

The Great Oak
CE Learning
Federation



Autumn Term
2026
Friday 4th
September
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

We hope you have all had a wonderful summer break, filled with sunshine, laughter and lots of special family memories! As we begin a brand-new school year, we are delighted to welcome all our children and families back to our school community. A very special welcome also goes to those who are joining us for the first time — we are so pleased to have you with us!

Whether your child is returning or starting a new chapter with us, we are looking forward to a year full of learning, laughter, friendship and exciting opportunities. We cannot wait to see our children grow, learn and shine throughout the year.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, encouragement and trust. Working together as a school community makes such a difference, and we are excited about all that the year ahead will bring.

Here is to a happy, successful and memorable school year!

Meet the Teacher Meetings

Meet the Teachers meetings will take place during the week commencing 14th September. This will be an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and find out more about class routines, key dates and learning for the year ahead.

If you are unable to attend, all information will be shared on your child's ClassDojo page and the school website.

Our teachers are always happy to meet with parents to discuss any concerns or questions, so please don't hesitate to get in touch.

After-School Clubs Update

We are currently busy putting together our after-school club list for the new term. Clubs will begin week commencing 14th October. The full list, along with all the information you need, will be shared on ClassDojo early next week.

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding while we get everything organised.



Star of the Week

Marvellous Minibeasts	Whole School
Fabulous Flamingos	Whole School
Perfect Penguins	Tommy & Harry J
Cheeky Chimps	Lulu & Marco

Christian Value Certificate Respectful Robin

Marvellous Minibeasts	Bertie
Fabulous Flamingos	Robyn
Perfect Penguins	Frankie
Cheeky Chimps	Gracie

Attendance

Marvellous Minibeasts	100%
Fabulous Flamingos	100%
Perfect Penguins	94%
Cheeky Chimps	89%

Keeping in Touch with ClassDojo

ClassDojo is a wonderful way for us to stay connected with families and share all the exciting things happening in school. Teachers will regularly post updates, messages and photos, giving you a little glimpse into your child's learning and experiences.

Each week, we will also share our weekly school information, newsletter and 'The Week Ahead'. The newsletter will include key information and important dates, while 'The Week Ahead' will provide a helpful day-by-day overview of what is happening in school.

Please make sure you are registered and connected to your child's class. If you need any help getting set up, your child's class teacher will be happy to support you.

Please remember that teachers need time to switch off and enjoy their evenings too! If you send a message after 5pm, please do not expect a response until after 8am, Monday–Friday. We really appreciate your understanding and support with this.

[Class dojo](#)

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:

Cricket- Alexis

At Betley CE Primary School we are all Agents of Change!

We want to make changes - in ourselves, in our school, in our community and around the planet.



Climate Action and Sustainability

WOW Scheme – We are Continuing!

We are thrilled to be continuing with the fantastic WOW Scheme this year!

WOW is a brilliant initiative that encourages children to make active and sustainable travel choices when travelling to and from school. It is a wonderful opportunity to promote healthy lifestyles, care for our environment and inspire our children to make positive changes in their everyday lives.

Our WOW Ambassadors will play an important role throughout the year, helping to encourage and motivate their fellow pupils to get involved and make a difference.

We are really looking forward to another exciting year with the WOW Scheme and cannot wait to see the fantastic ideas, enthusiasm and positive impact our children will bring!

[Climate Action and Sustainability](#)

Governor Spotlight

We would like to share some information about the important role our governors play across the federation.

Our governors work closely with school leaders to provide support, challenge and strategic oversight, helping to ensure that our schools continue to provide the best possible education and opportunities for all pupils.

Further information about our governors, their roles and responsibilities can be found on our school website.

Please follow the link below to find out more:

[Governors Information](#)

FOBS – Making a Difference Together!

We are incredibly lucky to have such a fantastic FOBS (Friends of Betley School) group supporting our school and our children. FOBS plays a really important role in school life, helping to raise much-needed funds and organise exciting events and experiences that benefit every child in our school.

