

The Great Oak
CE Learning
Federation



Autumn Term
2025
Friday 21st
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)

Christingle Service Invitation

We have been invited to take part in the Christingle Service at St Margaret's Church on Sunday 7th December. If your child is able to participate, please contact Mrs Cooper.

Whole School Christmas Tree Service

On Monday 1st December, we will begin our Christmas events with a whole-school Christmas Tree Service at St Margaret's Church at 2:00pm. This is always a wonderful way to start the season and helps everyone get into the festive spirit. All families are warmly welcome to join us.

Dodgeball

On Tuesday, five children from Year 6 proudly represented our school in a dodgeball event at Keele University. They showed fantastic teamwork, supported one another, demonstrated excellent skills, and most importantly—had lots of fun! Throughout the whole session, they showed great respect to the leaders and displayed excellent behaviour and manners. Well done to all involved!



Star of the Week

Marvellous Minibeasts	Finley & Riley
Fabulous Flamingos	Finlay & Ava
Perfect Penguins	Jamie, Toby & Frank
Cheeky Chimps	Freddy, George & Harriet

Christian Value Certificate

Marvellous Minibeasts	Jesse
Fabulous Flamingos	Fallon
Perfect Penguins	Cosmo
Cheeky Chimps	Will

Attendance

Marvellous Minibeasts	99%
Fabulous Flamingos	93%
Perfect Penguins	97.8%
Cheeky Chimps	98.7%

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- Theo & Bobby

Swimming- Harry

Football- Santiago

Running- Andre

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: Arthur, Aria, Evalyn, Forest, Charlie, Amelia, Tessa & Jess.

Numbots and TTRS:

Mabel, Grace, Harry C and Jacob.

British Values



What are some of the different ways we can express ourselves?

Individual Liberty
We each share our ideas and feelings in our own way, and creativity can help us express who we are. When we respect these differences, everyone can feel valued and free to be themselves.

In the news this week
McDonald's changed the colours of its famous Happy Meal box in the UK, making it white on three sides, for children to colour and design it themselves. The company said the new boxes encourage creativity and let children express their ideas and feelings through drawing. Four million of the new 'colour-your-own' boxes have been given out as a trial to see how children respond.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk to someone at home about the campaign. Share your thoughts – do you think it's a good idea? Share what you might draw on the box.
- One of the aims of the campaign is to encourage children to express themselves. Do you believe it achieves this aim? Can you think of any other ideas?

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

Climate Action and Sustainability

Park and Strides Point:

Cricket Club

Village Hall

The Swan



WOW the WALK TO SCHOOL challenge

What is WOW?
WOW - our walk to school challenge
Pupils record how they get to school each day on the interactive WOW Tracker. Teacher and class who walk (jacket, coat, cap or Park & Strides) at least once per week for a month are rewarded with a badge. It's that easy!

WOW is having a BIG IMPACT, delivering strong results from small measures.

How does it work?
IT IS SIMPLE TO JOIN and pupils love to take part. You can even nominate your WOW Ambassadors to help you champion all things WOW in your school, just a few minutes a day is all it takes to make a big difference.

There are just THREE easy steps to follow:

1. Schools set up their WOW Travel Tracker accounts using our guide
2. Every morning in the classroom, pupils record how they travelled to school on the WOW Travel Tracker
3. At the end of the month, badges are awarded to pupils who have walked once!

Walk to School ➤ **Earn badges** ➤ **See more pupils walking and wanting**

FOBS

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

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

Class Dojo Draw a picture of your favourite book cover and tell us why it is your favourite book. Please return your task by Thursday 27th November to receive 20 Dojos. All tasks will be displayed in the Collective Worship Areas.	926	964
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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
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Musician of the month
 Next week we will be listening to:
[George Frideric-Music for Royal Fireworks](#)
 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.

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: 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

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
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 2nd 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