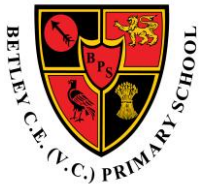


The Great Oak CE
Learning Federation



Autumn Term
2026
Friday 2nd October

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)

A very special congratulations to Mr and Mrs Mutanda! ❤️

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that their beautiful baby girl, Martha Uminata, arrived on 25 September 2026 at 1:09am, weighing 6lb 11oz. 🍼💕
What a beautiful bundle of cuteness she is!

Please join us in sending the whole family lots of love and our warmest congratulations. Welcome to the world, Martha!



Cross Country Stars Go the Extra Mile!

A huge well done to all the children who took part in cross country at Silverdale Academy last night! It was wonderful to see everyone showing such enthusiasm, determination and excellent sportsmanship. The longer course provided an extra challenge, but the children tackled it brilliantly and should be proud of their efforts. Next week's event will take place at Sir John Offley, starting at 4pm. Well done, everyone!

Harvest Service on Sunday 4th October

The children taking part in the service will be singing a hymn and reading a poem together. A thank you to everyone who is joining us. We very much appreciate your support. There will also be Autumn crafts for children to enjoy during the service. We look forward to sharing this special occasion with you!



Star of the Week

Marvellous Minibeasts	James and Arabella
Fabulous Flamingos	Orla and Artie
Perfect Penguins	Micah and Seb
Cheeky Chimps	Lulu and Amelia

Christian Value Certificate Respectful Robin

Marvellous Minibeasts	Connor
Fabulous Flamingos	Molly-Rose
Perfect Penguins	Jacob
Cheeky Chimps	Persephone

Attendance

Marvellous Minibeasts	94%
Fabulous Flamingos	95%
Perfect Penguins	95%
Cheeky Chimps	97%

Achievements outside of school

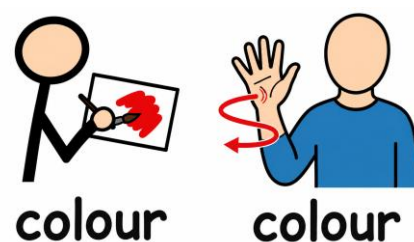
If your child takes part in an activity whether it be sports, helping animals or volunteering and you would like to celebrate this, please email me on: office@betley.staffs.sch.uk Well done to all of the children below for their achievements outside of school:

Numbots star: Evalyn M
TTRockstars: Tabby and Jacob

Makaton sign of the Week

Each week we'll be sharing a new Makaton sign that the children are learning in school. Please ask your child to show you the sign—they'll love teaching you what they've learned! What is Makaton? Makaton is a way of communicating that uses simple signs and symbols alongside speech. It helps children (and adults) to understand and express themselves, especially if they find language tricky. You may have seen Makaton being used on TV, in hospitals, or in other schools—it helps make communication more inclusive for everyone. By learning Makaton together, we're giving all our children an extra tool to support understanding, confidence, and inclusion.

This week it is the word colour.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bAhiaGsYLjU&t=15s>

Residential 2027 – YHA Ilam Hall

We are delighted to announce that our 2027 Key Stage 2 Residential will take place at YHA Ilam Hall in the Peak District from Monday 14th June to Thursday 17th June 2027. This exciting opportunity is open to Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 children. The residential will provide children with the chance to develop independence, teamwork and confidence through a range of outdoor activities in a safe and supportive environment. The total cost of the trip is £285, which includes accommodation, meals, activities, transport and insurance. To secure a place, please contact the office.

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.



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British Values - Next Week's News

This week, our British Values discussion focuses on Democracy and Individual Liberty through the government's plans to introduce healthier food standards in schools from September 2027. The children can think about how decisions are made, why rules are introduced and how our individual choices can affect our health and wellbeing.

 Talk about it at home: Who decides what your family eats? Do you take turns choosing meals? What healthy meal would you like to see on the school menu?

These conversations are a great way to help children understand that having a voice, listening to others and making informed choices are all important parts of life in modern Britain.



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



Individual Liberty means having a say in the food we eat and being able to make choices from the healthier options available.

