

The Great Oak
CE Learning
Federation



Autumn Term
2025
Friday 12th
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)

Introducing Our Head Boy and Head Girl – Jess & Harry!

We are absolutely thrilled to announce and congratulate Jess and Harry as our new Head Girl and Head Boy!



They have consistently demonstrated dedication, integrity, and leadership throughout their time at our school. They are perfect role models and true ambassadors for everything our school stands for - kindness, ambition, and community spirit.

We know they will represent our school with pride and help inspire others to reach their full potential. We cannot wait to see the positive impact they will make this year! Well done, Jess and Harry – we are so proud of you!

St Briavels Castle

Please find the form for the residential for June 2026. This is for all children in the present classes Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. It starts on Tuesday 2nd June 2026. If you have any questions or would like to add your child, please contact Mrs Cooper.

[Residential 2026](#)

Meet the Teacher Meetings

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend our Meet the Teacher meetings this week. It was wonderful to connect and share our plans for the year ahead.

If you were not able to join us, the presentation slides from the meetings are now available on the school website for your reference.

Should you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's class teacher.

[Meet the Teacher](#)



Star of the Week

Marvellous Minibeasts	Junior & Miles
Fabulous Flamingos	Evalyn & Oliver
Perfect Penguins	Louis & Alfie
Cheeky Chimps	Sammy & Thomas L

Christian Value Certificate

Marvellous Minibeasts	Maisie & Jesse
Fabulous Flamingos	Micah
Perfect Penguins	Darcy
Cheeky Chimps	Finn

Attendance

Marvellous Minibeasts	95%
Fabulous Flamingos	97%
Perfect Penguins	95%
Cheeky Chimps	99%

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:

Riding-Penny, Tabby, Amelia and Ava.

Brave- Amelie

Dance- Amelie, Eliza, Darcy & Lily

Cricket-Eli, Charlie, Louis, Seb, Frankie, Jess and Pippa

Swimming- Lily, Jacob, Maisie, Joshua, Oliver, Eliza, Fin, Micah, Juniper and Eddie

Blue Peter Badge- Grace

Summer Reading Challenge- Grace & Joshua.

Football- Grayson, Seb

Drawing- Margaux

Musical Theatre- Seb and Darcy

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.

Space Makers

We are excited to introduce Stilling as part of a new activity that follows intensive training for all staff during our recent INSET day. Stilling is a practice designed to help children develop focus, self-regulation and mindfulness, allowing them to take a moment to pause and reflect. We believe it will support both the emotional well-being and the concentration of our students. The staff are eager to implement this new approach in the classroom and we look forward to seeing how it positively impacts our school community. It is part of a programme called Space Maker from the Oxford Diocese, which offers a thoughtful and reflective space for children to explore their feelings, spirituality and well-being through creative activities and quiet reflection.

Year 6 Leadership Update

Last week, our focus was on British Values, and it was inspiring to see our Year 6 children putting these principles into action as they applied for leadership roles across the school.

House Captain Elections

Children interested in becoming House Captains or Vice Captains prepared and delivered presentations to their house teams. Following these, each team held a vote to elect their captains—an excellent exercise in democracy and public speaking!

School Council Selection

In class, pupils nominated and selected their School Council representatives. This week, our newly elected council held their first meeting, where they began drafting interview questions for the Year 6 leadership applicants. Their thoughtful contributions show great promise for the year ahead.

Role Announcements Coming Soon

Next week, we will be announcing all leadership roles, and the children will have the opportunity to introduce themselves to parents. We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm, teamwork, and commitment to making a positive impact in our school community.

British Values



Democracy

Learning how to vote helps young people see their views matter. When we respect their voices and give them the chance to take part, we help build a fairer future together.

What's happening in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

15th - 21st September 2025

In the news this week

Schools in the UK will soon need to give more lessons on democracy, how voting works, and how the country is run. This is because the voting age for the general election is being lowered to 16. Many agree that young people need to be ready to make informed decisions. At first, these lessons will be for children aged 14 and over, but the plan is to begin teaching these issues from 11 years of age, so everyone has plenty of time to learn.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk to someone older at home, and ask them to share their experiences of voting and their thoughts on the news that 16-year-olds will be able to vote.
- Can you think of times when you have taken part in a vote? What was the outcome?
- Do you believe it's important for young people to learn about voting and democracy? If so, what age do you think the lessons should start?

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

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.

