

The Great Oak
CE Learning
Federation



Spring Term
2026
Friday 17th April
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)

Welcome Back

It has been lovely seeing the children again and hearing all about their Easter adventures. They have come back settled and ready to learn, which is great to see.

We have a very busy term ahead, with lots of exciting opportunities planned. These include engaging learning across the curriculum, the residential trip, class assemblies, the KS2 end of year production, Sports Day, a range of sporting events, FOBS events and after school clubs.

We are looking forward to a full and enjoyable term ahead.

After school clubs will begin next week.

If you would like your child to take part in a school-run club, please speak to Mrs Cooper, as the booking form has now closed.

For clubs run by external providers, bookings must be made directly with the organisation.

Planting Afternoon

We are excited to be planning a fun and hands-on planting afternoon for the children! This will be a wonderful opportunity for them to learn about nature, caring for plants, and watching things grow.

To help make this activity a success, we would greatly appreciate any donations of:

- Soil/compost
- Small plant pots or containers
- Flower or vegetable seeds
- Gardening tools suitable for children (if available)

If you have any spare items at home that you would be happy to contribute, please send them in with your child over the next week.

Thank you so much for your continued support – we cannot wait to get planting!



Star of the Week

Marvellous Minibeasts	Caleb
Fabulous Flamingos	Phoebe and Tommy
Perfect Penguins	Cosmo, Harry S & Toby
Cheeky Chimps	Finn, Hugo & Alexis

Christian Value Certificate

Marvellous Minibeasts	Jayin
Fabulous Flamingos	Oliver
Perfect Penguins	Jacob
Cheeky Chimps	Harriet

Attendance

Marvellous Minibeasts	96%
Fabulous Flamingos	98%
Perfect Penguins	100%
Cheeky Chimps	96%

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:

Numbots and TTRS: Evalyn & Topsy.

British Values



Individual Liberty

Individual liberty gives us the freedom to make our own life choices and pursue new challenges. We are free to choose our goals, which can shape our journey throughout our lives.

In the news this week

An 82-year-old runner, Eileen Hieron, has shown that age hasn't stopped her trying something new. She only started running in her 70s and ran her first marathon at the age of 74. Since then, she has completed nearly 10 marathons and even won her age group at the London Marathon. This Sunday, runners from all over the world will take part in the 2026 London Marathon, and stories like Eileen's are inspiring others to think about whether it's ever too late to try something new.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Have you ever tried something new that felt difficult at first? What helped you keep going?
- Do you believe age should matter when trying something new? Why or why not?
- Is there someone you know who has tried something new later in life? What have they done?
- Why do you think people take part in challenges like the London Marathon?

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

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.

The walk will start and finish at The Swan, with both shorter and longer route options available, perfect for little legs as well as those wanting a bit more adventure.

We are lucky to have special permission from local landowners, so parts of the route will take you through areas not usually open to the public, making it a unique experience for everyone.

Your entry fee includes a snack at the start to keep energy levels up, and there will be food available at The Swan afterwards—ideal for a relaxed finish with family and friends.



Class Dojo

Can you create a sheep and then write a positive word on it. Please return your task by Thursday 23rd April to receive 20 Dojos. All tasks will be displayed in the Collective Worship Areas.

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1471

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Wednesday 22nd April 2026 Fabulous Flamingos Class Assembly & Cake Sale 9:15am	Wednesday 22nd April 2026 Year 6 Islamic Centre Visit	Wednesday 29th April 2026 Marvellous Minibeasts Class Assembly & Cake Sale 9:15am
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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: Sausage with Mash & Gravy

Vegetarian option – Garden Sausage with Mash & Gravy

Wednesday: Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy

Vegetarian option – Vegan Fillet with Roasties & Gravy

Thursday: Penne with Beef Bolognese

Vegetarian option – Sunshine Sweet Potato Curry with Rice

Friday: Fish Fingers with Chips

Vegetarian option – Crispy Garden Fingers 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/>

Important Dates

Wednesday 22nd April 2026	Fabulous Flamingos Class Assembly & Cake Sale 9:15am
Wednesday 22nd April 2026	Year 6 Islamic Centre Visit
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	Perfect Penguins Class Assembly & Cake Sale 9:15am
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	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