

The Great Oak  
CE Learning  
Federation



Spring Term  
2026

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May  
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)

### Thankyou Betley Bonfire.

A huge thank you to Betley Bonfire for providing our children with a fantastic Wizard of Oz production this afternoon. The children fully immersed themselves in the performance and were captivated from start to finish. It was a truly memorable experience for everyone involved!

### Football League

On Monday, our Perfect Penguins played their very first football matches in the league!

They played two exciting games, achieving one win and one loss a fantastic start for a team coming together for the first time. We were so proud of how well they played, showing great teamwork, determination, and enthusiasm throughout.



It was wonderful to see every child supporting one another, with so much passion on display and a real eagerness to be out on the pitch. Both 10-minute games were full of energy, with some brilliant passing and strong defending.

A huge well done to all of our Perfect Penguins you should be very proud of yourselves!

A special thank you to Mr Wood for giving up his own time to train with the boys during lunch times and for supporting them at the match. We cannot wait for the next game!

### Britain In Bloom

A huge congratulations to Aria, Grayson and Niko, who have all achieved a Highly Commended award in the Britain in Bloom competition. The standard of artwork submitted was exceptional, making this a fantastic achievement to celebrate. This year, there were 1,084 entries from 18 schools across the Borough, highlighting just how competitive the event was. Each of these pupils has been invited to attend the prize-giving ceremony at Keele University, a wonderful opportunity to recognise their success.



### Star of the Week

Marvellous Minibeasts	Class 1 & Finlay
Fabulous Flamingos	Artie & Topsy
Perfect Penguins	Jack & Henry
Cheeky Chimps	Jack, Jess, Henry & Edie

### Christian Value Certificate

Marvellous Minibeasts	Scarlet
Fabulous Flamingos	Tommy
Perfect Penguins	Jacob & Louis
Cheeky Chimps	Lulu

### Attendance

Marvellous Minibeasts	97%
Fabulous Flamingos	99%
Perfect Penguins	99%
Cheeky Chimps	100%

### **Cadets**

Last term, the children in Year 5 took part in the Junior Cadet programme and proudly made their Cadet Promise. Throughout the programme, they explored a range of exciting and practical activities, including basic forensics, learning the phonetic alphabet, investigating different scenarios, understanding what to do if they became lost, exploring appropriate clothing for different situations, and even taking their own fingerprints.



A big thank you to Mrs Forrest for organising this fantastic opportunity and for supporting the children every step of the way. The pupils showed great enthusiasm and maturity, and we are very proud of their achievements.

### **Class Assemblies**

This month, we were treated to two fantastic class assemblies from our Marvellous Minibeasts and Fabulous Flamingos.

The Marvellous Minibeasts did an incredible job sharing their learning from this year and performing songs they have been practising. It was wonderful to see how much they have grown in confidence. They are truly flourishing and making the most of their Early Years journey and experiences. A big thank you to Mrs Mutanda and her team for the care and support they show to all of the children.

A huge well done also to our Fabulous Flamingos! It was a pleasure to watch and listen as they shared their learning with such confidence and enthusiasm. We are extremely proud of them. The children performed a range of fantastic songs, and it was especially impressive to see them reading music while playing the ocarina, what a talented group!

Thank you to all the adults who came along to support, and a special thank you to Mrs Cowen and her team for their hard work in helping every child shine.

### **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](mailto:office@betley.staffs.sch.uk) Well done to all of the children below for their achievements outside of school:

Cricket- Pippa, Louis, Charlie, Grayson, Eli, Henry, Henry, Jessica, Thomas and Harry.

Paddling- Jack

Canoe- Jack

Football- Grayson

Swimming- Darcy

**Numbots and TTRS:** Tommy, Evalyn, Frankie & Gracie

## British Values



Why do some people become so important to the world?

**British Values**  
I Really Do Matter!

Which British value do you think this week's story highlights?

This story relates to **Rule of Law**. This is because rules apply to everyone. From world leaders to giant companies, we must all follow the same rules to protect our planet.

This story relates to **Democracy** because it shows we have the right to use our voices and share our opinions to help protect the environment.

Do you agree with either person, or think something different?

**Protected Characteristics**

Which protected characteristic do you think this week's story links to?

This week's story relates to the protected characteristic of **Age**, because it shows that no matter a person's age, they can have a huge impact on the world.

Share your thoughts. Do you agree?

## In the news this week

Sir David Attenborough, a famous naturalist and broadcaster, is celebrating his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. For over 70 years, he has created and presented programmes that help people understand animals, nature, and the planet. His work has inspired millions of people to learn more about the world and take care of it. Many people are celebrating his life and the difference he has made.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- Who is someone you think is important? Why are they important?
- What has David Attenborough done to help people understand the world?
- How can we learn about places and animals we can't see ourselves?
- Do you think you have to be famous to make a difference? Why?
- Can you share something you care about and would like others to care about too?

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

**Genesis 2:15**

The Bible teaches that humanity has been given a special responsibility to protect and care for the world around us. It is our duty to ensure the planet remains a healthy home for all living things. This reminds us that even the smallest acts of kindness toward our environment can make a big difference.

Each week in Worship on Friday we explore British Values.

## 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 finding three special objects and then draw a picture of them in a window and write one word to represent them. Please return your task by Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May to receive 20 Dojos. All tasks will be displayed in the Collective Worship Areas.

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**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Perfect Penguins Class  
Assembly & Cake Sale 9:15am

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Whole School Water Safety  
Assembly 1pm

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Perfect Penguins Rivers  
Workshop 1pm

## Musician of the month

Next week we will be listening to:

[Within You Without You](#)

[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:** Beef Bolognese

Vegetarian option – Garden Bolognese

**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/>

## Important Dates

<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	Perfect Penguins Class Assembly & Cake Sale 9:15am
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	Whole School Water Safety Assembly 1pm
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	Perfect Penguins Rivers Workshop 1pm
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	SATS
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	School Closed – Half Term
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026</b>	INSET DAY
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026 – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>	KS2 Residential – St Briavels Castle
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>	Sports Day – Betley CC 1:15pm
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>	Father's Day Crafts
<b>Thursday 2<sup>rd</sup> July 2026</b>	Celebration Carnival 2pm
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026</b>	Summer Fayre
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>	KS2 Leavers Performance 1:30pm & 5:30pm
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>	Year 6 Trip to Crocky Trail
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>	Prom & Disco 6pm – 8pm
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>	School Reports to Parents
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>	Year 6 v Parents and Teachers Rounders Game
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>	Leavers Assembly – St Margaret's Church 9:15am
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>	INSET DAY
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026</b>	School Closed – Summer Break
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026</b>	Children return to school
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Sep – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Sep 2026</b>	Y5 & Y6 Level 1/2 Bike Right Training