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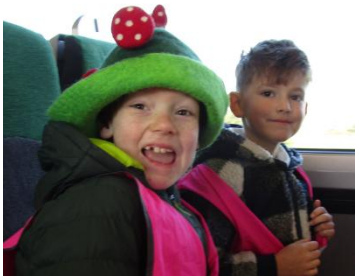
Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another incredibly busy and successful term, I would like to begin by thanking everyone who has taken the time to send such lovely messages following the publication of our recent OFSTED inspection outcome. Your kind words, support and congratulations have meant a great deal to us all. We are immensely proud of what has been achieved and of the wonderful school community that we have built together. This outcome reflects the dedication, care and commitment shown every day by our children, staff, governors, families and the wider community.

The past fortnight has been packed with exciting learning opportunities beyond the classroom. Two weeks ago, our Year 2 children enjoyed a memorable visit to Hatherley Infant School where they learned about Islam and experienced the diversity of a large inner-city school. It was heartwarming to see the children playing so happily together at breaktime, forming new friendships and embracing the opportunity to learn from one another. The pupils at Hatherley are already looking forward to visiting us during the spring term, and we cannot wait to welcome them to Coaley.

In addition to this, Starlings Class embarked on a fantastic trip to Bristol to learn more about the life and achievements of Isambard Kingdom Brunel yesterday. The adventure was made even more special by travelling there by train. I have been told that the children were full of excitement and it was quite magical watching their faces light up as the train pulled away from the station. On their return, many of the children were buzzing with fascinating facts they had learned throughout the day, and it was a joy to hear comments such as, "This was the best day ever!" A huge thank you also goes to Miss Davenport for her meticulous planning and organisation of this trip. Opportunities such as these require a significant amount of preparation behind the scenes, and her dedication ensured that the children enjoyed a safe, enriching and memorable experience. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to all the staff and volunteers who gave their time to support the visit. Your commitment and enthusiasm are greatly appreciated and make experiences like this possible for our children. As always, these experiences are just a small snapshot of the rich opportunities our children have enjoyed this term. Whether in the classroom, on educational visits, through sporting events, worship, performances or wider enrichment activities, our pupils continue to embrace every opportunity with enthusiasm, curiosity and kindness.











"We saw the biggest statue of Brunel"
Poppie B

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"I got a real train ticket and then we even got it stamped!" Josh

Finally, thank you to our entire school community for your ongoing support. A particularly special thank you goes to our incredible staff team who work tirelessly every day to make Coaley such a special place to learn, grow and flourish. Their commitment, care and dedication never cease to amaze me.

I hope you all have a wonderful, restful and well-deserved half-term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting term on Monday 2nd November. Don't forget the FOCS Firework Display takes place the day before, so be sure not to miss it!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

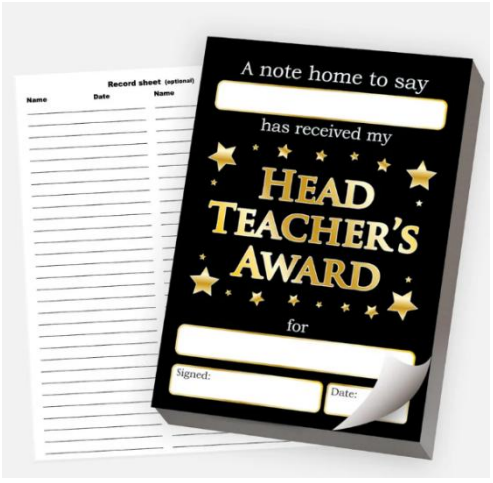
Best wishes,
Miss Thomas
Headteacher

★ Autumn 1 Headteacher Award ★

Robins: Callie

Starlings: Freddie

Owls: Eloise



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Visit to Hatherley Infants















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Diary dates



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	2nd Nov Enrichment week- My brain & me	3rd Nov Enrichment week- My brain & me SCARF Life Ed Bus	4th Nov Enrichment week- My brain & me	5th Nov Enrichment week- My brain & me	6th Nov Enrichment week- My brain & me
Week 2 Afterschool Clubs	9th Nov 9.00am- Writing parent workshop with Mrs Lowe	10th Nov	11th Nov Service	12th Nov	13th Nov 2.45- Celebration Worship
Week 3 Afterschool Clubs	16th Nov	17th Nov	18th Nov	19th Nov	20th Nov 9.00am- Coaley Open Day 3 for prospective 27-28 Reception children
Week 4 Afterschool Clubs	23rd Nov	24th Nov	25th Nov	26th Nov 9.00am- Maths parent workshop with Mrs Haines	27th Nov 2.00- Miss Thomas parent coffee morning 2.45- Celebration Worship
Week 5 Afterschool Clubs	30th Nov	1st Dec	2nd Dec	3rd Dec	4th Dec 2.30- Class learning parent drop in
Week 6 Afterschool Clubs	7th Dec	8th Dec	9th Dec 9.00am- Christingle Worship	10th Dec	11th Dec 2.45- Celebration Worship
Week 7	14th Dec	15th Dec 8.30am- Panto @ Everyman	16th Dec 2.00pm & 5.00pm- Carol Service in Church	17th Dec	18th Dec 1.30 End of school

