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Friday 25th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move further into the term, it has been wonderful to see our school buzzing with enthusiasm, curiosity and a real love of learning.

We are delighted to share that Coaley has been awarded the **Music Mark 2026-27** in recognition of our commitment to encouraging and developing music across the school. This achievement reflects the many opportunities we provide for our children to experience, create and enjoy music. From our progressive music curriculum and whole-class instrumental lessons to choir club, glockenspiel club, peripatetic violin and piano tuition, and our ongoing work with Music Works and Rocksteady; music is very much at the heart of school life. We are particularly proud that every child will leave Coaley having learned to play an instrument. Last year, Owls Class developed their ukulele skills, and this year we are excited for Starlings Class to begin learning the violin later in the year. Thank you to our staff, pupils and families for supporting and celebrating music at Coaley.



Across the school, children have thrown themselves into their new topics with great enthusiasm. Owls Class have been vividly engaged in their learning about the Anglo-Saxons, carefully ordering key events into chronological order and developing their understanding of this fascinating period of history. Meanwhile, Starlings Class have been learning about the remarkable engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel in preparation for their forthcoming trip to Bristol, which will include an exciting journey by train. In Robins Class, our youngest children have been settling beautifully into their new environment. I have enjoyed being invited to daily tea parties in the home corner and have loved seeing their confidence, friendships and imagination blossom already.

A huge well done to all of our children who have taken on leadership roles this year as members of our School Council, Eco Council, House Captain and Worship Leader teams. It is wonderful to see so many children demonstrating commitment, responsibility and a desire to make a positive difference within our school community. If your child was not successful in securing their preferred role this time, please reassure them that there will be many more leadership opportunities available throughout the year. I am looking forward to working alongside these teams as we identify priorities, develop new ideas and help shape another successful year at Coaley.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Best wishes,
Miss Thomas
Headteacher

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LIBRARY



Who: Everyone is welcome!
What: Borrow a library book
Where: Coaley library, The Nest
When: Every Wednesday from 3.15pm
Why: The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go!

Thank you to Mrs Lorkin for running this weekly session!

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Sunday 1st November 2026

COALEY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

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Sammy and his family would love to thank all the Coaley school community for their generosity for his book sale in aid of the children's cancer unit at Gloucester Royal Hospital.
We have raised a phenomenal £137 which will go towards buying art supplies and lots of Taylor swift merchandise for all the children having their chemotherapy and staying in hospital.
This will be extra special as it was in memory of an incredible friend of Sammy's who he met during his time on the unit.
Hilarie Base and was the bravest girl we ever met, she loved crafting and Taylor Swift which brought her great happiness at such a difficult time and Sammy wants other children to have that joy too.

Week 5 Afterschool Clubs	28th Sept 9.00am- Phonics parent workshop with Mrs J	29th Sept	30th Sept	1st Oct	2nd Oct 9.00am- Starlings- Harvest Worship 2.30- Class learning parent drop in
Week 6 Afterschool Clubs	5th Oct	6th Oct	7th Oct	8th Oct 9.00am- Phonics Lesson drop in (Robins)	9th Oct 2.45- Celebration Worship
Week 7 Afterschool Clubs	12th Oct 9.00am- Coaley Open Day 2 for prospective 27-28 Reception children	13th Oct	14th Oct	15th Oct	16th Oct 9.00am- Reading parent workshop for Starlings
Week 8	19th Oct 3.30-5.30- Parents' Evening 1	20th Oct	21st Oct Individual and sibling photographs	22nd Oct 3.30-5.30- Parents' Evening 2	23rd Oct 2.45- Celebration Worship

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Operation Christmas Child 2026

I am delighted to share that Alice will be launching the Operation Christmas Child appeal during Celebration Worship this afternoon.

Please could we kindly ask that all donations are brought into school by Friday 23rd October?



Support for Families



We know that from time-to-time, families can face unexpected financial pressures. The Gloucestershire Crisis and Resilience Fund is available to support those experiencing hardship with essentials such as food, fuel, household items, emergency living costs and housing-related expenses.

The service can also provide advice and guidance on benefits, budgeting, debt and other local support services.

If you feel you may benefit from additional support, please do not hesitate to seek help early. As always, our school is here to support families and can also signpost you to practical help, including our pre-loved uniform and other community resources.