CELEBRATE
yourself



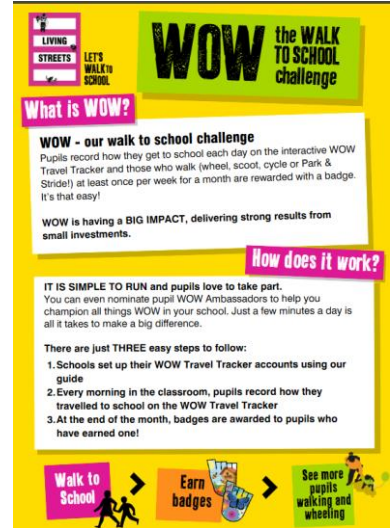
You are **AMAZING**. Make a list, draw a picture, or write a story about all the things you can **CELEBRATE** about yourself. Be your own cheerleader and your own best friend.

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, our WOW Ambassadors took a big step forward in promoting active travel! They teamed up with a representative from *Living Streets* to prepare for the exciting launch of the WOW Challenge in their classes. With energy, enthusiasm, and a shared commitment to sustainability, our ambassadors are ready to inspire their peers to walk to school and make every journey count. Stay tuned as the challenge kicks off—there is plenty more to come!



WOW the WALK TO SCHOOL challenge

What is WOW?

WOW - our walk to school challenge
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's that easy!

WOW is having a BIG IMPACT, delivering strong results from small investments.

How does it work?

IT IS SIMPLE TO RUN and pupils love to take part. You can even nominate pupil WOW Ambassadors to help you champion all things WOW in your school. Just a few minutes a day is all it takes to make a big difference.

There are just THREE easy steps to follow:

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!

Walk to School → Earn badges → 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.

Autumn Disco- Wednesday 22nd October 6-8pm at Village Hall

[FOBS](#)

<p>Class Dojo Create a poster all about you.</p> <p>Please return your task by Thursday 18th September to receive 20 Dojos.</p> <p>All tasks will be displayed in the Collective Worship Areas.</p>	677	513
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<p>Wednesday 17th September 2025 Phonics Workshop 3:45-4:45pm</p>	<p>Monday 22nd September 2025 Book Bus</p>	<p>Tuesday 23rd September 2025 Flu Vaccine (Reception to Year 6)</p>
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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: Sausage with Mash & Gravy

Vegetarian option – Veggie Sausage with Mash & Gravy

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

Vegetarian option – Vegan Fillet, Roasties & Gravy

Thursday: Penne with Beef Bolognese

Vegetarian option – Sweet Potato Korma with Rice

Friday: Fish Fingers with Chips

Vegetarian option – Vegetable Fingers with Chips

Important Dates

Monday 1st September 2025	INSET DAY
Tuesday 2nd September 2025	INSET DAY
Monday 22nd September 2025	Book Bus 12-4pm
Tuesday 23rd September 2025	Flu Vaccination- Reception- Year 6
Monday 29th September 2025	Height and Weight- Reception & Year 6 only
Thursday 11th September 2025	Marvellous Minibeasts – Meet the Teacher 3:45-4:45pm
Monday 29th September 2025	Class 2 Chester Zoo Trip
Monday 6th October 2025	Rockstar Day
Tuesday 14th October 2024	FOBS AGM- School Hall – 7pm
Monday 20th October 2025	Parental Meetings ‘Go Live’ Date
Tuesday 21st October 2025	Harvest Festival – St Margaret’s Church 2pm
Wednesday 22nd October 2025	Whole School Glow Disco- The Village Hall 6-8pm
Monday 27th October 2025 – Friday 31st October 2025	School Closed – Half Term
Tuesday 4th November 2025	Choir singing at Lichfield -7pm
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 Fayre
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
Monday 23rd February 2026	Parental Meetings ‘Go Live’ Date
Thursday 5th March 2026	World Book Day Celebrations
Monday 9th March 2026	Class 2 – Ford Green Hall Trip
Wednesday 11th March 2026	Class 1 Trip – Hoo Zoo
Thursday 12th March 2026	Mother’s Day Crafts
Monday 16th March 2026	Parental Meetings 4pm – 7pm
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
Thursday 2rd July 2026	Celebration Carnival 2pm
Friday 3rd July 2026	Summer Fayre
Wednesday 8th July 2026	KS2 Leavers Performance 1:30pm & 5:30pm
Thursday 9th July 2026	Prom & Disco 6pm – 8pm
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