

The Great Oak
CE Learning
Federation



Spring Term
2026
Friday 30th
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)

Dodgeball Success!

Yesterday, a group of Year 6 children took part in a dodgeball festival at Newcastle College. They represented the school brilliantly, showing great teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the day.

The children did amazingly well, winning all but one of their games-an excellent achievement!

Well done to everyone involved, we are very proud of you!



Year 5 Visit to Newcastle Fire Station – Safe & Sound Day!

Yesterday, our Year 5 pupils enjoyed an exciting and informative visit to Newcastle Fire Station for the Safe and Sound event. They took part in a range of practical workshops covering fire safety, road safety around lorries, safe use of bank cards, railway safety, and being responsible members of the community.

The children were excellent ambassadors for our school, showing great behaviour and enthusiasm throughout the day. A huge thank you to Newcastle Fire Station and all the partner organisations involved for making this such a valuable learning experience. Well done, Year 5!



Star of the Week

Marvellous Minibeasts	Scarlett, Junior & Otis
Fabulous Flamingos	Artie & Grayson
Perfect Penguins	Cosmo & Alfie
Cheeky Chimps	The Whole Class, Freddy & Thomas

Christian Value Certificate

Marvellous Minibeasts	Darcie
Fabulous Flamingos	Elias
Perfect Penguins	Jacob
Cheeky Chimps	Gracie

Attendance

Marvellous Minibeasts	97%
Fabulous Flamingos	96%
Perfect Penguins	99%
Cheeky Chimps	98%

The Sleep Charity

Sleep deprivation causes increased hyperactivity and other behavioural problems, as well as damaging physical and mental development. Poor sleep habits from an early age can lead to long term sleep problems.

There are so many different factors which can affect children's sleep.

The Sleep Charity is about helping everyone to sleep better, regardless of their age, background or ability. They work by working collaboratively, lobbying government, investing in research, building partnerships with organisations and offering a range of services including working directly with parents, offering workshops/webinars to corporate organisations and training professionals in the NHS and other health organisations. All of the work is based on the latest research and we have a team of experts who input into our projects, training materials and courses.

The Sleep Charity

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-Darcie & Juniper

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: Edison, Juniper, Evalyn, Lily, Santiago, Frankie, Hugo & Alexis.

Numbots and TTRS: Elias, Mabel, Gracie & Charlie.

British Values



Individual Liberty

The Barbie doll highlights how everyone deserves to be themselves and use the tools that make them feel comfortable. It is a reminder that our differences are what make us special.

In the news this week

A toy company called Mattel has released a new Barbie doll designed to represent people who have autism, with features such as a fidget spinner and noise-cancelling headphones. The doll was created with help from the autistic community, so more people can see themselves reflected in their toys.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Do you think it's important for toys to show different kinds of people?
- How do you feel when you see a character or toy that is like you?
- Can you come up with other examples of books or toys that aim to help people feel included?
- How can we help other people feel included when they might feel different or left out?



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

Climate Action and Sustainability

Park and Strides Point:
Cricket Club
Village Hall
The Swan



FOBS

The next meeting is 10th March at The Swan starting at 7pm.

Class Dojo

Draw a poster of how you can help a friend.
Please return your task by Thursday 29th January to receive 20 Dojos.
All tasks will be displayed in the Collective Worship Areas.

2nd	1st
4th	3rd

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Musician of the month

Next week we will be listening to:
[Gustav Holst- I vow to thee my country](#)
[Musician of the month](#)

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

Thursday 5th February 2026	Young Voices - Manchester CO-OP Arena
Wednesday 11th February 2026	Cheeky Chimps Class Assembly & Cake Sale 9:15am
Thursday 12th February 2026	FOBS- Movie Night 3:30pm-5pm
Monday 16th Feb – Friday 20th Feb 2026	School Closed – Half Term
Monday 23rd February 2026	Parental Meetings 'Go Live' Date
Friday 27th February 2026	Reports to go home
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