

The Great Oak  
CE Learning  
Federation



Spring Term  
2025  
Friday 28th  
March 2025

# 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)

### Betley Bonfire

We have been very fortunate to receive a cheque from the Betley Bonfire Committee. I would like to thank the parents that joined us for the setting up, participating over the weekend and cleaning up after the Betley Bonfire. The money raised is going towards resources and books in every class. Thank you, Betley Bonfire for the kind donation.

### St Briavels Castle

Please find the form for the residential for June 2026. This is for all children in the present classes Year 2,3,4 and 5. Residential will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> June to 5<sup>th</sup> June.

<https://forms.office.com/e/K65D5uggsE>

If you have any questions, please ask.

### Mother's Day Planting

Thank you to the FOBS team for running the Mother's Day afternoon activity. The time that you give to the school is greatly appreciated. The children thoroughly enjoyed the activity and took great pride in what they were doing.

### TTRS & Numbots

Well done to all the children below for using TTRS and Numbots:  
Jacob, Eli, Santiago, Harriet & Amelia H.



### Star of the Week

Marvellous Minibeasts	Grace & Riley
Fabulous Flamingos	Forest & Eli
Perfect Penguins	Freddy, Eliza & Jamie
Cheeky Chimps	Tom B & Rowen

### Christian Value Certificate Respectful Robin

Marvellous Minibeasts	Evelyn
Fabulous Flamingos	Santiago
Perfect Penguins	Edith
Cheeky Chimps	Thomas L.

### Attendance

Marvellous Minibeasts	94%
Fabulous Flamingos	94%
Perfect Penguins	98%
Cheeky Chimps	98%

### Achievements outside of school

[Our Achievements | Betley CE Primary 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](mailto:office@betley.staffs.sch.uk)

Well done to all of the children below for their achievements outside of school:

Football- Seb

Cycling- Thomas

Dancing- Lily

Cricket- Pippa & Louis

Swimming-Margaux

Gymnastics- Margaux & Evy

### Golden Table

This is for children who show amazing manners and behaviour at lunchtime. They will sit at a table on Tuesday that is covered in golden mats, cutlery, etc! They are chosen by our fabulous lunchtime supervisors and kitchen staff. This week the children are: Huey, Riley, Lily, Topsy, Jessica, Will, Teddy & Matthew.

### Mr Shenton is running the Marathon

We are incredibly proud to share that Mr Shenton will be running the London Marathon 2025 on 27th April in memory of his mum and to raise vital funds for Breast Cancer Now. This year marks 10 years since Mr Shenton lost his mum after her 15-year battle with breast cancer. A decade ago, as an 18-year-old, he ran his first London Marathon in her honour, and now, he is taking on the challenge once again to keep her memory alive.

Mr Shenton describes his mum as a true fighter, someone who always brought joy to those around her and protected her loved ones through her own struggles. Running this marathon is his way of showing respect and ensuring she is never forgotten. If you would like to support Mr Shenton and this important cause, donations can be made through his fundraising page:

[Breast Cancer Now: Frankie's page](#)

Every contribution, big or small, will help make a difference. Thank you for your support! ❤️ ♿

### 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.





## Climate Action and Sustainability

We have a section on the website that is focusing on climate action and sustainability.



### [Climate Action and Sustainability](#)

We have signed up to the no-idling campaign. More information coming soon. If you are dropping off/collecting children, please switch off your ignition. #StaffsEngineSwitchOff

## Governor Spotlight Introducing Miss Whittingham!

I am the Head of School at Betley CE Primary School and the Executive Deputy Head of St. Luke's CE Primary School. Being a governor is a fundamental part of making decisions and giving my insight from school enables appropriate decisions to be made.

### Your occupation

I have been teaching for 14 years. My second-year placement was at St. Luke's and from that point I knew that is where I wanted to work. I taught in Reception at St. Luke's and thoroughly enjoyed being part of the start of the children's learning journey. Since 2022, I have been based at Betley CE Primary School where I am immersed in a loving and supportive community. Coming to school every day is an absolute joy! I am proud to be part of a Federation that always endeavours to provide the children with an engaging and broad curriculum, safe and trusting environment to enable every child to achieve their goals.

