeus hopped down. "You are welcome at my house, Jesus," he said with a huge grin.

But others grumbled, muttering to each other. "Why does Jesus want to go home with the rich, cheating tax collector? He isn't good enough for Jesus to come and stay at his house."

Zacchaeus heard what the people were saying about him and he wanted to put things right. He turned to Jesus and said, "Master, here and now, I promise to give half of my money to the poor. If I have cheated anyone in taxes, I will pay them back four times that amount."

Zacchaeus wanted to turn over a new leaf because Jesus believed that everyone deserved a new start and now Zacchaeus believed it too!

### THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"Without **forgiveness** there is no future.... If you can **forgive**, then you can move on and even help the person you are forgiving to become a better person"

Desmond Tutu

Have you shown  
forgiveness this week? How  
did this make you feel?



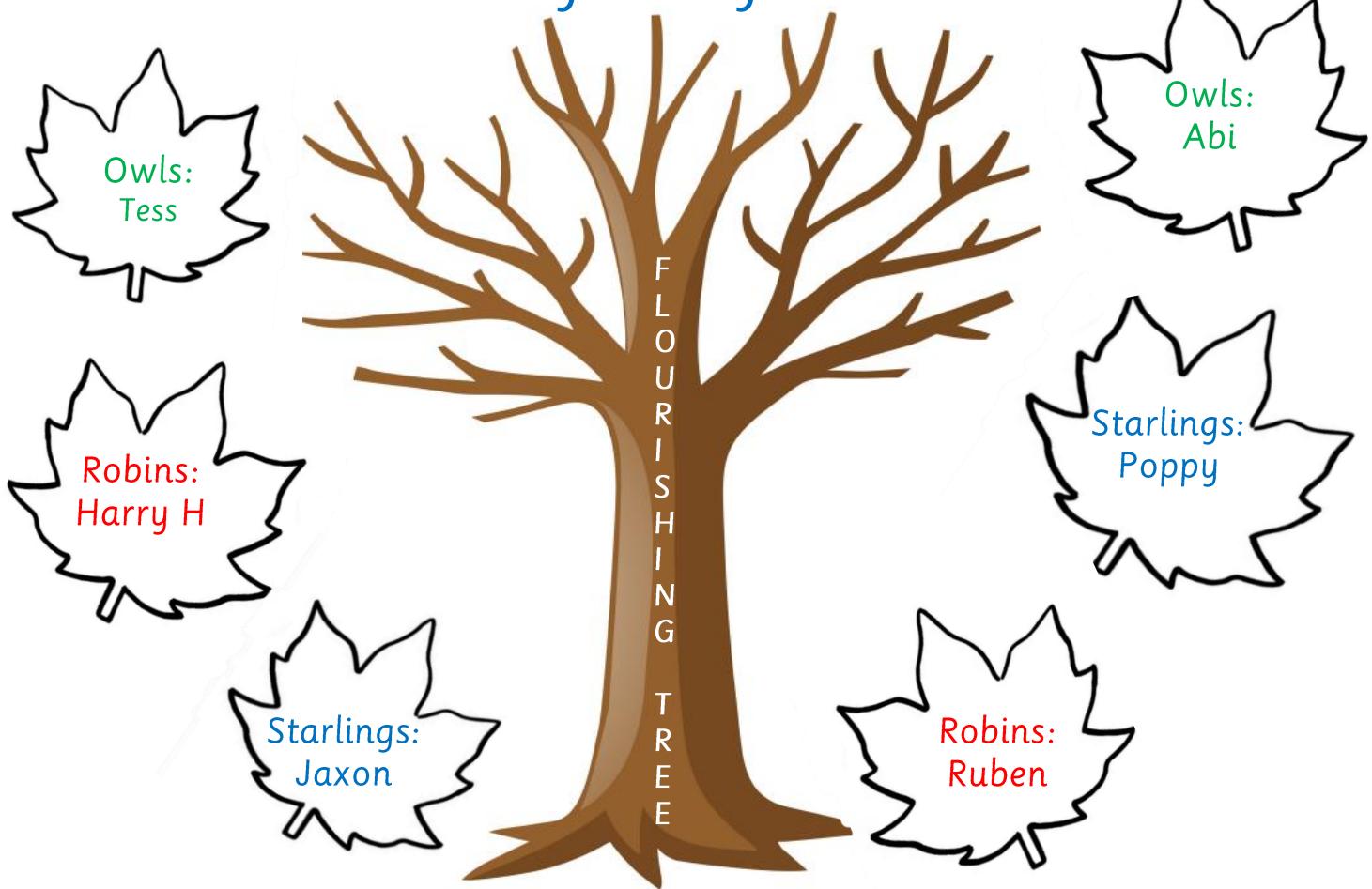
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## Leaf Certificate

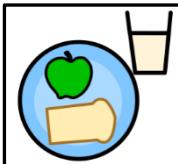


## Values Certificate



Robins	Marlowe	Tahlia
Starlings	Will	Freddie
Owls	Daisy	Ellanore

## Lunchtime Certificate



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## CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER

Please find links below to a recently published guide from the Children's Commissioner on managing children's digital lives. Supporting children's safety is a shared responsibility between families, schools and wider society. For you, this responsibility has become increasingly complex as children's lives are now deeply intertwined with the digital world. Many parents face difficult decisions about how to balance protecting children from online harm with enabling access to spaces that are now central to learning, socialising and play.

['What I wish my parents or carers knew...': A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives | Children's Commissioner for England](#)





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## THE DODS PRESENT



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the Lister Hall, Dursley

Call 0300 102 3637

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