

The Great Oak  
CE Learning  
Federation



Autumn Term  
2025  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup>  
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)

### Book Bus

On Monday 22nd September we are very excited to have The Book Bus visiting our school. Each class will have the opportunity to go aboard the bus, listen to a story and then have time to buy a book at a discounted price if they would like to. There is a huge variety available and the staff on the bus and our staff will be there to help the children choose if they need it.

The Bus will be arriving in the afternoon and will be staying afterschool so they are inviting parents aboard too to perhaps do a little bit of early Christmas shopping or just stock up the book shelves! It will be on the car park.

If your child would like to purchase a book during the visit they can bring cash in to school in an envelope with their name on or if you would prefer you can buy vouchers from the book bus website and send these with your child instead. The link is – <https://thebookbus.co.uk/products/the-book-bus-gift-card-15> The book bus also accepts card payments.

It is always fantastic to see the children showing their love for reading and we are hoping that a visit from the book bus will develop this further.

### Year 6 Leaders:

Congratulations to Our Year 6 Leaders!

After a fantastic round of applications, interviews, and voting, our Year 6 leaders have now been chosen. A huge well done to all the children who stepped out of their comfort zones and embraced each challenge with courage and determination. We are incredibly proud of the perseverance, respect, and commitment you have shown since returning. Your efforts have truly shone through, and you have set a brilliant example for others to follow.

Well done, everyone — you have earned it!



### Star of the Week

Marvellous Minibeasts	Margaux & Juniper
Fabulous Flamingos	Huey & Topsy
Perfect Penguins	Charlie & Frank
Cheeky Chimps	Gracie & Harry

### Christian Value Certificate

Marvellous Minibeasts	Eddison
Fabulous Flamingos	Robyn
Perfect Penguins	Persephone
Cheeky Chimps	Will B

### Attendance

Marvellous Minibeasts	98%
Fabulous Flamingos	99%
Perfect Penguins	95%
Cheeky Chimps	97.5%

### 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:

Cricket- Jack

Football- Seb

Horse Riding-Phoebe

### 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: Molly- Rose, Issac, Phoebe, Will, Alba, Amelie, Marloe & Jess.

### TTRS & Numbots

Well done to all the children below for using TTRS and Numbots: Grace & Elias.

### 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.

### Leadership Update

In our Shine Together assembly, I had the pleasure of announcing our new Pupil Leaders for the year, including our House Captains, Prefects, School Council, Class Ambassadors and WOW Ambassadors. We have increased our pupil leadership capacity further this year; our children are fantastic ambassadors for our school and most relish the opportunity to take responsibility, so we look forward to seeing how these children rise to the challenges ahead of them! Congratulations to all children who put themselves forward.

### British Values



#### In the news this week

**Individual Liberty**

For 70 years, Guinness World Records has celebrated the many ways people shine. It shows us that we all have the freedom to follow our passions, try new things, and share what makes us unique.

Guinness World Records is celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The book was first published in 1955, and is now sold in over 100 countries. Each year, it collects unusual and amazing records, from the fastest runners to the tallest buildings and silliest challenges. To mark its birthday, the 'global authority' on record-breaking achievements shared some records that no one has tried yet and is encouraging people to have a go.

**Things to talk about at home ...**

- Ask someone at home whether they are familiar with the Guinness World Records. What records can they recall?
- Discuss the skills required to break records. E.g., hard work and ability.
- Think about something you would like to get better at this year. What goal could you set and how might you achieve it? Share with someone at home.



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

**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.



**Climate Action and Sustainability**

The WOW Ambassadors have started to collect the information of how children travel to school and we will be meeting next week to look at the data.



**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 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in the school hall.  
Autumn Disco- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 6-8pm at Village Hall

**FOBS**

**Class Dojo**

Draw a poster showing what you have enjoyed at school in the first two weeks.  
Please return your task by Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September to receive 20 Dojos.  
All tasks will be displayed in the Collective Worship Areas.

