

The Great Oak
CE Learning
Federation



Spring Term
2026
Friday 19th June
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)*

Congratulations Year 6 Cricket Team!

A huge well done to our Year 6 children who took part in the Newcastle Final Cricket Tournament on Tuesday. Four of the best teams in Newcastle played against each other, and what a close and exciting event it was!



This group of boys have shown fantastic commitment to cricket and have worked brilliantly together as a team throughout. A big thank you to Mr. Shenton, Mr. Robinson, Toby and Mr. Wood for their support on the day. Well done everyone-you should be very proud!

Sports Day

Well done to all of the children for taking part in Sports Day! It was wonderful to see the support and encouragement you showed one another, while still maintaining the competitive spirit of the races.

Thank you to all of the adults for your support, there was a fantastic atmosphere throughout the afternoon.

A huge thank you to Mr Shenton and Mr Welsh. The time and effort spent preparing the children beforehand is what helps make the event run so smoothly and successfully.

We would also like to thank FOBS for selling food and drinks during the event. Your support is greatly appreciated.

It was a fantastic day, and we are very proud of all the children for their enthusiasm, sportsmanship and determination.

Father's Day- FOBS

A big thank you to FOBs for organising the Father's Day gifts. The children really enjoyed taking part, and we hope all the dads and special people have a wonderful Father's Day!



Star of the Week

Marvellous Minibeasts	Darcie & Arthur
Fabulous Flamingos	Molly & Matteo
Perfect Penguins	Harry J & Jamie
Cheeky Chimps	Tom B & Bertie

Christian Value Certificate

Marvellous Minibeasts	Seren
Fabulous Flamingos	Tommy
Perfect Penguins	Louis
Cheeky Chimps	Hugo

Attendance

Marvellous Minibeasts	96%
Fabulous Flamingos	96%
Perfect Penguins	94%
Cheeky Chimps	95%

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:

Swimming- Huey, Daisy & Artie

Drowning Awareness- Harry F

Dance- Evalyn

Rugby- Grayson

Blue Peter- Angus

Jacob, Maisie, Henry and Huey had a very exciting day on Saturday and raised an impressive £96!

Numbots and TTRS: Jacob, Marco, Mabel, Evalyn & Finlay.

British Values

Media Literacy

I know that information can change over time.

Explanation: Let's think about why it is important to consider how old information is.

Questions to Discuss

- Why is it important to look at the 'date' of information?
- How can a piece of information, which was correct for one 'time', become 'false'?
- What are some clues that tell us a piece of information has become outdated or old?

Activity

Today's last official census was in 2011. So you think the number of people, schools, and cars in India is the same today as it was in 2011? Why?

Work in small groups to gather three pieces of data about your classroom.

Deciding what to consider

- Number of children in your class today.
- Number of children who have been absent today.
- Number of people who have a pet.

Imagine that for your first task, in the year 2000, a census taker finds your name and writes a four-page story about your classroom based only on the data you collected today.

Think about: How often does the census in 2000 take place? Why is it taking an old information a problem?

British Values

I Really Do Matter!

Individual Liberty
Rule of Law
Democracy
Mutual Respect and Tolerance

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

The story highlights Democracy because a census makes sure everyone is counted and included. This helps leaders know exactly what each community needs to build a fairer future.

The story highlights Individual Liberty because the census helps find out what different communities need to live well, giving people choices and opportunities.

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

In the news this week

India has started one of the world's biggest counting projects, its national census. People across the country will be asked questions about their homes and communities to help build a picture of life in India today. The information collected will help leaders make decisions about services and support for more than 1.4 billion people.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Why do you think governments count people?
- What information might be important to know about a town or place? Why?
- A census counts people using numbers. What are some ways people count that cannot be measured by numbers?

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:

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.

Thursday 2nd July 2026

Celebration Carnival 2pm

Friday 3rd July 2026

Summer Fayre

Wednesday 8th July 2026

KS2 Leavers Performance
1:30pm & 5:30pm

Musician of the month

Next week we will be listening to:

[Bacewicz: Pensieri Notturmi \(Polish Radio Symphony Orchestra\)](#)

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 – 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

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