

The Great Oak
CE Learning
Federation



Spring Term
2026
Friday 22nd 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)

Year 6 Cricket

A huge well done to our Year 6 boys cricket team who competed at Leycett Cricket Club! The boys were outstanding throughout the tournament, winning all three of their games in fantastic style and securing their place in the Newcastle finals on 16th June 2026.

The team showed excellent sportsmanship all day, encouraging and supporting one another from start to finish. They even chose their captains between themselves, showing great teamwork and maturity. The standard of cricket they played was incredible, and no other team came close!

We are so proud of the enthusiasm, determination and skill shown by every single player.

A special thank you also goes to Mr Sheldon, who gave up his time to coach and support the boys today. Your help and dedication are hugely appreciated.

Good luck in the finals, boys!

Wonderful News

We have got some lovely news to share with you all!

Mrs Mutanda is expecting her first baby, and the little one is due in September. We are absolutely delighted for both Mrs and Mr Mutanda as they get ready for this exciting new chapter.

As a team, we are really happy for them and wish them lots of joy and excitement in the months ahead.

Congratulations to them both!

Residential

On Tuesday 2nd June, the Key Stage 2 residential will take place. Please ensure all children arrive at school promptly for 8:15am, ready to depart at 8:30am.

For parents of children not attending the residential, please avoid arriving on the school grounds before 8:45am on this day, as there will be limited parking due to the residential departure.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us keep the morning running safely and smoothly.



Star of the Week

Marvellous Minibeasts	Dougie & Arthur
Fabulous Flamingos	Angus & Tabby
Perfect Penguins	Joshua & Millie
Cheeky Chimps	Pippa & Niko

Christian Value Certificate

Marvellous Minibeasts	Finley
Fabulous Flamingos	Evalyn
Perfect Penguins	Darcy
Cheeky Chimps	Harry

Attendance

Marvellous Minibeasts	95%
Fabulous Flamingos	90%
Perfect Penguins	95%
Cheeky Chimps	94%

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:

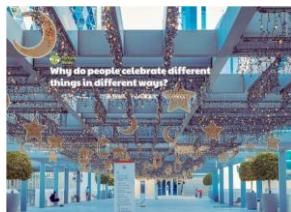
Canoeing: Jack

Dancing: Eliza

Football: Grayson

Numbots and TTRS: Micah, Evalyn, Seb & Darcy

British Values



I Really Do Matter!

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

This story shows **Respect** and **Tolerance** by reminding us that everyone's beliefs are important and should be treated with respect.

The story highlights **Individual Liberty** as we all have the right to make our own choices, such as the freedom for people to follow their religion and celebrate special festivals that are important to them.

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



Protected Characteristics

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

This celebration relates to the protected characteristic of **Religion or Belief** because Eid al-Adha is a festival where people express their faith through prayer, community, and charity.

Share your thoughts. Do you agree?

In the news this week

This week, people in the UK and across the world are celebrating Eid al-Adha. Families and communities will come together to pray, share meals, and give to those in need, with celebrations taking place in many different ways. The festival is a time to reflect on kindness, generosity, and the importance of helping others.

Things to talk about at home ...

- What celebrations are important in your family? Why?
- Have you ever learned about a celebration that is different from your own? If so, which?
- Why do you think people enjoy celebrating together?
- What are some ways we can show respect for other people's traditions?

The Bible teaches that celebrations should be full of happiness. It is a way to shout and cheer for the wonderful things God has done. Celebrations are for every person to enjoy, and they help bring our communities closer together.



Praise the LORD.
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.
Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,
praise him with tambourine and dancing,
praise him with the strings and pipe,
praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.
Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.
Praise the LORD.

Psalm 150



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

On Tuesday evening, FOBS met to discuss upcoming events and ideas for next year. We have lots planned for next term, including:

Father's Day Gifts – 16th June

Please look out for the poster on Dojo with full details.

Own Clothes Day

Children are invited to wear their own clothes in exchange for a donation of a bottle, chocolate bar, or raffle prize donation.

Ice Cream Fridays Are Back!

A favourite with the children will be returning next term.

If you would like to become part of FOBS, please come along to one of our meetings. We are always happy to welcome new members and ideas.

Monday 25th May 2026 – Friday 29th May 2026 School Closed	Monday 1st June 2026 INSET day	Tuesday 2nd June 2026 – Friday 5th June 2026 KS2 Residential
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Musician of the month

Next week we will be listening to:

[Babatunde African Drum Performance](#)

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: Sausages 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 – 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

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
Friday 5th June 2026	Tag Rugby (letters sent home)
Friday 12th June 2026	Class 2 – Fire Safety visit to school
Wednesday 17th June 2026	Sports Day – Betley CC 1:15pm
Thursday 18th June 2026	Father's Day Crafts
Wednesday 24th June 2026	Reserved Sports Day- Betley CC 1:15pm
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
Wednesday 2nd September 2026	Children return to school
Monday 7th September 2026	Class 3 – Stone Age Workshop (in school)
Monday 14th Sep – Friday 18th Sep 2026	Y5 & Y6 Level 1/2 Bike Right Training
Wednesday 23rd September 2026	Year 6 Parliament Trip
Wednesday 20th January 2027	Whole school water safety assembly 1pm
Thursday 28th January 2027	Young Voices
Thursday 4th February 2027	'Zoo 2 U' visiting Class 1 & Class 2 in school
Thursday 11th March 2027	Class 2 – Eureka Museum Trip
Wednesday 17th March 2027	Class 4 – Tatton Park Trip

Thursday 25th March 2027	Last day in school before Easter holidays
Friday 26th March 2027 – Sunday 11th April 2027	School closed for Easter holidays
Thursday 22nd April 2027	M&M theatre productions in school
Friday 30th April 2027	Academy Photos – Y6 Leavers & Classes
Wednesday 5th May 2027	Class 1 – Wonderland Trip