The Great Oak CE Learning Federation

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)*

Autumn Term 2026
Friday 6th November 2026

Welcome Back

It has been an absolute pleasure welcoming the children back to school this week. They have returned raring to go, full of enthusiasm and excitement for the term ahead!
Over the next three weeks, Mrs Ruth Fish will be visiting school and spending time with each class, exploring our school Christian Values and thinking about how these values relate to our everyday lives. This week marked the first of these sessions, and Ruth was truly overwhelmed by the thoughtful answers, wonderful ideas and thoughtful suggestions shared by the children.
It is moments like these that remind us just how special our school is. We are incredibly proud of our caring, kind and thoughtful children, and it has been lovely to see them engaging so positively with these important values.
We look forward to sharing more about these sessions over the coming weeks!

Parental Meeting

A little reminder that our parent consultation meetings are taking place next week.
If you have not yet booked an appointment, please log on to Compass to select a convenient time slot.
If you are unable to attend on the scheduled dates, please contact your child's class teacher, who will be happy to arrange an alternative date.
We look forward to seeing you and having the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and achievements!



Star of the Week	
Marvellous Minibeasts	Emily & Edison
Fabulous Flamingos	Daisy & Evalyn
Perfect Penguins	Oliver & Harry
Cheeky Chimps	Freddy & Eliza

Christian Value Certificate	
Marvellous Minibeasts	Tyler
Fabulous Flamingos	Margaux
Perfect Penguins	Penny
Cheeky Chimps	Sylvie

Attendance	
Marvellous Minibeasts	94%
Fabulous Flamingos	93.5%
Perfect Penguins	99%
Cheeky Chimps	93%

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

Maths Stars of the Week!

It is wonderful to see so many children engaging with NumBots and Times Tables Rock Stars at home and developing their maths skills!

A huge well done to Aria, Elias, Andre and Charlie who are our Star Students this week! We are so proud of your hard work and dedication.

Keep practising, everyone and let's see who will be our stars next week!

Royal Legion Appeal

In school we always support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Mrs Cooper is selling in the office the following:

Snap band £1.50

Stick on poppies 50p

Reflective poppy 50p

Pencil 50p

Bracelets £1



British Values

In the News Next Week - Celebrating Traditions and British Values

We all have special family traditions, but what happens when they need to change? Next week, our Picture News story will explore Diwali, the Festival of Lights, and the decision to cancel Leicester's traditional fireworks display due to safety concerns.

We will link this to two important British Values:

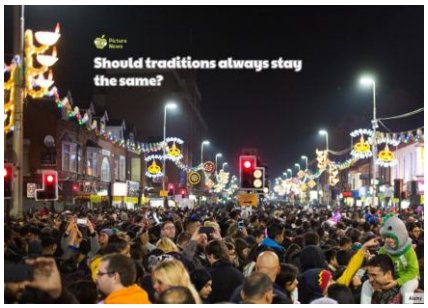
Individual Liberty – Respecting everyone's freedom to celebrate their beliefs and traditions.

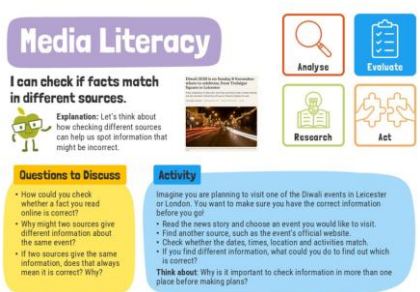
Rule of Law – Understanding why rules and decisions are sometimes needed to keep people safe.

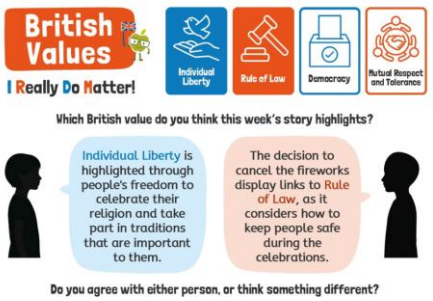
In worship, we will explore Luke 22:19–20, reflecting on the Last Supper and the importance of traditions in Christianity.

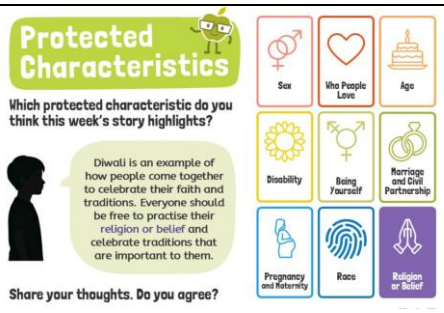
Talk about it at home: What is your favourite family tradition? Should traditions always stay the same, or is it sometimes good to make changes?

