

The Great Oak
CE Learning
Federation



Spring Term
2026
Friday 13th
March 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)

Madula



On Tuesday evening, 18 children from Perfect Penguins had the wonderful opportunity to perform at the New Vic Theatre as part of Madula. It was an incredible experience, and their behaviour throughout the day was exemplary.

We are immensely proud of every child involved. They not only showcased their drumming skills beautifully but also supported the singing artists in the final part of the performance-a truly special and memorable moment.

A huge well done to Harry and Andre, who both received the "Most Improved" award. Your hard work, dedication, and growing confidence have really shone through-we are all so proud of you. Keep up the fantastic effort!

Well done to all of the children who took part, and thank you to the parents for your support throughout the evening.

A special thank you also to Mrs Anderson for coming along to support-it was greatly appreciated.

Football League

On Monday evening, our Year 5 and 6 football team played their final games of the league.

The children demonstrated fantastic teamwork and determination throughout, securing one win and narrowly missing out in the other match. It has been a pleasure to watch all of the children who have taken part in the football league grow in confidence and skill over the season.

We are incredibly proud of their effort, sportsmanship, and positive attitude. Well done to everyone involved!



Star of the Week

Marvellous Minibeasts	Tyler & Daisy
Fabulous Flamingos	Toby & Tabby
Perfect Penguins	Seb, Persephone & Amelie
Cheeky Chimps	Sylvie & George

Christian Value Certificate

Marvellous Minibeasts	Sophie
Fabulous Flamingos	Penny
Perfect Penguins	Henry
Cheeky Chimps	Bobby

Attendance

Marvellous Minibeasts	92%
Fabulous Flamingos	99%
Perfect Penguins	96%
Cheeky Chimps	99%

FOBS- Mother's Day Pots

A huge thank you to FOBS for a wonderful afternoon on Friday. The children had a fantastic time potting their Mother's Day bulbs, and it was lovely to see their enthusiasm and care as they took part.

Earlier in the week, the children designed and painted their pots, and we were so impressed by the creativity on display-each one truly unique!

We really do appreciate the time and effort you put into supporting the school; it makes such a positive difference to our children's experiences.

A special thank you to Mrs Huss for organising the pots and bulbs, and to Mr Morris for the kind donation of compost.

We are very grateful to you all!

Adam Jogee

Last Friday, it was wonderful to welcome Adam Jogee, our local MP, into school.

The children asked him some very thoughtful questions, and afterwards the school council had additional time with him to explore a range of topics in more depth. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn more about the role of an MP and how they represent our local community.

Mr Jogee has since been in touch to say how much he enjoyed meeting the children. Following his visit, the children have also written letters to him about the matters they raised, continuing the conversation and sharing their views.

A truly valuable and inspiring experience for everyone involved!

Budget Setting and Funding

At the moment, we are in the process of setting our budget for the next financial year. Like many schools, we are facing some tough decisions to ensure we can continue to provide everything we value so highly — including our fantastic staff team and the creative, outward-facing curriculum we are proud of at Betley. Our number one priority will always be the effective education and personal development of every child.

Thank you, as ever, for the continued support you give to our school community. Whether through contributions towards trips and events, or fundraising through FOBS activities, your support makes a real difference and helps us maintain the rich experiences we offer our children.

On Thursday 12th March, Mrs Ray attended the Betley Bonfire Awards, where she was delighted to receive a cheque on behalf of the school. This generous donation will go towards providing more experiences for the children. A huge thank you to Betley Bonfire for the donation, as it truly makes a positive difference to our school.

The funding we receive each year is directly linked to the number of volunteers who support the Bonfire event. As we approach November, I will be reaching out for any help you may be able to offer-your support truly does make a difference.

In addition to the Bonfire, Betley also hosts a three-day summer event during the holidays. Further information can be found at the end of this newsletter. If you are able to volunteer, please do sign up-your time and support are greatly appreciated.

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- Alexis

Swimming- Josh & Topsy

Beaver- Micah

Numbots and TTRS: Amelia, Marco, Elias & Evalyn.

British Values



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

The Winter Paralympics value every athlete's achievements equally. By respecting differences, they make sure everyone has a fair chance to succeed and follow their dreams.

In the news this week

Athletes from around the world have been competing in the Winter Paralympic Games in Italy. The Paralympics are an international sporting event for athletes with disabilities. This year's competitors took part in events such as skiing, snowboarding, wheelchair curling, and ice hockey. Many athletes train for years to compete at this level. Some have overcome injuries or health challenges, while others were born with disabilities. Using specialised equipment and incredible determination, they compete for medals.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Who do you find inspiring in sport? Ask someone at home about who they find inspiring.
- > What does being a champion mean to you?
- > What helps people overcome challenges? Talk with someone about their experiences.