From providing additional resources and equipment to supporting special activities and memorable experiences, the money raised by FOBS makes a real difference. It helps us to provide opportunities that enhance our children's learning, enjoyment and time at school.

FOBS is only able to continue making this impact because of the amazing support of our school families and wider community. Every contribution, whether it is attending an event, volunteering your time, donating, or simply spreading the word, makes a difference.

We would love to welcome new faces and encourage as many parents, carers and members of our school community as possible to get involved. You do not need to commit to everything- every little bit of help is greatly appreciated!



Upcoming FOBS Meetings

Monday 22nd September – Planning Meeting



The Swan



7:00pm

Monday 13th October – FOBS AGM



Betley CE Primary School



7:00pm

Please come along if you would like to find out more, share ideas or get involved. Together, we can continue to make a fantastic difference to the lives of all our children.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported FOBS so far- your time, energy and generosity really do make a difference!

Class Dojo

This week's home learning challenge is all about our Betley School Values. Draw a picture of yourself showing one of our school values: Wisdom, Respect or Love. You could show yourself making a wise choice, treating others with respect, or showing love through kindness and helping others.

Please bring your picture into school by Friday. We look forward to seeing your wonderful work!

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Monday 7th September 2026 Class 3 – Stone Age Workshop	Monday 14th – Friday 18th September 2026 Y5 & Y6 Bike Right L1 & L2	Monday 14th September 2026 Class 2 – Meet the Teacher
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Musician of the month

David Bowie- Heroes

About: David Robert Jones, known professionally as David Bowie, was an English singer-songwriter and actor. He is regarded as one of the most influential musicians of the 20th century. His career was marked by reinvention and visual presentation, and his music and stagecraft had a significant impact on popular music.

Genres: Artrock, Glamrock, Pop and Electronic

Active from: 1962 - 2016

Origin: London, U.K.

<https://www.betley.staffs.sch.uk/musician-of-the-week/>

Our School Prayer

*Let our school be full of love and respect for one another,
Let us have the wisdom to understand our place and flourish as part of God's creation
But the courage to make the world a better place
With the help of your love may we shine
Amen*

Collective Worship Focus

This term our Christian Value focus will be perseverance.

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 Vegetable Chow Mein

Tuesday: Creamy Herby Chicken Pasta

Vegetarian option – Garden Sausage with Mash & Gravy

Wednesday: Roast of the Day with Yorkshire, Roasties & Gravy

Vegetarian option – Sage & Onion Whirl with Roasties & Gravy

Thursday: Texas Beef Chilli Burrito with Crunchy Slaw

Vegetarian option – BBQ Mac & Cheese
Friday: Chicken Nuggets with Chips
 Vegetarian option – Crispy Quorn Nuggets with Chips

Important Dates

Wednesday 2nd September 2026	Children return to school
Monday 7th September 2026	Class 3 – Stone Age Workshop (in school)
Monday 14th September 2026	Meet the Teacher- Fabulous Flamingo's 3:45-4:15pm (Mrs Cowen)
Tuesday 15th September 2026	Meet the Teacher-Perfect Penguins 3:45-4:15pm (Miss Ramsay)
Wednesday 16th September 2026	Meet the teacher- Cheeky Chimps 3:45-4:15pm (Mrs Johnson)
Thursday 17th September 2026	Meet the Teacher- Marvellous' Minibeasts 3:45-4:15pm (Miss Maddock)
Monday 14th Sep – Friday 18th Sep 2026	Y5 & Y6 Level 1/2 Bike Right Training
Monday 21st September 2026	Book Bus
Wednesday 23rd September 2026	Year 6 Parliament Trip
Sunday 4th October 2026	Harvest Service 09:30am
Tuesday 13th October 2026	Harvest Festival at St Margaret's Church 2pm
Tuesday 13th October 2026	FOBS meeting
Monday 19th October 2026	Parental Meeting go live on Compass
Friday 23rd October 2026	Times Table Rock Star Day School closes for Half Term
Wednesday 4th November 2026	Individuals, family and siblings photographs
Monday 9th November 2026	Parental Meetings
Tuesday 10th November 2026	Parental Meetings
Saturday 28th November 2026	Christmas Fayre 11-1pm Village Hall
Tuesday 1st December 2026	Christmas Tree Service 2pm St Margaret's Church (All parents are invited)
Sunday 6th December 2026	Christingle 4pm
Thursday 10th December 2026	EYFS/KS1 Nativity 1.30pm and 5pm
Thursday 17th December 2026	Key Stage 2 Drama Club Nativity 1.30pm and 5pm
Friday 18th December 2026	School closes for Christmas
Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2027	Christmas Holidays
Monday 4th January 2027	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday 5th January 2027	School opens

