

The Great Oak
CE Learning
Federation



Autumn Term
2025
Friday 26th
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 Visit & Exciting New Books!

The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Book Bus on Monday. It was a fantastic opportunity to explore new stories and share their love of reading. We are also delighted to share that we have received a generous donation, which has enabled us to purchase a wonderful selection of books for our book vending machine. Thank you for your continued support in helping us provide the children with memorable and engaging experiences.

Cross Country Season Begins!

This week marked the exciting start of the Year 5 & 6 Cross Country season! The opening race was hosted at St. Luke's, and the atmosphere was absolutely fantastic. Our children gave it their all, demonstrated outstanding determination, and showed incredible team spirit by cheering each other on throughout the event. A huge well done to every single runner for taking part-you were amazing! We are so proud of your effort and enthusiasm.



Harvest Services

We are pleased to invite the children to participate in a special church service beginning at 9:30am at St Margaret's Church on Sunday 5th October 2025. This is a meaningful opportunity for them to engage with the church community.

You are warmly invited to join us at 2:00pm for our annual Harvest Festival, a celebration of gratitude and generosity on Tuesday 21st October 2025. This will be held at St. Margaret's Church. We will be collecting donations for a local food pantry in Madeley, which provides essential support to families in our area. Your kindness and contributions are greatly appreciated.



Star of the Week

Marvellous Minibeasts	Aria & Huxley
Fabulous Flamingos	Phoebe & Ava
Perfect Penguins	Millie & Alba
Cheeky Chimps	Henry & Pippa

Christian Value Certificate

Marvellous Minibeasts	Darcie
Fabulous Flamingos	Fallon
Perfect Penguins	Jacob
Cheeky Chimps	Hugo

Attendance

Marvellous Minibeasts	89%
Fabulous Flamingos	96%
Perfect Penguins	95%
Cheeky Chimps	95%

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:

Football- Santiago

Skiing- Penny and Tabby

Reading Challenge- Joshua

Dancing- Eliza

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: Maisie, Junior, Phoebe, Ava, Jamie, Eliza, Alexis & Bobby.

TTRS & Numbots

Well done to all the children below for using TTRS and Numbots: Mabel, Lily, Alexis & Marco.

British Values



Individual Liberty

Parkrun is open to everyone, to have fun and look after their health. It encourages people to take part in their own way, enjoying the chance to run, walk, or volunteer together.

In the news this week

Running charity, parkrun, has announced a new project called parkrun primary, which is bringing junior running events closer to primary schools. The aim is to give children more chances to run or walk and volunteer on weekends in a fun, free, and inclusive way. Organisers say it's not just about fitness, but also about helping children build friendships, confidence, and life skills in their local community.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Are there any parkruns near where you live? Have you or anyone in your family taken part in one? If not, would you like to?
- What are some of the clubs or initiatives in your area that bring your local community together?
- Alongside sport, what are some ways we can spend time with others?

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.



Agents of CHANGE

Climate Action and Sustainability

Walk to School – Park and Stride

At Betley CE Primary School, we are encouraging everyone to take part in our Walk to School Campaign. Walking to school is a great way to start the day—it keeps us active, helps the environment, and gives us chance to chat with friends and family along the way.

To make it even easier, families can use our Park and Stride points at The Swan, The Village Hall or Betley Cricket Club. Simply park there, then enjoy the short walk up to school. Every step makes a difference, and together we can build healthy habits for life.

Let's stride with pride all the way to Betley!



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

Class Dojo

Draw a poster showing how you like to relax. Please return your task by Thursday 2nd October to receive 20 Dojos.

All tasks will be displayed in the Collective Worship Areas.

610

659

313

411

Monday 29th September
2025

Height and Weight- Reception
& Year 6

Monday 29th September
2025

Class 2 Chester Zoo Trip

Monday 6th October 2025

Rockstar Day!

Musician of the month

[Jimi Hendrix - The Wind Cries Mary](#)

Fun Facts – Jimi Hendrix & The Wind Cries Mary 🎸

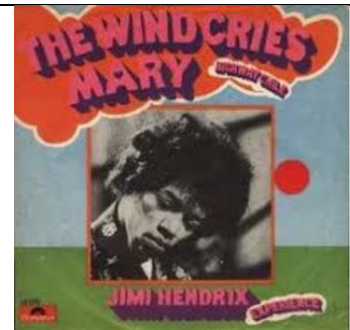
Who was Jimi Hendrix? Jimi Hendrix was one of the most famous guitar players in the world. People loved the way he could make the guitar sound like it was talking, whispering, or even roaring like thunder!

A quick songwriter! Jimi wrote The Wind Cries Mary in just a few minutes after an argument with his girlfriend. The song was recorded the very next day!

One take wonder: The band played the song only three times in the studio, and Jimi's first performance was so good they used it for the record.

What's in a name? The "Mary" in the title was actually Jimi's girlfriend's middle name. He used it in the song to show how he was feeling after their disagreement.

Still loved today: Even though it was released in 1967 (a long time ago!), the song is still played and remembered all around the world.



[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 – Vegan Fillet, 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 29th September 2025	Height and Weight- Reception & Year 6 only
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
Thursday 20th November 2025	Year 3-Newcastle College 9:30-12:30
Friday 21st November 2025	Non-Uniform Bottle or Bar
Thursday 27th November 2025	Year 4- Newcastle College 9:30-12:30
Saturday 29th November 2025	Christmas Fayre
Monday 1st December 2025	Christmas Tree Service – St Margaret’s Church 2pm
Tuesday 2nd December 2025	Year 5-Newcastle College (All Day)
Tuesday 2nd December 2025	Fabulous Flamingos- Englesea Brook Chapel (am)
Sunday 7th December 2025	Christingle Service at St. Margaret’s Church – 4:30pm
Tuesday 9th December 2025	Year 6- Newcastle College (All Day)
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