

The Great Oak
CE Learning
Federation



Autumn Term
2025
Friday 5th
September
2025

Betley CE Primary School

'With Wisdom, Respect and Love we Flourish and Shine'

Our Vision

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16)

Welcome back

We hope you had a restful and joyful summer break filled with memorable moments. As we step into a brand-new school year, we are thrilled to welcome you and your children back to our learning community.

Whether your child is returning or joining us for the first time, we are committed to making this journey enriching and inspiring for every child.

Thank you for your continued support and trust. Together, we will make this year one to remember!

Meet the Teacher Meetings

Next week there will be a chance to meet your child's teacher. This will be a general introduction where the teacher will discuss the class routines, key dates and learning for the year. If you are unable to attend the meeting all of the information will be uploaded onto class dojo page and the school website. The teachers are always happy to meet to discuss any issues so please do not hesitate to get in touch with them.

Communication- Class Dojo

Class Dojo is a fantastic tool for keeping in contact with the school. The teachers will be adding messages on there and photos too. Please make sure that you are registered. Ask the class teacher if you need support with this. Please note if you are messaging teachers after 6pm please do not expect a reply www.classdojo.com

Website

Everything that you need to know about your child's day should be on our school website. If you are unable to find something, please let us know.

[Contact Us](#)



Star of the Week

Marvellous Minibeasts	The Whole Class
Fabulous Flamingos	Toby & William
Perfect Penguins	Miles, Harry & Cosmo
Cheeky Chimps	Jack & Cody

Christian Value Certificate

Marvellous Minibeasts	Charlie
Fabulous Flamingos	Penny
Perfect Penguins	Eliza
Cheeky Chimps	Lulu

Attendance

Marvellous Minibeasts	92%
Fabulous Flamingos	93%
Perfect Penguins	89%
Cheeky Chimps	97%

Achievements outside of school

If your child takes part in an activity whether it be sports, helping animals or volunteering and you would like to celebrate this, please email me on: office@betley.staffs.sch.uk Well done to all of the children below for their achievements outside of school:

Kayaking- Toby

Golden Table

This is for children who show amazing manners and behaviour at lunchtime. They will sit at a table on Tuesday that is covered in golden mats, cutlery, etc! They are chosen by our fabulous lunchtime supervisors and kitchen staff. This week the children are: Charlie H, Sophie, Fallon, Forest, Miles, Harry, Pippa, Sylvie and Tom B.

Free School Meals

We are very keen to make sure that every child and family that is eligible for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium funding is registered correctly. This funding is vital to enable us to offer support to the individual children and across the school. You can check if you are eligible by completing the online form via the Staffordshire County Council website, link below:

[Free School Meals](#)

We know that applying online can be sometimes be difficult, so we have staff on hand at school to help if you would prefer. All conversations remain private and confidential; all we need to complete the application for you is:

- Parent and Child Full Name and Date of Birth
- Contact Details
- National Insurance Number or National Asylum Seeker's Number

If you would like to take advantage of our team making the application for you, please let us know by contacting Miss Whittingham on 01270 820286

British Values



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

The church has travelled across the city to reach safer ground. When people move location and join a new community, we should be welcoming and respectful.

Each week in Worship on Thursday we explore British Values. Next week the focus is:

Mutual Respect and Tolerance.

In the news this week

A church in Kiruna, which is one of Sweden's largest wooden buildings, has been carefully moved 5km to a new location. Many buildings in the city are being relocated because the ground is unstable due to iron ore mining. The church, built in 1912 and voted Sweden's most beautiful pre-1950 building, was slowly transported on special trailers. The process was watched by thousands of people.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your response to this week's news story with someone at home. Why do you think the decision was made to move the church whole, rather than dismantle and rebuild it?
- > Are there any well-known buildings in your local area? What is their purpose?
- > What buildings are important to you? What is it about them that makes them important?



At Betley CE Primary School we are all Agents of Change!

We want to make changes - in ourselves, in our school, in our community and around the planet.



Agents of CHANGE

Climate Action and Sustainability

We are thrilled to announce that our school is taking part in the WOW scheme this term—a fantastic initiative that encourages active travel and sustainability among pupils. It is a brilliant opportunity to inspire positive change and empower our young leaders.

