

The Great Oak  
CE Learning  
Federation



Autumn Term  
2025  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup>  
December 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)*

### Christmas Tree Service

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Annual Christmas Tree Service yesterday!

Despite the chilly church, the Christmas spirit was as warm as ever. It was wonderful to see the church full and filled with joy! A huge well done to all the children, who-as always-brought so much enthusiasm to the service. And a special mention to the nursery children who took part in their very first Christmas service. You were all fantastic!

Thank you for making it such a memorable occasion!

### Christmas Markets

A huge thank you to the FOBS team for their fantastic organisation, commitment and ongoing support to our school. It was a wonderful event, and such a pleasure to see the children perform with Mr Will and Mrs Cowen!

Thank you also to Mr Will, Mrs Ray, Mrs Cowen, Miss Cannell, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Anderson for all your help and support at the fair. The atmosphere was brilliant- a true celebration of our school community.

### Christingle

Our school will be taking part in the Christingle Service at St. Margaret's Church. The service begins at 4:30pm, and all families are warmly invited to join.

If your child is able to take part, they are welcome to come in their own clothes.

We look forward to seeing you there.



### Star of the Week

Marvellous Minibeasts	Harry & Teddy
Fabulous Flamingos	Robyn & Penny
Perfect Penguins	Frankie & Millie
Cheeky Chimps	Finn, George & Sammy

### Christian Value Certificate

Marvellous Minibeasts	Arthur
Fabulous Flamingos	Grace
Perfect Penguins	Amelie
Cheeky Chimps	Alexis

### Attendance

Marvellous Minibeasts	94%
Fabulous Flamingos	97%
Perfect Penguins	96%
Cheeky Chimps	98%

### 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:

- Swimming- Mabel
- Gymnastics- Margaux
- Cricket-Theo
- Football- Seb

### 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: Junior, Orla, Micah, Artie, Eliza, Cosmo, Bobby & Alexis.

**Numbots and TTRS:** Penny, Tabby, Grace, Tessa & Lulu

### British Values



#### Individual Liberty

We all have the freedom to choose challenges that help us learn and grow. Darren's journey shows us we can set our own goals to help us discover what we're capable of.

### In the news this week

An adventurer named Darren Edwards, who is paralysed from the chest down, is preparing to travel 137 miles across Antarctica using a sit-ski. If he succeeds, he will break the world record for the longest sit-ski journey to the South Pole. Darren hopes his challenge will raise money for charity and show that his injury does not limit what he can achieve.

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

- How do you think Darren will feel at each stage of his challenge (before, during, and after)?
- What kinds of challenges do you think can help you grow the most – something physical, emotional, or trying something new?
- Can you recall a challenge you have set yourself and achieved? Ask others at home about their experiences.

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

### Climate Action and Sustainability

Congratulations to all the children awarded the WOW badge for November! We are so proud of your commitment and enthusiasm for walking.

- 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.  
08/12/25- EYFS and KS1 Tea with Santa  
10/12/25-KS2 Christmas bingo extravaganza

<b>Class Dojo</b> Write a poem about the meaning of Christmas. Please return your task by Thursday 11th December to receive 20 Dojos. All tasks will be displayed in the Collective Worship Areas.	<b>1202</b>	<b>1150</b>
	<b>778</b>	<b>981</b>

<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)
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**Musician of the month**

Next week we will be listening to:

Adios Nonino- Astor Piazzolla

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)

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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

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:** Sausage with Mash & Gravy

Vegetarian option – Veggie Sausage with Mash & Gravy

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

Vegetarian option – Vegan Fillet, Roasties & Gravy

**Thursday:** Christmas Lunch!

Vegetarian option – Veggie Christmas Lunch!

**Friday:** Fish Fingers with Chips

Vegetarian option – Vegetable Fingers with Chips

## Important Dates

<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