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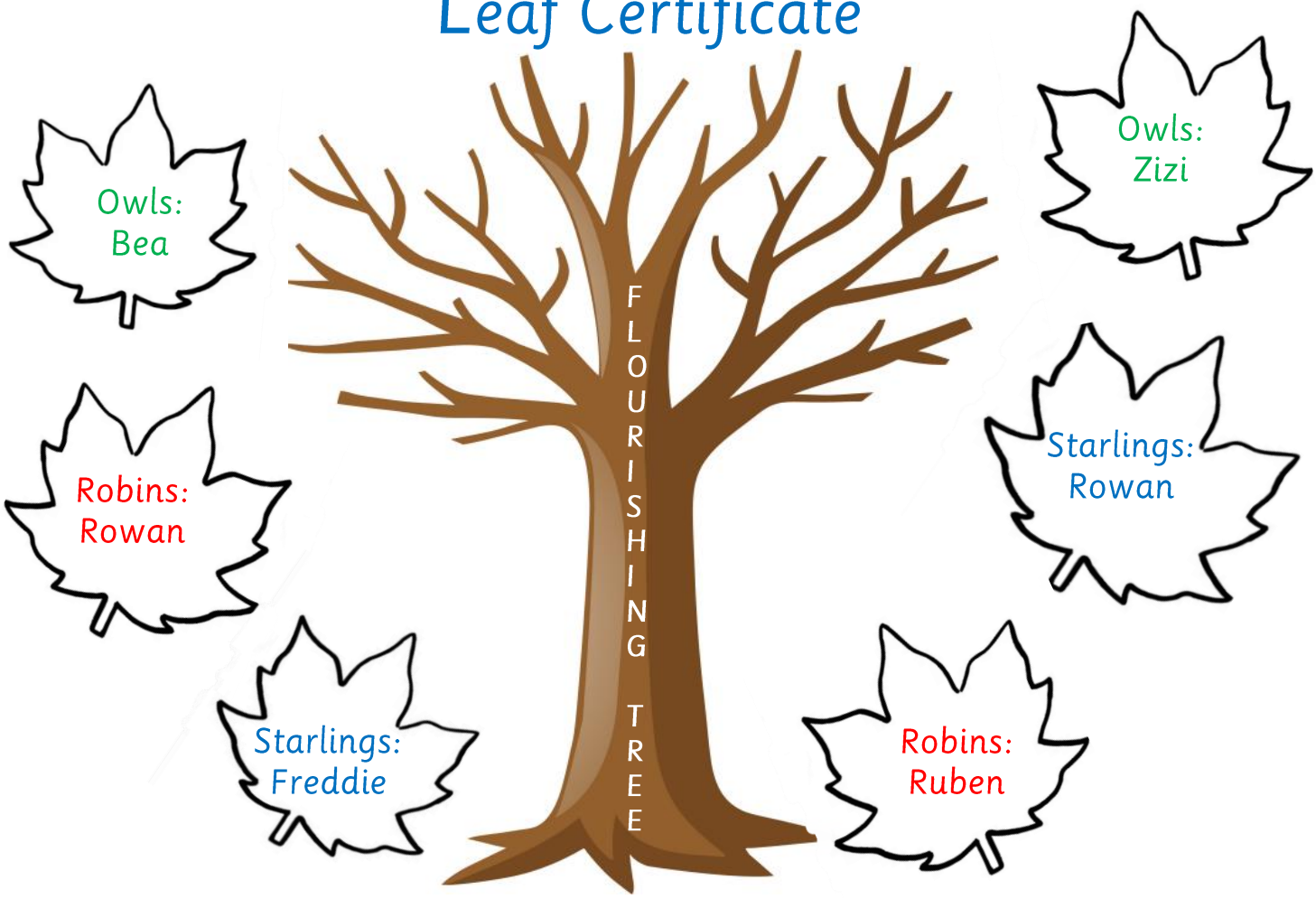
Leaf Certificate

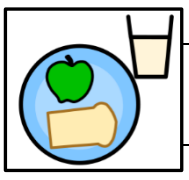


Values Certificate



Robins	Isla	Talie
Starlings	Harry	Frankie
Owls	Freddie B	Eloise B

Lunchtime Certificate



Laurence, Daniel, Albert, Jack

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