

The Great Oak  
CE Learning  
Federation



Autumn Term  
2025  
Friday 24<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)

### Harvest Festival

A huge well done to all the children for their wonderful performances at the Harvest Festival! It is always a proud moment watching them come together in song and celebration - their enthusiasm lit up the church.

Whole school events like this truly showcase the joy of community and togetherness, and it is clear the children enjoyed every moment.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in everything your child takes part in. It was a Harvest to remember!

### Remembrance Service

We will once again be taking part in the annual Remembrance Service at St Margaret's Church on Sunday 9th November at 10:30am. This is a meaningful occasion where our school community comes together to honour those who have served. If your child is able to participate in the service, please inform Mrs Cooper at your earliest convenience.

### FOBS- Autumn Disco

A huge thank you to the amazing FOBS team for putting on a fantastic Autumn Disco last night! The children had an absolute blast and loved every minute — especially the games! Your hard work and energy made it a night to remember.

### 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](mailto:office@betley.staffs.sch.uk) Well done to all of the children below for their achievements outside of school:

Horse Riding- Tabby & Penny

Swimming- Grace



### Star of the Week

Marvellous Minibeasts	Whole Class
Fabulous Flamingos	Whole Class
Perfect Penguins	Seb, Amelie & Charlie
Cheeky Chimps	Tom B & Will

### Christian Value Certificate

Marvellous Minibeasts	Margaux
Fabulous Flamingos	Huey
Perfect Penguins	Toby
Cheeky Chimps	Marloe

### Attendance

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

## Sporting Achievements

### Year 5/6 Football Team Tournament

Yesterday, our Year 5/6 football team kicked off their first tournament of the year at Keele University- and what a fantastic start it was! The team showed incredible determination and team spirit throughout, finishing third overall with 1 win, 3 draws, and just 1 loss.

Mr Shenton and Mr Wood were especially proud of the way the players supported each other on and off the pitch. A huge thank you to Mr Shenton for organising all our sporting events and giving our students these brilliant opportunities to shine!

Well done, team- we are excited to see what the rest of the season holds!

### Year 5/6 Cross Country

Our incredible Year 5/6 cross country team wrapped up their final race of the season at Sir John Offley- and what a way to finish! We were thrilled to have 17 enthusiastic runners take part in the last event, showing just how much interest and team spirit has grown this year.

With all races now completed, the final results are in... and they are amazing:

Gold: Year 6 Boys, Year 6 Girls, Year 5 Boys

Bronze: Year 5 Girls

A huge congratulations to our individual medal winners:

Jessica & Henry – Gold

Will & Bertie – Silver

Evy & Freddy – Bronze

We are so proud of every single child who took part – your dedication, energy, and teamwork have been inspiring. A massive thank you to all the parents who supported and helped with transport throughout the season. You have been amazing too!

## 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.

## British Values



### Mutual Respect and Tolerance

The Nobel Prizes celebrate people who make positive change. Maria Carina Machado reminds us that showing respect and understanding towards others can help make our world a brighter and more united place.

### In the news this week

This year's Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded to Maria Carina Machado from Venezuela. The Nobel Prizes are special international awards, given each year to people who have made outstanding contributions to science, literature, and peace. Machado has worked peacefully to make her country fairer and to protect people's rights. The award recognises her bravery in speaking out for fairness and freedom, and highlights the importance of non-violent action in creating change.

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

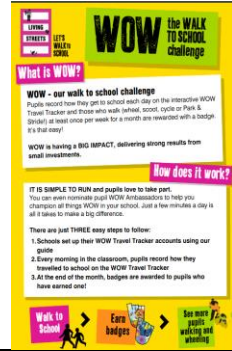
- Ask somebody older than you at home about their knowledge of Nobel Prizes. Can they recall any winners from the past?
- Should children be able to win prizes like the Nobel Prize if they make a big difference? Discuss your response with someone at home.
- If you could invent a new Nobel Prize, what would it be for?

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

**Climate Action and Sustainability**

Keep up the great strides towards a healthier, greener journey to school.

Park and Strides Point:  
Cricket Club  
Village Hall  
The Swan



**FOBS**

The next meeting will be the on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at The Swan starting at 7pm.

- 14/11/25-Non Uniform- Raffle Prize
- 21/11/25- Non Uniform- Bottle or Bar
- 29/11/25- Christmas Fayre 11am-1pm
- 05/12/25- Wreath Making
- 08/12/25- EYFS and KS1 Tea with Santa
- 10/12/25-KS2 Christmas bingo extravaganza

**FOBS**

**Class Dojo**

Draw a picture about your holidays.  
Please return your task by Thursday 6th November to receive 20 Dojos.  
All tasks will be displayed in the Collective Worship Areas.

<b>696</b>	<b>706</b>
<b>623</b>	<b>520</b>

<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025 Half Term</b>	<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025 Choir Singing at Lichfield 7pm</b>	<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2025 Remembrance Service – St Margaret’s Church 10:30am</b>
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**Musician of the month**

Next week we will be listening to:

[Jimi Hendrix- Voodoo Child](#)

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.

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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 Masala 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>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>	Fabulous Flamingos-Englesea Brook Museum 10:00-11:45am
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025</b>	Year 5-Newcastle College (All Day)
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>	FOBS- Wreath Making Workshop 6:30pm-8:30pm
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>	Christingle Service at St. Margaret’s Church – 4:30pm
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>	FOBS- EYFS & KS1 Tea with Santa 3:30pm-5pm
<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>	FOBS- KS2 Christmas Bingo Extravaganza 3:30pm- 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>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>	FOBS 7pm
<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