

The Great Oak
CE Learning
Federation



Autumn Term
2026
Friday 11th
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)

Last week, our focus was on British Values, and it was inspiring to see our Year 6 children putting these principles into action as they applied for leadership roles across the school.

House Captain Elections

Children interested in becoming House Captains or Vice Captains prepared and delivered presentations to their house teams. Following these, each team held a vote to elect their Captains - an excellent exercise in democracy and public speaking!

School Council Selection

In class, pupils nominated and selected their School Council representatives. Next week we will be holding our first meeting.

Year 6 Leaders

Congratulations to Our Year 6 Leaders!

After a fantastic round of applications, interviews, and voting, our Year 6 leaders have now been chosen. A huge well done to all the children who stepped out of their comfort zones and embraced each challenge with courage and determination. We are incredibly proud of the perseverance, respect, and commitment you have shown since returning. Your efforts have truly shone through, and you have set a brilliant example for others to follow.

Well done, everyone - you have earned it!

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.



Star of the Week

Marvellous Minibeasts	Teddy & Isabella
Fabulous Flamingos	Miles & Fallon
Perfect Penguins	Topsy & Alba
Cheeky Chimps	Barnaby & Edie

Christian Value Certificate Respectful Robin

Marvellous Minibeasts	Isaac
Fabulous Flamingos	Huey
Perfect Penguins	Joshua
Cheeky Chimps	Marloe

Attendance

Marvellous Minibeasts	96%
Fabulous Flamingos	99%
Perfect Penguins	97%
Cheeky Chimps	98%

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- Pippa

Swimming- Sophie

Reading- Micah, Elias & Joshua

Squirrels- Elias

Athletics-Andre

Dance-Eliza & Darcy

Musical Theatre- Seb

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.



Agents of CHANGE

British Values



Protected Characteristics

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

Homelessness can affect people of all ages. Anyone facing homelessness should be protected from discrimination, no matter how old they are.

Share your thoughts. Do you agree?



In the news this week

UK Prime Minister Andy Burnham has pledged that, by Christmas, everyone sleeping rough in England will be offered a safe place to stay. Accommodation will be found to end the need for sleeping rough. There will also be practical support for any health needs, as part of a £442m investment.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your response to the pledge that no one will be sleeping rough this Christmas.
- Can you think of some different ways that people can help others in their local communities?
- Can you share a time when you needed help from others? What help did you need and who helped you?

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 celebrates Astronomy Day on 19th September.

Draw a picture of space! You could choose the Moon, planets, stars, rockets, astronauts or your own amazing galaxy. Be as creative as you like.

You can bring your picture into school or upload a photo to Dojo. We can't wait to see your out-of-this-world creations!

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668

790

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Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th September 2026	Monday 14 th September 2026	Monday 21 st September 2026
Y5 & Y6 Bike Right L1 & L2	Class 2 – Meet the Teacher	Book Bus

Musician of the month

David Bowie Space Oddity

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*

The Bible teaches us that we should care for people who need help. When we help others, we are also showing love to God. This encourages us to notice when someone is struggling and be kind, caring and compassionate.



For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,

Matthew 25: 35-40



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: Pizza with Paprika & Garlic Potatoes

Vegetarian option – 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: Chicken Curry with Lemon Rice
 Vegetarian option – Classic Mac & Cheese
Friday: Fish Fingers with Chips
 Vegetarian option – Crispy Garden Fingers with Chips

Important Dates

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

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)
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