851	604
582	615

<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025</b> Book Bus	<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025</b> Flu Vaccine (Reception to Year 6)	<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025</b> Height & Weight Checks Reception & Y6 only
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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



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#### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** Chicken Tikka Massala with Rice

Vegetarian option – Classic Mac & Cheese <b>Wednesday:</b> Roast of the Day with Yorkshire, Roasties & Gravy Vegetarian option – Vegan Fillet, Roasties & Gravy <b>Thursday:</b> Sausage Roll, Mash & Gravy Vegetarian option – Plantastic Balls, Mash & Gravy <b>Friday:</b> Fish Fingers with Chips Vegetarian option – Vegetable Fingers with Chips
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## Important Dates

<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025</b>	Book Bus 12-4pm
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025</b>	Flu Vaccination- Reception- Year 6
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025</b>	Height and Weight- Reception & Year 6 only
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025</b>	Marvellous Minibeasts – Meet the Teacher 3:45-4:45pm
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025</b>	Class 2 Chester Zoo Trip
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025</b>	Rockstar Day
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024</b>	FOBS AGM- School Hall – 7pm
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025</b>	Parental Meetings ‘Go Live’ Date
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025</b>	Harvest Festival – St Margaret’s Church 2pm
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025</b>	Whole School Glow Disco- The Village Hall 6-8pm
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025</b>	School Closed – Half Term
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025</b>	Choir singing at Lichfield -7pm
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025</b>	Parental Meetings 4pm - 7pm
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025</b>	Academy Photos – Families, Siblings and Individuals 08:30am
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025</b>	Parental Meetings 3:30pm – 6:30pm
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025</b>	Non-Uniform Raffle
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025</b>	Non-Uniform Bottle or Bar
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2025</b>	Christmas Fayre
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025</b>	Christmas Tree Service – St Margaret’s Church 2pm
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>	EYFS/KS1 Nativity – St Margaret’s Church 5pm
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>	EYFS/KS1 Nativity – St Margaret’s Church 1:30pm
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>	KS2 Drama Club Nativity – St Margaret’s Church 5pm
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>	KS2 Drama Club Nativity – St Margaret’s Church 1:30pm
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>	INSET DAY

<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026</b>	School Closed – Christmas Break
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>	Class 4 - Stockport Air Raid Shelter Trip
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>	Young Voices - Manchester CO-OP Arena
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>	Cheeky Chimps Class Assembly & Cake Sale 9:15am
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>	School Closed – Half Term
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026</b>	Parental Meetings ‘Go Live’ Date
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	World Book Day Celebrations
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	Class 2 – Ford Green Hall Trip
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	Class 1 Trip – Hoo Zoo
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	Mother’s Day Crafts
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	Parental Meetings 4pm – 7pm
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	Perfect Penguins Class Assembly & Cake Sale 9:15am
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	Parental Meetings 3:30pm – 6:30pm
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	Odd Sock Day – World Down Syndrome Day (no donation required)
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	Easter Service at St Margaret’s Church 2pm
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>	School Closed – Easter Break
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026</b>	Fabulous Flamingos Class Assembly & Cake Sale 9:15am
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>	Marvellous Minibeasts Class Assembly & Cake Sale 9:15am
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026</b>	Academy Photos – Class Photos & Y6 Leavers
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	Whole School Water Safety Assembly 1pm
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	Perfect Penguins Rivers Workshop 1pm
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	SATS
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	School Closed – Half Term
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026</b>	INSET DAY
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026 – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>	KS2 Residential – St Briavels Castle
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>	Sports Day – Betley CC 1:15pm
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>	Father’s Day Crafts
<b>Thursday 2<sup>rd</sup> July 2026</b>	Celebration Carnival 2pm
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026</b>	Summer Fayre
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>	KS2 Leavers Performance 1:30pm & 5:30pm

<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>	Prom & Disco 6pm – 8pm
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>	School Reports to Parents
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>	Year 6 End of Year Performance 1:30pm and 5pm
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>	Leavers Assembly – St Margaret’s Church 9:15am
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>	INSET DAY
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026</b>	School Closed – Summer Break