Each week in Worship on Friday we explore British Values. Next week the focus is: Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Climate Action and Sustainability

Park and Strides Point:

Cricket Club

Village Hall

The Swan

FOBS

The next meeting is 12th May at The Swan starting at 7pm.

👉 Friends of Betley Present... 👈

💖 💧 Save the date - K-Pop Demon Hunters are coming to Betley 💧 💖 .



📅 Monday 23rd March 6:00pm-7:30pm
 🎟️ £10 Entry pay on the door (all children must be signed in by an adult)
 📍 Betley Village hall

Get ready to unleash your inner K-Pop Demon Hunter!
 Join us for an action-packed night of 🎶 K-Pop hits
 🕺 Epic dance battles
 ✨ Glow vibes & disco lights
 🌟 Superstar energy
 Drink, snacks and merch will be available on the night – price list will be available near the time

Class Dojo

Can you create a window showing the Easter Story? Please return your task by Thursday 26th March to receive 20 Dojos. All tasks will be displayed in the Collective Worship Areas.

1138	1282
1325	1367

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
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Musician of the month

Next week we will be listening to:

[Beatles-I want to hold your hand](#)

[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: Spring Turkey Bow Tie Pasta

Vegetarian option – Garden Bolognese Bow Tie Pasta

Wednesday: Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy

Vegetarian option – Vegan Fillet with Roasties & Gravy

Thursday: Chicken Stir Fry Rice

Vegetarian option – Rainbow Noodle Bowl

Friday: Fish Fingers with Chips

Vegetarian option – Cheesy Bean Whirls with Chips

Betley Festival Weekend (Volunteers needed)

Volunteering - Betley Show

Can you help at Betley's Big Weekend 2026?

Friday 31st July – Sunday 2nd August 2026

We're looking for volunteers to join us for an exciting weekend full of festival vibes

As a volunteer, you'll receive:

A wristband giving you access to all three events across the weekend

A £10 refreshment voucher to use at selected vendors

The chance to meet new people and be part of something special

An opportunity to apply for funding for your organisation (subject to the event being successful)

Whether you've helped out before or this is your first time, we'd love to have you involved and give back to the community together

We're especially looking for help as:

Set Up & Dismantle crew

Entrance Team members

Horse Show Stewards

Register here:

<https://www.betleyshow.com/volunteering/>



YOUNG STARS HOLIDAY CAMPS

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

MADELEY WHITE STAR FC, CW3 9JP

9AM-3PM
AGES 4-14
£20 PER DAY

20% SIBLING DISCOUNT

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MADELEY

TUESDAY EGG HUNT & PRIZES
WEDNESDAY BALLER LEAGUE DAY
THURSDAY FIFA & TOURNAMENTS

- INDOOR & OUTDOOR FACILITIES • SEMI-PRO COACHES
- BRING YOUR OWN PACKED LUNCH • SIBLING DISCOUNT
- BOOTS/TRAINERS REQUIRED • SHINPADS RECOMMENDED
- (4-7/8-14) SPLIT AGE GROUPS • SNACKS AVAILABLE TO BUY

BOOK YOUR CHILD VIA EMAIL: YOUNGSTARSZCOACHING@GMAIL.COM
MARCH 31st / APRIL 1st / APRIL 2nd / APRIL 7th / APRIL 8th / APRIL 9th



YOU ARE INVITED TO

WILD EASTER

ST MARGARET'S CHURCHYARD

Thursday 2nd April
10.30-12.00

Explore the Easter story through nature-inspired crafts and activities. Followed by refreshments in the church.

Important Dates

Tuesday 24 th March 2026	Easter Service at St Margaret's Church 2pm
Wednesday 25 th March 2026	Class 3 – Wroxeter Trip
Monday 30 th March 2026 – Friday 10 th April 2026	School Closed – Easter Break
Wednesday 22 nd April 2026	Fabulous Flamingos Class Assembly & Cake Sale 9:15am
Wednesday 22 nd April 2026	Year 6 Islamic Centre Visit
Wednesday 29 th April 2026	Marvellous Minibeasts Class Assembly & Cake Sale 9:15am
Friday 1 st May 2026	Academy Photos – Class Photos & Y6 Leavers
Wednesday 6 th May 2026	Perfect Penguins Class Assembly & Cake Sale 9:15am
Wednesday 6 th May 2026	Whole School Water Safety Assembly 1pm
Thursday 7 th May 2026	Perfect Penguins Rivers Workshop 1pm
Monday 11 th May 2026	SATS
Monday 25 th May 2026 – Friday 29 th 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	Year 6 Trip to Crocky Trail
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