

The Great Oak  
CE Learning  
Federation



Autumn Term  
2025  
Friday 12<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)

### EYFS and Key Stage 1 Nativity

Well done to all of the children in Marvellous Minibeasts and Fabulous Flamingos for their amazing performance of We Three Kings!

Watching the children perform amazes me every time. They are always so enthusiastic, full of energy and they take to the stage with such confidence and ease. The actions they have learnt and all of their lines—are truly incredible.

A huge thank you to the EYFS and KS1 team for being so nurturing in their approach and for bringing out the very best in the children, helping them feel happy and excited to take part.

Thank you to all of our wonderful parents for your continued support. The costumes were fantastic, and we really appreciate all the practice you have done at home.

What a brilliant performance by everyone involved!

### Christingle

A huge thank you to all the families who joined us for the Christingle Service at St. Margaret's Church. The turnout was fantastic! A big well done to the children for their beautiful singing—we are so proud of them.

### FOBS

We would like to express our appreciation to the FOBS team for the wonderful after-school events they organised and hosted this week. EYFS and KS1 enjoyed a magical Tea with Santa, while KS2 had great fun at the Christmas Bingo Extravaganza. It was lovely to see so many children taking part.

As a school, we are extremely grateful for the ongoing support FOBS provides and for the fantastic events they run to raise money for resources that benefit all our children.



### Star of the Week

Marvellous Minibeasts	Whole Class
Fabulous Flamingos	Elias & Tabby
Perfect Penguins	Barnaby & Jacob
Cheeky Chimps	Gracie & Thomas L

### Christian Value Certificate

Marvellous Minibeasts	Margaux
Fabulous Flamingos	Topsy
Perfect Penguins	Miles & Amelia
Cheeky Chimps	Lulu

### Attendance

Marvellous Minibeasts	100%
Fabulous Flamingos	98%
Perfect Penguins	91%
Cheeky Chimps	92.5%

**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- Hugo
- Dance- Evelyn
- Horse Riding- Amelia & Ava
- Brownies- Amelie

**Numbots and TTRS:** Micah, Topsy, Mabel & Grace  
**Nelly:** Harry & Henry

**British Values**



**Democracy**  
 The Warm in Winter project shows what can happen when people in a community choose to work together to help others. When we listen to one another and make decisions together, everyone's voice can be heard, and we can all make a difference.

**In the news this week**

This winter, a charity called Small Acts of Kindness has sourced, packed and distributed over 10,000 'Warm in Winter' gift bags across Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire. Each bag includes things to keep people warm, like blankets, socks and hot drinks. The project aims to bring comfort to elderly and vulnerable people in the colder months. It shows that small acts of kindness can make a big difference in someone's life.

- Things to talk about at home ...**
- > Talk to someone at home about the campaign.
  - > Can you think of a time someone was kind to you? How did it make you feel?
  - > Do you believe helping others can make us feel happier too? Why?
  - > What are some small acts of kindness we can do at home, at school, or in our community?

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



**FOBS**

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

**Class Dojo**

Write a poem about Christmas.  
 Please return your task by Thursday 18th December to receive 20 Dojos.  
 All tasks will be displayed in the Collective Worship Areas.

<b>1380</b>	<b>142</b>
<b>1414</b>	<b>1330</b>

<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>	<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>
KS2 Drama Club Nativity – St	KS2 Drama Club Nativity – St	INSET Day

Margaret's Church 5pm	Margaret's Church 1:30pm	
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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:** 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:** Party Food Day!  
 Vegetarian option – Party Food Day!

## Important Dates

<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>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>	Year 5 – Safe & Sound – Newcastle Fire Station
<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 29th 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