

The Great Oak
CE Learning
Federation



Spring Term
2026
Friday 9th
January 2026

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)

Happy New Year

Despite a tricky start to the Spring Term due to the weather, we have had a wonderful few days back in school. The children have thoroughly enjoyed sharing stories about their Christmas holidays and the celebrations they took part in, and it has been lovely to see their excitement and smiles.

They have settled back into school routines with great enthusiasm and engagement, showing a positive attitude to learning and enjoying being back together with their friends. We are very much looking forward to an exciting and productive term ahead.

Thank you for your support and understanding during the closures this week. Let's hope the weather is kinder to us for the rest of the year!

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:

Dance- Lily

Swimming- Maisie, Finley, Oliver & Jacob.

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: Maisie, Isaac, Toby, Grace, Persephone, Frankie, Harriet & Lulu.

Numbots and TTRS: Finlay, Grace, Pippa & Louis.



Star of the Week

Marvellous Minibeasts	Millie & Charlie
Fabulous Flamingos	Phoebe & William
Perfect Penguins	Henry & Alfie
Cheeky Chimps	Jess, Edie & Cody

Christian Value Certificate

Marvellous Minibeasts	Molly- Rose
Fabulous Flamingos	Grayson
Perfect Penguins	Harry J
Cheeky Chimps	Jack

Attendance

Marvellous Minibeasts	100%
Fabulous Flamingos	93%
Perfect Penguins	100%
Cheeky Chimps	97%

Update to Pupil Progress Reporting

We are pleased to share a positive update to the way we report on your child's progress throughout the academic year. This revised approach is designed to give you clearer, more meaningful information about how your child is developing and how they can continue to make progress.

From this year, you will receive two reports:

- one at the midpoint of the academic year
- one at the end of the academic year

The first report will be issued on 27th February and will be available ahead of the parent meetings taking place during the week beginning 16th March. This report will include:

- a general comment on your child's learning and development
- clear targets to support progress for the remainder of the year
- a personalised comment written directly for your child

The second report will be issued during the summer term on Friday 10th July.

- For children in Reception, this will include comments across all areas of learning.
- For pupils in other year groups, the report will include comments in English and Mathematics, alongside a general teacher comment.

This report will also outline targets for the next academic year and provide an overview of the learning that has taken place throughout the year.

We believe these changes will help keep you better informed about your child's achievements and next steps, and will continue to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

British Values



Individual Liberty

The 1 Billion Acts of Kindness campaign shows how some individuals choose to use their influence to spread positive messages. People are free to express themselves, while also considering others when sharing their views.

In the news this week

Famous online creators have come together at the 1 Billion Followers Summit in Dubai to talk about how their influence affects people around the world. Influencers at the event use their fame to share kindness, as part of the '1 Billion Acts of Kindness' campaign. One of the most well-known creators, MrBeast, has encouraged millions of people to take part, using his videos and social media to inspire positive actions.

Things to talk about at home ...

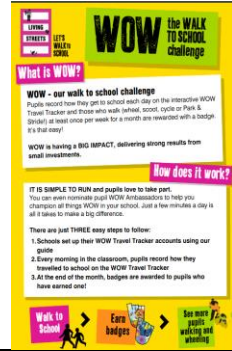
- Talk to someone at home about the summit and the campaign. Do you think lots of people will choose to take part? Why?
- Share who influences you. Talk about how some of the people we admire or look up to are well-known or famous, and others may be family or friends.
- Ask someone at home about who influenced them when they were younger. What impact did they have?

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 December! 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 20th January 2025 at The Swan starting at 7pm.

Tuesday 20 th January 2026	Monday 26 th January 2026	Wednesday 28 th January 2026
FOBS 7pm	Class 4 Trip – Stockport Air Raid Shelters	Year 5 – Safe & Sound – Newcastle Fire Station

Musician of the month

Next week we will be listening to:
Gustav Holst-In the Bleak-Midwinter Holst

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

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 – Garden Fingers with Chips

Important Dates

Tuesday 20th January 2026	FOBS 7pm
Monday 26th January 2026	Class 4 - Stockport Air Raid Shelter Trip
Wednesday 28th January 2026	Year 5 – Safe & Sound – Newcastle Fire Station
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 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