

The Great Oak  
CE Learning  
Federation



Autumn Term  
2025  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup>  
October 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)

### Important Safety Reminder

On Tuesday, a child was nearly hit by a car driving on the pavement along Lady Gates. Thankfully, no one was hurt—but it was a close call, and a stark reminder of the risks we face when road safety is not respected.

We understand that parking near our school can be challenging. However, there are safer alternatives nearby that help keep our children—and all pedestrians—out of harm's way.

One of the joys of being part of a small community is seeing our children walk to school independently. It would be heartbreaking if this freedom were lost because adults are not following basic road safety laws.

Please, let's not wait until a child is seriously injured to make a change. Be mindful of where you park, avoid driving on pavements, and stay alert to children walking nearby. Your vigilance could save a life.

Thank you for helping keep our community safe.

### Parent Information – Parent-Teacher Meetings

We would like to invite you to attend our upcoming parent-teacher meetings, which will take place on the following dates:

- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November – 4:00pm to 7:00pm
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – 3:30pm to 6:30pm

Booking Appointments:

Appointments will be available to book from 8:00am on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November via the Compass app.

If you need help booking a slot, you can:

- Watch the step-by-step video on our school website:

 [Compass App Guide](#)

- Or speak to Mrs Cooper, who will be happy to assist you.



### Star of the Week

Marvellous Minibeasts	Sophie & Otis
Fabulous Flamingos	Grace & Grayson
Perfect Penguins	Amelia & Henry
Cheeky Chimps	Alexis & Evy

### Christian Value Certificate

Marvellous Minibeasts	Daisy
Fabulous Flamingos	Matteo
Perfect Penguins	Jamie
Cheeky Chimps	Tessa

### Attendance

Marvellous Minibeasts	100%
Fabulous Flamingos	100%
Perfect Penguins	99%
Cheeky Chimps	98%

### Harvest Service

A huge thank you to all the children who took part in the Harvest Service at St. Margaret's. You truly shone and represented our school beautifully- we are so proud of you all!

### Cross Country

Each week, it is a joy to see our children take part in the cross-country events — and last night at Baldwins Gate was no exception! The course was shorter, the grass was longer, and the ground bumpier than ever, but that didn't stop our incredible runners.

They overcame every challenge with determination, teamwork and represented our school beautifully. It has been wonderful to see more children wanting to join the team, while those who have been running every week have shown outstanding commitment.

Cross country is not easy- it takes resilience, perseverance, and courage — and our children show all of that in abundance.

Well done to every runner- we are so proud of you!

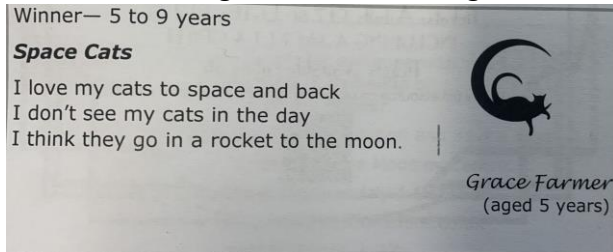
### Achievements outside of school

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:

A huge well done to Grace!

Grace took part in the Betley Show poetry competition and won the 5–9 years category!

What an amazing achievement-congratulations, Grace!



Cricket- Alexis & Joshua

### 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: Sophie, Otis, Daisy, Grace, Grayson, Harry J, Jacob, Will B & Lulu.

### TTRS & Numbots

Well done to all the children below for using TTRS and Numbots: Jacob, Harry, Elias & Phoebe.

### British Values



#### Rule of Law

The United Nations was created after the war, to help countries follow rules and keep peace. Just like in our own lives, rules can bring people together and guide us to live safely and fairly.

#### In the news this week

This year marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations (UN), an international organisation founded after the Second World War in 1945, to help countries work together and prevent future conflicts. Today, 193 nations are members, and the UN works on issues like peacekeeping, human rights, health, and climate change. Leaders and communities around the world are reflecting on how important working together is in solving global problems.

#### Things to talk about at home ...

- › Why do you think countries made the decision to work together?
- › What problems today do you believe countries need to solve together? Ask others at home what they think.
- › Come up with different ways we can be 'peacekeepers' in our own families, schools, or communities.

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

Rule of Law

**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**

This week, our WOW Ambassadors have been busy collecting data and celebrating participation in our Walk to School initiative. Children who took part received their September badges - well done to everyone involved! Keep up the great strides towards a healthier, greener journey to school.



**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**

Write a Harvest poem.  
Please return your task by Thursday 16th October to receive 20 Dojos.  
All tasks will be displayed in the Collective Worship Areas.

<b>772</b>	<b>924</b>
<b>940</b>	<b>671</b>

<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025</b>	<b>Thursday 16th October 2025</b>	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025</b>
FOBS AGM- School Hall – 7pm	City 7’s Assembly	Parental Meetings ‘Go Live’ Date

**Musician of the month**

Next week we will be listening to:

[The Jimi Hendrix Experience - Purple Haze \(Official Audio\)](#)

About: Jimi Hendrix was an American guitarist, singer and songwriter. Although his mainstream career spanned only four years, he is widely regarded as one of the most influential electric guitarists in the history of popular music, and one of the most celebrated musicians of the 20th century. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

describes him as "arguably the greatest instrumentalist in the history of rock music."

Genres: Rock, Psychedelia, Blues & R&B Active from: 1962 - 1970

Origin: Seattle, U.S.A.

[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 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

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

Vegetarian option – Vegan Fillet, Roasties & Gravy

**Thursday:** Homestyle Sausage Roll with Mash & Gravy

Vegetarian option – Plantastic Balls with Mash & Gravy

**Friday:** Fish Fingers with Chips

Vegetarian option – Vegetable Fingers with Chips

## Important Dates

<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025</b>	FOBS AGM- School Hall – 7pm
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025</b>	City 7's Assembly
<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>	Food Workshop
<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>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2025</b>	Remembrance Service – St Margaret's Church 10:30am
<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>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025</b>	Remembrance Service – Village Green 10:30am
<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>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025</b>	Year 3-Newcastle College 9:30-12:30
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025</b>	Non-Uniform Bottle or Bar
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025</b>	Year 4- Newcastle College 9:30-12:30
<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 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025</b>	Year 5-Newcastle College (All Day)
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025</b>	Fabulous Flamingos- Englesea Brook Chapel (am)
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>	Christingle Service at St. Margaret's Church – 4:30pm
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>	Year 6- Newcastle College (All Day)
<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>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	Class 3 – Wroxeter Trip
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>	School Closed – Easter Break
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026</b>	Fabulous Flamingos Class Assembly & Cake Sale 9:15am
<b>Wednesday 29<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>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