Wednesday 20th January 2027	Cheeky Chimps' Class Assembly and SATs information 9:15am and Cake Sale
Wednesday 20th January 2027	Whole school water safety assembly 1pm
Thursday 28th January 2027	Young Voices
Friday 29th January 2027	Half Termly Reports
Wednesday 3rd February 2027	Perfect Penguins' Class Assembly 9:15am and Cake Sale (Also meeting regarding MTC)
Thursday 4th February 2027	'Zoo 2 U' visiting Class 1 & Class 2 in school
Friday 5th February 2027	Timestables Rockstar Day
Friday 12th February 2027	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2027	Half Term
Monday 22nd February 2027	INSET (school closed)
Tuesday 23rd February 2027	School Opens
Thursday 4th March 2027	World Book Day Celebrations
Friday 5th March 2027	Reports out
Monday 8th March 2027	Parental Meeting go live on Compass
Tuesday 9th March 2027	Fabulous Flamingos' Class Assembly 9:15am and Cake Sale (Also meeting Phonics Screening)
Thursday 11th March 2027	Class 2 – Eureka Museum Trip
Wednesday 17th March 2027	Class 4 – Tatton Park Trip
Friday 19th March 2027	Odd Sock Day – no donation needed. World Down Syndrome Day 'End the stereotypes'
Monday 1st March & Wednesday 3rd March 2027	Parental Meetings (invites sent out via compass)
Thursday 25th March 2027	School closes for Easter Holidays
Friday 26th March – Sunday 11th April 2027	School closed for Easter holidays
Monday 12th April 2027	School opens
Wednesday 21st April 2027	Class 2 – Fire Safety Visit in School
Thursday 22nd April 2027	M&M theatre productions in school
Wednesday 28th April 2027	Marvellous Minibeasts' Class Assembly 9:15am and Cake Sale
Friday 30th April 2027	Photos - Y6 Leavers & Classes

Wednesday 5th May 2027	Class 1 – Wonderland Trip
Monday 10th May 2027	SATS week
Monday 17th May 2027	Cheeky Chimps- Keele Observatory 1:30pm- 3pm
Wednesday 26th May 2027	Sports Day 1:15pm
Monday 7th June 2027	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday 8th June 2027	School Opens
Wednesday 9th June 2027	Reserve Sports Day 1:15pm
Friday 11th June 2027	Non-uniform Day for Summer Fayre
Monday 14th June 2027 – Thursday 17th June 2027	Residential for Key Stage 2

Thursday 1st July 2027	Musical Celebration 2pm (All parents are welcome)
Thursday 8th July 2027	Prom and Disco 6-8pm
Wednesday 14th July 2027	1.30pm and 5:30pm Year 6 Leavers Play
Friday 16th July 2027	Reports out
Tuesday 20th July 2027	Leavers' Assembly 9:15am
Tuesday 20th July 2027	School closes for Summer Holidays
Wednesday 21st July 2027	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)