This week, we will be welcoming the WOW team into school for a special introduction assembly, where pupils will learn all about the scheme and how they can get involved. Following the assembly, there will be a dedicated workshop for our newly appointed WOW Ambassadors, giving them the tools and confidence to lead the way.

We are excited to work closely with the WOW team and can not wait to see the impact our ambassadors will make!

A yellow poster for the WOW scheme. It features the text "WOW the WALK TO SCHOOL challenge" and "What is WOW?". It explains that pupils record how they get to school each day on the interactive WOW Travel Tracker and those who walk (wheel, scoot, cycle or Park & Stride) at least once per week for a month are rewarded with a badge. It also includes "How does it work?" and lists three steps: 1. Schools set up their WOW Travel Tracker accounts using our guide. 2. Every morning in the classroom, pupils record how they travelled to school on the WOW Travel Tracker. 3. At the end of the month, badges are awarded to pupils who have earned one! At the bottom, it says "Walk to School", "Earn badges", and "See more pupils walking and wheeling".



Governor Spotlight

Our school governors play a vital role in shaping the direction and success of our school—and now you can get to know them better! Each of our governors has shared a personal introduction, offering insight into their background, experience and passion for education. You can find all their profiles and the information that they have shared on our school website. It is a great way to learn more about the people supporting our school community behind the scenes.

Take a look and discover the faces and stories behind the leadership! [Governor Spotlight](#)

FOBS

The next meeting will be the AGM on 14th October at 7pm in the school hall.

FOBS

Class Dojo

Create a poster all about you.

Please return your task by Thursday 11th September to receive 20 Dojos.

All tasks will be displayed in the Collective Worship Areas.

254	190
207	207

Monday 8th September 2025

Cheeky Chimps – Meet the Teacher 3:45-4:45pm

Tuesday 9th September 2025

Perfect Penguins – Meet the Teacher 3:45-4:45pm

Wednesday 10th September 2025

Fabulous Flamingos – Meet the Teacher 3:45-4:45pm

Musician of the month

About: ABBA are a Swedish group formed in Stockholm (Sweden) in 1972 by Agnetha Fältskog, Björn Ulvaeus, Benny Andersson and Anni-Frid Lyngstad.

The group's name is an acronym of the first letters of their first names arranged as a palindrome. They are one of the most popular and successful musical groups of all time, and are one of the best-selling music acts in the history of popular music, topping the charts worldwide.

Genres: Pop, Disco and Rock

Active from: 1972 - 1982 and 2016 - Present

Origin: Stockholm, Sweden

Musician of the month



Our School Prayer

*Let our school be full of love and respect for one another,
Let us have the wisdom to understand our place and flourish as part of God's creation
But the courage to make the world a better place
With the help of your love may we shine
Amen*

Collective Worship Focus

This week our focus will be discovering how we connect with God as part of the Sacred Pathway- perseverance.

Snacks

Children order snacks on a Monday for the week. If your child is absent on Monday they will be able to order on their return to school.

Snacks	
Toast	38p
Toast with Jam	44p
Toast with Cheese	49p
Bagel	38p
Crumpet	38p
Toasted Teacake	49p
Pancakes	49p
Flavoured Milkshakes	82p

Lunches

Please note: The price of school dinners will be increasing to £3.20 from 1st April 2025

To go alongside the daily menu below, there is also Hot Tomato Pasta, Jacket Potatoes with Baked Beans/Cheese and a variety of sandwiches every day.

Monday: Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges

Vegetarian option – Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges

Tuesday: Italian Sausage Pasta Bake

Vegetarian option – Penne with Garden Bolognese

Wednesday: Roast of the Day with Yorkshire, Roasties & Gravy

Vegetarian option – Toad in the Hole with Roasties & Gravy

Thursday: Cottage Pie

Vegetarian option – Golden Topped Cottage Pie

Friday: Fish Fingers with Chips

Vegetarian option – Vegetable Fingers with Chips

Important Dates

Monday 8th September 2025	Cheeky Chimps – Meet the Teacher 3:45-4:45pm
Tuesday 9th September 2025	Perfect Penguins – Meet the Teacher 3:45-4:45pm
Wednesday 10th September 2025	Fabulous Flamingos – Meet the Teacher 3:45-4:45pm
Thursday 11th September 2025	Marvellous Minibeasts – Meet the Teacher 3:45-4:45pm
Wednesday 17th September 2025	Phonics workshop- 3:45-4:45pm
Monday 22nd September 2025	Book Bus
Tuesday 23rd September 2025	Flu Vaccinations Rec-Year 6
Monday 29th September 2025	Fabulous Flamingos class trip- Chester Zoo
Monday 6th October 2025	Rockstar Day
Tuesday 21st October 2025	Harvest Festival – St Margaret’s Church 2pm