The **Rule of Law** means schools need to follow agreed standards, to help provide healthy food choices for everyone.



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

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Protected Characteristics

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



The protected characteristic of **age** is highlighted, because it is important that people of every age have access to a healthy and nutritious diet.

Share your thoughts. Do you agree?



FOBS – Making a Difference Together!



Upcoming FOBS Meetings

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 Dojo challenge is based on 1 Samuel 17:32-50 – David and Goliath.

Draw a picture of your favourite part of the story. Think about how David showed perseverance by never giving up, even when he faced a giant challenge, and trusted God to help him.

You can bring your picture into school or upload a photo to Dojo. We can't wait to see your fantastic work

Return by Friday 9th October for 10 Dojos.

2nd

1st

4th

3rd

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

Musician of the month

Our song for next week is:

Nina Simone - Mississippi Goddam (live) - The Late Show - September 1991

- **Nina Simone** was a singer, pianist and songwriter from the United States.
- She **began learning the piano** when she was about three years old.
- Her **birth name** was Eunice Kathleen Waymon. She later chose Nina Simone as her stage name.
- Her **music combined different styles**, including jazz, blues, gospel and classical music.
- She wrote "**Mississippi Goddam**" in 1963. It expressed her anger and sadness about racist



violence against Black people in America.

- **The song is a protest song.** This means it uses music to challenge unfair treatment and call for change.

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*

Jesus took the bread, gave thanks to God, and distributed it to the people who were sitting there. He did the same with the fish, and they all had as much as they wanted. When they were all full, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces left over; let us not waste a bit."

John 6: 11-12



One day, Jesus was teaching a huge crowd near Lake Galilee. As evening came, the people became hungry. A young boy offered Jesus five loaves of bread and two fish. Jesus gave thanks to God and shared the food with everyone. They all had enough to eat, and the disciples collected leftovers to share with others who were in need.



The Bible teaches Christians that food is an important part of caring for others. Jesus made sure the hungry crowd had enough to eat and told His disciples not to waste what was left. This can remind Christians that school lunches are about more than just food. School lunches can help make sure everyone has access to healthy, nutritious food and that everyone's needs are included.



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 £3.25

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: Superhero Pizza with Paprika & Garlic Potatoes

Vegetarian option – Sunshine Sweet Potato Curry with Rice

Tuesday: Sausage Roll with Mash & Gravy

Vegetarian option – Penne with Garden Bolognese

Wednesday: Beef Mince Loaded Yorkshire with Roasties

Vegetarian option – Loaded Yorkshire with Roasties

Thursday: Golden Chicken Curry with Lemon Rice

Vegetarian option – Mac & Cheese

Friday: Fish Fingers with Chips

Vegetarian option – Crispy Garden Fingers with Chips

Safeguarding Section

This month's online safety newsletter highlights several apps, games and online platforms that parents should be aware of:

AI companion chatbots are increasing in popularity but can expose children to inappropriate content, encourage emotional dependence and create risks around sharing personal information.

Doki Doki Literature Club may appear child-friendly but is rated 18+ and contains themes of self-harm, suicide and psychological horror.

Happy Tree Friends uses cartoon-style animation but includes graphic violence, blood and death.

CapCut can expose users to unsuitable content through user-generated templates, explicit music and in-app purchases.

Discord allows users to communicate through messages, voice and video calls and may expose children to adult content, inappropriate language and contact with strangers.

This video offers a simple, practical introduction to supporting children in developing healthy, balanced digital habits.

<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Digital-Wellbeing-Oct-2026.mp4>

To see the full Online Safety Newsletter, please click below:

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Important Dates

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
Friday 6th November 2026	Non-uniform day – donations of a bottle or a bar please (Christmas Fayre)
Monday 9th November 2026	Parental Meetings

Tuesday 10th November 2026	Parental Meetings
Friday 13th November 2026	Non-uniform day – donations of a colourful item please for the Christmas hamper Marvellous Minibeasts - red Fabulous Flamingos - green Perfect Penguins - silver Cheek Chimps- gold
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	Timetables 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)