Further information is available through the Gloucestershire Family Hubs website (Crisis and Resilience Fund) or by emailing crisissupport@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

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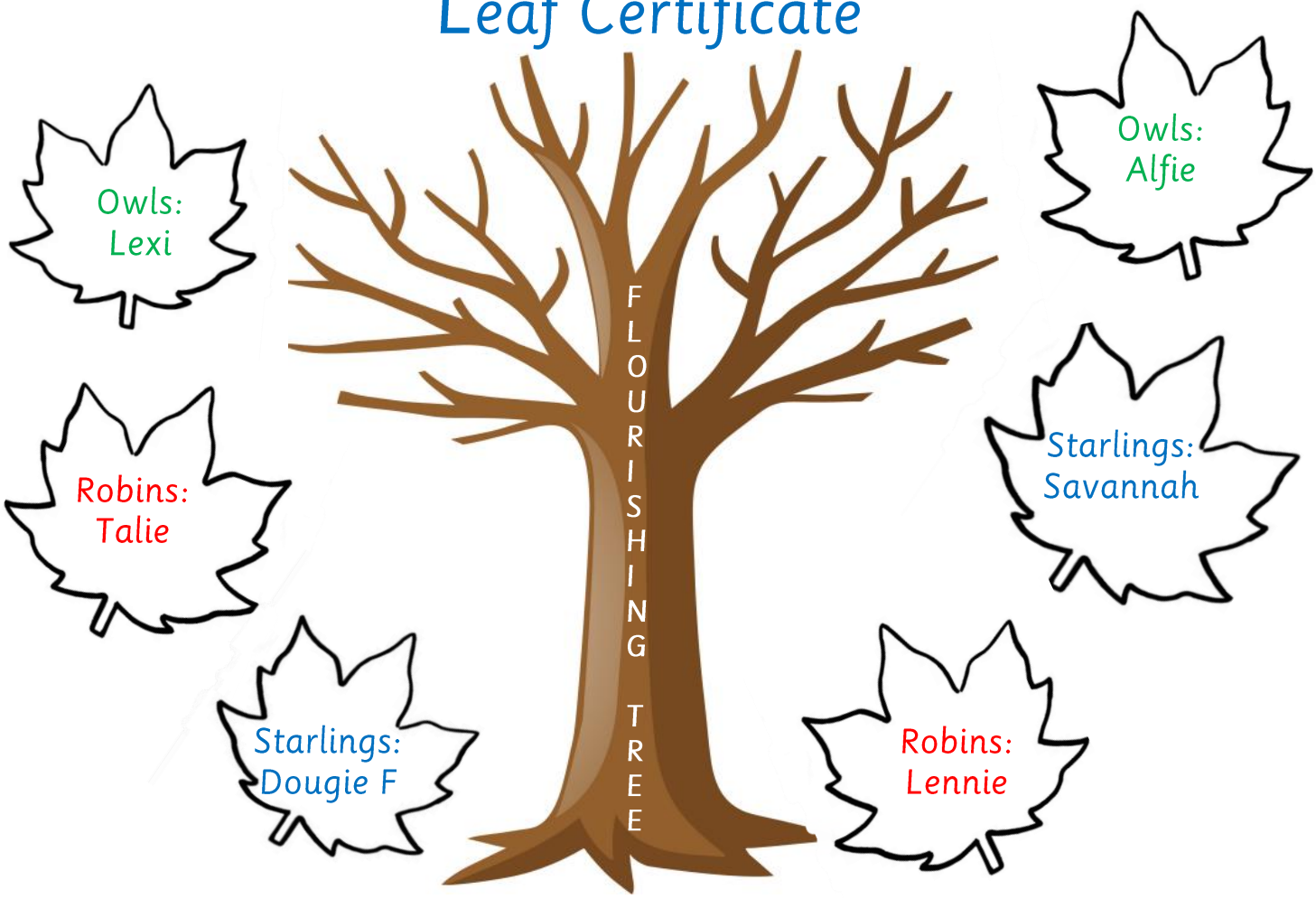
Leaf Certificate



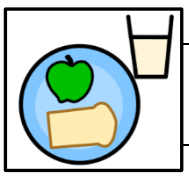
Values Certificate





Robins	Eloise	Bea
Starlings	Jacobi	Demi
Owls	Sydney	Mo

Lunchtime Certificate



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