Wednesday 22nd October 2025	Disco 6pm at Village Hall
Monday 27th October 2025 – Friday 31st October 2025	School Closed – Half Term
Monday 10th November 2025	Parental Meetings 4pm - 7pm
Tuesday 11th November 2025	Academy Photos – Families, Siblings and Individuals 08:30am
Wednesday 12th November 2025	Parental Meetings 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Friday 14th November 2025	Non-Uniform Raffle
Friday 21st November 2025	Non-Uniform Bottle or Bar
Saturday 29th November 2025	Christmas Fair
Monday 1st December 2025	Christmas Tree Service – St Margaret’s Church 2pm
Tuesday 9th December 2025	EYFS/KS1 Nativity – St Margaret’s Church 5pm
Wednesday 10th December 2025	EYFS/KS1 Nativity – St Margaret’s Church 1:30pm
Tuesday 16th December 2025	KS2 Drama Club Nativity – St Margaret’s Church 5pm
Wednesday 17th December 2025	KS2 Drama Club Nativity – St Margaret’s Church 1:30pm
Friday 19th December 2025	INSET DAY
Monday 22nd December 2025 – Friday 2nd January 2026	School Closed – Christmas Break
Monday 26th January 2026	Class 4 - Stockport Air Raid Shelter Trip
Thursday 5th February 2026	Young Voices - Manchester CO-OP Arena
Wednesday 11th February 2026	Cheeky Chimps Class Assembly & Cake Sale 9:15am
Monday 16th February 2026 – Friday 20th February 2026	School Closed – Half Term
Thursday 5th March 2026	World Book Day Celebrations
Monday 9th March 2026	Class 2 – Ford Green Hall Trip
Thursday 12th March 2026	Mother’s Day Crafts
Monday 16th March 2026	Parental Meetings 4pm – 7pm
Tuesday 17th March 2026	Class 3 – Wroexeter Trip
Wednesday 18th March 2026	Perfect Penguins Class Assembly & Cake Sale 9:15am
Wednesday 18th March 2026	Parental Meetings 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Friday 20th March 2026	Odd Sock Day – World Down Syndrome Day (no donation required)
Tuesday 24th March 2026	Easter Service at St Margaret’s Church 2pm
Monday 30th March 2026 – Friday 10th April 2026	School Closed – Easter Break

Wednesday 21st April 2026	Fabulous Flamingos Class Assembly & Cake Sale 9:15am
Wednesday 28th April 2026	Marvellous Minibeasts Class Assembly & Cake Sale 9:15am
Friday 1st May 2026	Academy Photos – Class Photos & Y6 Leavers
Wednesday 6th May 2026	Whole School Water Safety Assembly 1pm
Thursday 7th May 2026	Perfect Penguins Rivers Workshop 1pm
Monday 11th May 2026	SATS
Monday 25th May 2026 – Friday 29th May 2026	School Closed – Half Term
Monday 1st June 2026	INSET DAY
Tuesday 2nd June 2026 – Friday 5th June 2026	KS2 Residential – St Briavels Castle
Wednesday 17th June 2026	Sports Day – Betley CC 1:15pm
Thursday 18th June 2026	Father’s Day Crafts
Friday 3rd July 2026	Celebration Carnival 2pm
Thursday 9th July 2026	Prom & Disco 6pm – 8pm
Friday 10th July 2026	Summer Fayre
Friday 10th July 2026	School Reports to Parents
Wednesday 15th July 2026	Year 6 End of Year Performance 1:30pm and 5pm
Friday 17th July 2026	Leavers Assembly – St Margaret’s Church 9:15am
Monday 20th July 2026	INSET DAY
Tuesday 21st July 2026	School Closed – Summer Break