

The Great Oak
CE Learning
Federation



Autumn Term
2025
Friday 7th
November 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)

Choir

On Tuesday, our wonderful choir took part in the MusicShare Concert at the breathtaking Lichfield Cathedral. We were one of five schools performing, and what an incredible and truly special event it was!

The children also took part in the Choral Evensong- an enriching and memorable experience for all. A special mention to Finn, who read his prayer with such confidence and clarity — we are so proud of you!

Throughout rehearsals and the performance, the children represented themselves and our community beautifully, showing respect, kindness, and great teamwork. They were a credit to our school and made lovely connections with pupils from other schools too.

Watching the children sing in such a magnificent setting is a memory that will stay with us forever. I am incredibly proud of all of the children and feel very privileged to have worked with the children to prepare for the event.

Well done to every single child who took part - you were amazing!

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.



Star of the Week

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| Marvellous Minibeasts | Millie & Darcie |
| Fabulous Flamingos | Angus & Penny |
| Perfect Penguins | Darcy & Eliza |
| Cheeky Chimps | Theo & Thomas |

Christian Value Certificate

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| Marvellous Minibeasts | Harry |
| Fabulous Flamingos | William |
| Perfect Penguins | Louis & Andre |
| Cheeky Chimps | Jessica |

Attendance

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| Marvellous Minibeasts | 95% |
| Fabulous Flamingos | 97% |
| Perfect Penguins | 98% |
| Cheeky Chimps | 95% |

Harvest Service

Thank you for all your generous support during our Harvest celebrations. Your donations and kindness have made a real difference to our local community, and we are so grateful for the way everyone came together to share and give.

We were delighted to receive the following kind message from Newcastle Foodbank:

Dear Betley Primary School,

What a remarkable thing you have done.

Your kindness shows families in need that they matter. Your generosity provides friendship to people struggling with loneliness and isolation. Your compassion provides nutritious food parcels to people struggling to feed themselves.

That's the difference your support makes. And I'm writing today to share my heartfelt gratitude to you for your very generous donation of 58.4 kg, which we received recently. The equivalent number of meals is an incredible 139 Meals. Please find attached a certificate to express our gratitude to your School community.

Thank you for joining us in the movement to create a community free of hunger. We couldn't do this without you being part of our team, working together to change lives and futures. We are so thankful for your support.

Kind regards,

Ryan



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 & Football

Brownies- Frankie

Swimming- Tom B

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.

Numbots and TTRS:

Finlay, Mabel, Alfie & Alfie.

British Values



Rule of Law

At COP30, world leaders will agree on rules for countries to follow to protect the planet. Fair rules help nations work together to solve problems and care for the world we share.

In the news this week

The 2025 United Nations Climate Change Conference, known as COP30, will be held in Belém, Brazil, from 10th to 21st November. At the meeting, country leaders and experts will discuss how to protect the planet by reducing pollution, saving forests and working together. After the meeting, countries will need to share how they will keep the climate promises they made, and stay on target to meet their goals.

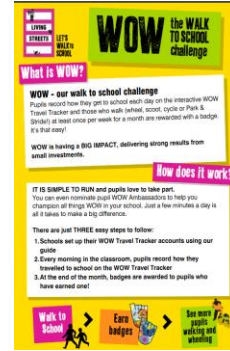
Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk to someone at home about what they know about COP30.
- What do you know about climate change?
- If you could speak to the leaders at the COP30 summit, what would you say?

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

Climate Action and Sustainability

The children in Fabulous Flamingos, Perfect Penguins, and Cheeky Chimps have really relished the WOW challenge last month! An amazing 68 out of 85 children walked to school — what a fantastic effort! A huge well done to everyone who took part and helped make a positive difference. 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 20th 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 13th November to receive 20 Dojos.
All tasks will be displayed in the Collective Worship Areas.

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| Sunday 9th November 2025 Remembrance Service – St Margaret’s Church 10:30am | Monday 10th November 2025 Parental Meetings 4-7pm | Tuesday 11th November 2025 Academy Photos – Individuals, Families & Siblings (08:30am) |
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Musician of the month

Next week we will be listening to:

George Frideric Handel's-Water Music

About: George Frideric Handel was a German-born Baroque composer who became a naturalized British citizen. Renowned for his operas, oratorios, anthems, and instrumental compositions, Handel’s music remains some of the most enduring in Western classical tradition. His works, such as Messiah, Water Music, and Music for the Royal Fireworks, showcase his mastery of dramatic expression and melodic invention. Handel’s influence helped shape the development of both orchestral and vocal music during the 18th century and beyond.

Genres: Baroque, Classical, Sacred & Orchestral

Active from: 1702 – 1759

Origin: Halle, Germany (later London, England)

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.

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| 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

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| Sunday 9th November 2025 | Remembrance Service – St Margaret's Church 10:30am |
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| Monday 10th November 2025 | Parental Meetings 4pm - 7pm |
| Tuesday 11th November 2025 | Academy Photos – Families, Siblings and Individuals 08:30am |
| Tuesday 11th November 2025 | Remembrance Service – Village Green 10:30am |
| 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 | Fabulous Flamingos-Englesea Brook Museum 10:00-11:45am |
| Tuesday 2nd December 2025 | Year 5-Newcastle College (All Day) |
| Friday 5th December 2025 | FOBS- Wreath Making Workshop 6:30pm-8:30pm |
| Sunday 7th December 2025 | Christingle Service at St. Margaret’s Church – 4:30pm |
| Monday 8th December 2025 | FOBS- EYFS & KS1 Tea with Santa 3:30pm-5pm |
| 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 | FOBS- KS2 Christmas Bingo Extravaganza 3:30pm-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 |
| Tuesday 20th January 2026 | FOBS 7pm |
| 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 |

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| 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 |
| Wednesday 25th March 2026 | Class 3 – Wroxeter Trip |
| Monday 30th March 2026 – Friday 10th April 2026 | School Closed – Easter Break |
| Wednesday 22nd April 2026 | Fabulous Flamingos Class Assembly & Cake Sale 9:15am |
| Wednesday 29th 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 |
| 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 |