These discussions will help our children develop respect, understanding and appreciation for others.











FOBS Events

Friday 6th November- Own clothes- bottle or bar
Friday 13th November- Own clothes- Hamper Item
Saturday 28th November- Christmas Markets
Thursday 3rd December – Wreath Making
Monday 7th December- EYFS and KS1 Tea with Santa
Saturday 12th December- Santa Float Collection
Monday 14th December- KS2 Christmas Bingo Extravaganza



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: Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.
Betley CofE (VC) Primary School - Days of the week

Class Dojo Task

⭐ **Blind Bartimaeus: Showing Respect** ⭐
In the Bible story, Bartimaeus called out to Jesus. Some people told him to be quiet, but Jesus stopped, listened and asked how he could help. Jesus showed Bartimaeus that he mattered.
🎨 **Your task:** Create a picture of Jesus listening to Bartimaeus. Add a speech bubble showing something kind Jesus might say.
🖍️ Write one way you can show respect to someone by listening or including them.
💭 **Think about:** How can we help everyone feel heard and valued?
Let's show respect through our words and actions!

1st	4th
2nd	3rd

Monday 9th November 2026	Tuesday 10th November 2026	Wednesday 11th November 2026
Parental Meetings – Class 1, Class 2 and Class 4	Parental Meetings – All Classes	Parental Meetings – Class 3 only

Musician of the month

This month, we are learning about the incredibly talented Sir Elton John, a famous British singer, pianist and composer! Born Reginald Kenneth Dwight on 25th March 1947, Elton John grew up in Middlesex, England, and discovered a love of music from a young age. He is well known for his amazing piano skills, distinctive voice and colourful, flamboyant stage costumes. Elton John has enjoyed a music career spanning over six decades and has become one of the most successful musicians in the world. He is famous for hit songs such as *Rocket Man*, *Your Song*, *I'm Still Standing* and *Candle in the Wind*. He worked closely with lyricist Bernie Taupin, who wrote the words to many of his songs, while Elton composed the music. Together, they created one of the most successful songwriting partnerships in music history! Throughout this month, we will explore Elton John's music, listen carefully to his songs and discover how he uses his voice, piano and musical expression to entertain audiences around the world.

Our song for next week is:

"The Wreckers on the Cliffs of Cornwall" by Ethel Smyth

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 shared the Passover meal with His disciples. He gave thanks, broke some bread and shared it with them.

Then, He took a cup of wine, gave thanks and passed it around. He told them to remember Him whenever they ate the bread and drank the wine.

Jesus wanted His disciples to continue this tradition to remember Him and what He had taught them.

Then he took a piece of bread, gave thanks to God, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in memory of me." In the same way, he gave them the cup after the supper, saying, "This cup is God's new covenant sealed with my blood, which is poured out for you."

Luke 22: 19–20



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.

Lunches are £3.25 per day
Monday: Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges
Veg option: Rainbow Vegetable Chow Mein
Tuesday: Creamy Herby Chicken Pasta
Veg option: Garden Sausage with Mash & Gravy
Wednesday: Roast Chicken & Stuffing with Roasties & Gravy
Veg option: Sage & Onion Whirl with Roasties & Gravy
Thursday: Texas Beef Chilli Burrito with Crunchy Slaw
Veg option: Mac & Cheese
Friday: Chicken Nuggets with Chips
Veg option: Crisy Quorn Nuggets with Chips

Parents' Ultimate Guide to Smart Devices

Are smart speakers OK for kids? Should you buy smart home technology? What are the benefits of smart devices and what are the privacy and security risks?

More than six in 10 parents say their young kids interact with voice-activated assistants. Are you one of them? If you're **weighing the pros and cons** of products such as smart watches, smart speakers, and even smartphones that track pretty much everything you do, read this guide that tells you everything you need to know about smart stuff for families.



This guide tells you all about smart devices -- what they are, **what they can do for you and your family**, **how to use them as safely as possible**, and how to protect your family's privacy in a world increasingly powered by data.

https://www.commonsensemedia.org/articles/parents-ultimate-guide-to-smart-devices

Important Dates

Monday 9th November 2026	Parental Meetings MM, FF, CC
Tuesday 10th November 2026	Parental Meetings – all classes
Wednesday 11th November 2026	Parental Meetings – PP only
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 - gold Cheek Chimps- silver
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
Wednesday 10th February 2027	Class 2 – Stafford Castle trip
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
Friday 28th May 2027	School closes for Half Term
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)