

The Great Oak
CE Learning
Federation



Autumn Term
2026
Friday 18th
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)

Social Media

As we all know, social networking platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and other online forums are widely used and enjoyed by many adults and young people. While these platforms can be excellent tools for communication and sharing information, they can sometimes be used to discuss school-related matters, including disagreements between pupils or concerns about the school.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to think carefully before posting comments online. Remarks made about individuals or organisations on social media can be widely shared and may, in some circumstances, be considered defamatory. Such comments can cause considerable distress to those involved and may have legal consequences.

Social media is often less private than we might assume.

Comments posted online can quickly reach a large audience and may have an unintended impact on pupils, families, staff and the wider school community. Our priority is always to maintain a safe, supportive and respectful environment for everyone connected with the school.

We work hard to foster positive relationships and open communication with our families. If you have any concerns regarding your child or any aspect of school life, I warmly encourage you to contact the school directly so that we can listen, discuss the matter and work together towards a resolution.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in helping us maintain a positive and respectful school community.



Star of the Week

Marvellous Minibeasts	Darcie & Ralphie
Fabulous Flamingos	Millie & Finlay
Perfect Penguins	Lily & Toby
Cheeky Chimps	Pippa & Andre

Christian Value Certificate Respectful Robin

Marvellous Minibeasts	Zara
Fabulous Flamingos	Harry
Perfect Penguins	Ava
Cheeky Chimps	Nina

Attendance

Marvellous Minibeasts	96%
Fabulous Flamingos	97%
Perfect Penguins	92.6%
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:

Dance- Lily

Reading- Grace & Alfie

Betley show- Grace & Joshua

Martial Arts- Persephone

Cheeky Chimps – Bikeability

This week, the Cheeky Chimps have taken part in Bikeability, and what a fantastic time they have had!

The children have shown lots of enthusiasm and excitement while learning new cycling skills and developing their understanding of road safety. They listened carefully, followed instructions brilliantly, and worked hard to put their new skills into practice.

We are so proud of how well the children have participated and how confidently they have embraced the experience.

Well done, Cheeky Chimps!

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



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?

It highlights Rule of Law because protected areas help keep people and wildlife safe, and allow them to share the land.

Mutual Respect and Tolerance is shown by respecting the needs of both people and wildlife.

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

Protected Characteristics

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

Sex

Who People Love

Age

Disability

Being Yourself

Marriage and Civil Partnership

Pregnancy and Maternity

Race

Religion or Belief

Long ago, the world was not the way God wanted it to be. God asked Noah to build a huge boat, called an ark, and bring his family and two of every kind of animal on board to keep them safe. When the rain came and the waters rose, Noah, his family and the animals stayed safely inside the ark. When the waters went down, they were able to leave and begin again on dry land.



You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you.

Genesis 6:19



Each week in Worship on Friday we explore British Values. Next week the focus is:
Mutual Respect

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 Dojo challenge is based on the story of Joseph (Genesis 37, 39 & 45).

Draw a picture of your favourite part of Joseph's

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story. Think about how Joseph showed forgiveness, courage and trust in God, even when life was difficult. You can bring your picture into school or upload a photo to Dojo. We can't wait to see your fantastic work!

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Book Bus	Y6 Parliament Trip	Harvest Service 09:30am																		
Musician of the month <u>David Bowie - I Can't Give Everything Away</u> 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 <i>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</i>																				
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.																				
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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: Fajita Pizza with Purple Slaw

Vegetarian option – Fiesta Beany Burrito with Rice

Tuesday: Penne with Beef Bolognese

Vegetarian option – Creamy Cauli & Chickpea Curry with Rice

Wednesday: Toad in the Hole with Roasties & Gravy

Vegetarian option – Twisted Toad in the Hole with Roasties & Gravy

Thursday: BBQ Chicken Melt with Sunshine Rice

Vegetarian option – Mac & Cheese

Friday: Crispy Battered Fish with Chips

Vegetarian option – Cheesy Bean Whirl with Chips

Important Dates

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

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)
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

