

The Great Oak
CE Learning
Federation



Spring Term
2026
Friday 24th 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)*

Fabulous Flamingos Class Assembly

It was wonderful to listen to the children share their learning this week during the Fabulous Flamingos Class Assembly. They spoke with confidence and enthusiasm, making it a truly enjoyable experience for everyone.

We were also treated to some great songs, and it was fantastic to see the children reading music as they played the ocarina—an impressive skill that they showcased brilliantly.

Thank you to all the adults who attended and supported the children; your encouragement makes such a difference. A huge thank you as well to Mrs Cowen and her team for their hard work and dedication in supporting every child to succeed.

Year 6 visit Newcastle Islamic Centre

On Wednesday, our Year 6 children had the wonderful opportunity to visit the local Islamic Centre as part of their learning. This educational visit provided a valuable chance for the children to deepen their understanding through real-life experience.

During their time at the centre, the children took part in a guided tour of the mosque, where they learned about its features and significance. They were also given a brief introduction to Islam, helping them to develop a greater awareness and respect for different beliefs and cultures.

One of the highlights of the visit was the question-and-answer session, where both children and staff were encouraged to ask thoughtful questions. This allowed for meaningful discussions and helped to further enrich their learning.

The children represented the school brilliantly throughout the visit, showing curiosity, respect, and excellent behaviour. We are very proud of them.

We would also like to extend a sincere thank you to the parents who kindly support us with transporting children. Your generosity and willingness to help are greatly appreciated.



Star of the Week

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| Marvellous Minibeasts | Alfie & Millie |
| Fabulous Flamingos | Finley & Penny |
| Perfect Penguins | Jamie & Frankie |
| Cheeky Chimps | Thomas L, Will B & Will S |

Christian Value Certificate

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| Marvellous Minibeasts | Molly- Rose |
| Fabulous Flamingos | Topsy |
| Perfect Penguins | Amelia |
| Cheeky Chimps | Gracie |

Attendance

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| Marvellous Minibeasts | 96% |
| Fabulous Flamingos | 99% |
| Perfect Penguins | 99% |
| Cheeky Chimps | 95.6% |

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:

Football- Seb, Will, George, Henry, Sammy, Miles and Santiago.

Dance- Darcy

Gymnastics- Evy

Tennis- Marloe

Skiing- Tessa

Numbots and TTRS: Artie, Evalyn, Elijah & Frankie F.

British Values



In the news this week

New AI-supported glasses to help people with dementia or memory problems have won a £1 million prize. The glasses, made by the company CrossSense, can recognise objects and show labels or give spoken instructions to help people remember what things are and what to do. They use an AI assistant that learns how each person lives and adapts to their needs over time. Early tests show these glasses could help wearers feel more confident and independent in their daily lives.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your overall opinion on the glasses, do you think they are a good idea?
- In your opinion, is it better for people to get help from technology or from other people? Why?
- How might these glasses make someone feel more confident or independent?
- What technology do you use at home to help you? How does it help?

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

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.

Class Dojo

Can you spend one minute looking out of your window and think about who might need support or kindness this week. Can you draw

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this on a window? Please return your task by Thursday 30th April to receive 20 Dojos. All tasks will be displayed in the Collective Worship Areas.

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Wednesday 29th April 2026
 Marvellous Minibeasts Class
 Assembly & Cake Sale 9:15am

Friday 1st May 2026
 Class Photos & Year 6 Leavers

Wednesday 6th May 2026
 Perfect Penguins Class
 Assembly & Cake Sale
 9:15am

Musician of the month

Next week we will be listening to:

[Beatles- Helter Skelter](#)

[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 | |
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| 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: Golden Coconut Chicken Curry with Rice

Vegetarian option – Classic Mac & Cheese

Wednesday: Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy

Vegetarian option – Vegan Fillet with Roasties & Gravy

Thursday: Homestyle Sausage Roll with Mash & Gravy

Vegetarian option – Plantastic Balls with Mash & Gravy

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

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| 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 |
| Wednesday 15th July 2026 | Year 6 v Parents and Teachers Rounders Game |
| 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 |

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| Wednesday 2nd September 2026 | Children return to school |
| Monday 14th Sep – Friday 18th Sep 2026 | Y5 & Y6 Level 1/2 Bike Right Training |