### A little about me

Prior to teaching I was part of a day centre team for Staffordshire County Council where I managed a unit that supported day provision for patients with mental health and dementia. I worked there after completing my A Levels in Biology, English Literature and Psychology. Whilst completing my A levels I worked for the NHS in the pathology laboratory analysing antibiotics.

I am always at my happiest when I am with my four children that I am extremely proud of. They keep me very busy! As a family we are very active and always doing some sort of sport.

### [Find Out About Governors](#)

## FOBS

The next meeting will be held at The Swan on 29<sup>th</sup> April starting at 7pm. All families are welcome.

Up-coming events:

**APRIL**

Easter Disco 09.04.2025  
(15:30-17:00)  
Easter Tombola 10.04.2025  
(15:30 playground)

<p><b>Class Dojo</b></p> <p>Decorate the doughnut template and fill in the middle with a song that makes you feel happy</p> <p>Please return your task by Thursday 3rd April to receive 20 Dojos.</p> <p>All tasks will be displayed in the Collective Worship Areas.</p>	1114	1383
	1827	1381

<p><b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025</b></p> <p>Marvellous Minibeasts Assembly &amp; Cake Sale 09:15</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b></p> <p>Easter Service – St Margaret’s Church 14:00</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b></p> <p>Easter Disco 3:30pm – 5pm</p>
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**Musician of the month**  
**Bessie Smith**  
<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*

**Collective Worship Focus**  
This week our focus has been The Naturalists, part of the Sacred Pathway. The children have thought about the type of nature they like.

**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	35p
Toast with Jam	40p
Toast with Cheese	45p
Bagel	35p
Crumpet	35p
Toasted Teacake	45p
Pancakes	45p
Flavoured Milkshakes	75p

**Lunches**

**Please note: The price of school dinners will be increasing to £3.20 from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025**

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 Pizza with Jacket Wedges

**Tuesday:** Chicken Meatballs with Mash & Gravy  
Vegetarian option – Vegeballs with Mash & Gravy

**Wednesday:** Roast of the Day with Yorkshire, Roasties & Gravy  
Vegetarian option – Loaded Yorkshire with Roasties

**Thursday:** Penne with Beef Bolognese  
Vegetarian option – Penne with Beany Bolognese

**Friday:** Fish Fingers with Chips  
Vegetarian option – Vegetable Fingers with Chips

## Important Dates

<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025</b>	Marvellous Minibeasts' Assembly and Cake Sale 09:15
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	Easter Service – St Margaret's Church 14:00
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	Easter Disco 3:30pm – 5pm
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	Easter Tombola 3:30pm - playground
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	School Closed
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	FOBS Meeting 7pm
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025</b>	Academy Photography – Class Photos & Leavers
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>	KS2 SATS
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025</b>	Year 6 Lichfield Cathedral Trip
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>	School Closed
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025</b>	INSET DAY
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	Sports Day 1:15pm
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	Class 2 – Manchester Runway Trip
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	Class 3 -Peak District
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	Father's Day Breakfast
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	Reserve Sports Day 1:15pm
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Celebration Carnival 14:00
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Prom and Disco
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Reports to Parents
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Drop in Parental Meetings
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	KS2 Leavers Play 13:30 & 17:30 – Village Hall
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Leavers Assembly – St Margaret's Church 09:15

<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025</b>	INSET DAY
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025</b>	School Closed – Summer Break
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025</b>	INSET DAY
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025</b>	INSET DAY
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025</b>	School Closed – Half Term
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>	INSET DAY
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026</b>	School Closed – Christmas Break
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>	Young Voices- Manchester CO-OP Arena
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>	School Closed – Half Term
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>	School Closed – Easter Break
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	School Closed – Half Term
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026</b>	INSET DAY
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026 – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>	KS2 Residential – St Briavels Castle
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>	INSET DAY
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026</b>	School Closed – Summer Break