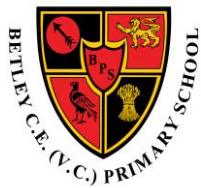


The Great Oak CE
Learning Federation



Autumn Term
2026
Friday 25th September

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)

Year 6's Wonderful Day in London!

What an amazing time our Year 6 children had in London. They visited the Houses of Parliament and spent time with MP Adam Jogee, enjoyed the London Eye, travelled on the Tube and saw some of the capital's famous sights, including Buckingham Palace and 10 Downing Street. They may even have caught a glimpse of Queen Camilla!

Thank you to Miss Whittingham for organising the trip, and to Mrs Cowen, Miss Tully, Mrs King and Mrs Bagguley from St Luke's for accompanying the children. Year 6, your behaviour was impeccable, and we are all very proud of you!



Book Bus Brings a Brilliant Day of Reading!

A huge thank you to everyone who visited the Book Bus on Monday and bought a book. Together, you spent an incredible £850! It was wonderful to see the children exploring their favourites and excitedly sharing the books they had chosen. Thank you for supporting their love of reading. We look forward to sharing the books that we were able to purchase.



Star of the Week

Marvellous Minibeasts	Caleb and Otis
Fabulous Flamingos	William and Charlie
Perfect Penguins	Mabel and Maisie
Cheeky Chimps	Cody and Frankie

Christian Value Certificate Respectful Robin

Marvellous Minibeasts	Huxley
Fabulous Flamingos	Frankie
Perfect Penguins	Evalyn
Cheeky Chimps	Amelia

Attendance

Marvellous Minibeasts	94%
Fabulous Flamingos	93%
Perfect Penguins	100%
Cheeky Chimps	100%

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:

Jesse for your football achievements

Evalyn for your dance achievements

Josh for your swimming certificate.

Well done to you all. We are all very proud.

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.



British Values

Worship, British Values & Protected Characteristics

Next week, our learning links beautifully together through the theme of stories and how we share them.

 In Collective Worship, we will explore The Parable of the Sower and Matthew 13:10–11, thinking about why Jesus used parables and stories to help people understand important messages about God and His Kingdom.

Through our British Values, we will consider Individual Liberty and Mutual Respect and Tolerance. Children will think about how everyone should have the freedom to share their own ideas, experiences and stories, while also listening to and respecting the stories of others.

Our big question for the week is: “How can we share our stories?” We hope this will encourage some wonderful conversations in school and at home about the many different ways stories can be told and why everyone’s story matters.

Protected Characteristics

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



The Bayeux Tapestry highlights the protected characteristic of **sex**, as it can help us think about how men and women are represented in historical stories and whose experiences are included.

Share your thoughts. Do you agree?



British Values

I Really Do Matter!

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



Individual Liberty is highlighted because people should have the freedom to express their ideas, experiences and stories however they choose.



The Bayeux Tapestry shows how stories can be understood and represented in different ways, highlighting **Mutual Respect and Tolerance**.



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



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 Exodus 14:10–31 – Crossing the Red Sea.

Draw a picture of your favourite part of the story. Think about how Moses and the Israelites kept going, even when things were difficult, and trusted God to help them. How does this story teach us about perseverance?

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

1,059

1,092

889

1,112

Sunday 4th October 2026	Tuesday 13th October 2026	Tuesday 13th October 2026
Harvest Service 09:30am	Harvest Festival at St Margaret's Church 2pm	FOBS meeting

Musician of the month

About: Eunice Kathleen Waymon, known professionally as Nina Simone, was an American singer, songwriter, pianist, and civil rights activist. Her music spanned styles including classical, folk, gospel, blues, jazz, R&B, and pop.

Genres: R&B/Soul, Jazz

Active from: 1954 - 2002

Origin: North Carolina, U.S.A.

The music this week is:

[Nina Simone - My Baby Just Cares For Me \[HQ\] - YouTube](#)



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. Our linked British Values will be:



Jesus told a story about a farmer who went out to sow seeds. Some seeds fell on a path, and birds came and ate them. Some fell on rocky ground, where they grew quickly but soon withered in the sun. Other seeds fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. But some seeds fell on good soil and grew into a large crop. The disciples then asked Jesus why he spoke to the people using stories called parables. Jesus explained that he used parables to help teach people about God's Kingdom.




Then the disciples came to Jesus and asked him, "Why do you use parables when you talk to the people?" Jesus answered, "The knowledge about the secrets of the Kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them."

Matthew 13: 10-11



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 Veg Chow Mein

Tuesday: Creamy Herby Chicken Pasta

Vegetarian option – Garden Sausage with Mash & Gravy

Wednesday: Roast Chicken with Stuffing with Roasties & Gravy

Vegetarian option – Sage & Onion Whirl with Roasties & Gravy

Thursday: Texas Beef Chilli Burrito with Slaw

Vegetarian option – Mac & Cheese

Friday: Chicken Nuggets with Chips

Vegetarian option – Crispy Quorn Nuggets with Chips

Safeguarding Section

6 tips to help improve your family's online wellbeing

There are lots of positives to being online for children, from staying in touch with friends to learning about the world. There are some challenges, too, and the online world can be tricky for children to navigate. For some it can become overwhelming trying to keep up with friends, and the pressure can mount.

Noticing how your child is affected by being online is the first step in helping them manage their wellbeing. There are several things you can do to help support a child, including using specific apps and checking app settings.

The NSPCC have produced a guide with 6 tips to help improve your family's online wellbeing

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-wellbeing/>



Please note that we have recently had CCTV installed, the policy will be shared on the school website this weekend. Thank you.

Over the next week we will be sharing many of our policies with you. These can all be found on the school website. www.betley.staffs.sch.uk

This week it is Behaviour. Have a look at our simple picture that shows you succinctly was in the policy. We have introduced the bell today and Henry was very happy to be the first one to give it a go.



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Our Three Simple Expectations

✓ Be Ready



- Come to school on time and ready to learn.
- Bring the correct equipment and complete homework.
- Always try your best.

♥ Be Respectful



- Speak kindly to everyone.
- Listen carefully to adults and each other.
- Show good manners and celebrate everyone's differences.
- Look after our school and each other.

🛡 Be Safe



- Make sensible choices.
- Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.
- Help everyone feel safe, happy and included.

We Celebrate Positive Behaviour

Children are recognised through:



Class Dojo points



Celebration certificates



Ringing the celebration bell



Positive phone calls and messages home



Golden Table



Weekly rewards and recognition

Positive behaviour is **taught**, **modelled** and **celebrated** every day.

When Things Go Wrong...

We help children learn from their choices using a calm, consistent approach:



Reminder

A gentle reminder of our expectations.



Caution

A clear warning and time to make a better choice.



Time to Reflect

Time away to think about choices and consequences.



Restorative Conversation

A calm conversation to repair relationships, learn and move forward.

♥ Our aim is always to repair relationships, learn from mistakes and move forward positively.

Working Together with Parents



- ✓ Support our school expectations.
- ✓ Work in partnership with staff.

- ✓ Encourage positive behaviour at home.
- ✓ Support school decisions when consequences are needed.

If you have any concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. We are here to help.

With **Wisdom**, **Respect** and **Love** we flourish and shine.

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	Half Term

Friday 19th February 2027	
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)

