

The Great Oak
CE Learning
Federation



Spring Term
2025

Friday 21st
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)

Sports Festival

Last week some of our children took part in a Sport Festival at Keele. They took part in trying out new sports. The children all did themselves and our school proud. Well done! Thank you to Mr Shenton for organising these opportunities for the children to participate in.



Cross Country

After school on Tuesday, seven children represented our school in a cross-country competition. The children supported each other and set their personal best! Thank you to the parents that supported and took the children to the event.



Star of the Week

Marvellous Minibeasts	Robyn & Finley
Fabulous Flamingos	Alba & Penny
Perfect Penguins	Frankie, Sammy, Nina & Persephone
Cheeky Chimps	Poppy & Maya

Christian Value Certificate Respectful Robin

Marvellous Minibeasts	Ryken
Fabulous Flamingos	Ava
Perfect Penguins	Amelie
Cheeky Chimps	Amelia

Attendance

Marvellous Minibeasts	96%
Fabulous Flamingos	95%
Perfect Penguins	94%
Cheeky Chimps	95%

Perfect Penguins Class Assembly and Cake Sale

Well done to all of the children in Perfect Penguins. The children spoke clearly and confidently about their learning this year. Thank you to all of the parents that donated cakes and came to watch the children perform.

SEND Coffee Morning.

The next SEND coffee morning will be held on Tuesday 25th March at 8:30-10am. The SEND coffee mornings will be informal catch ups that provide a supportive environment for parents and carers of children with additional needs to share information, ideas, experiences and to ask for advice.

Please can you confirm your attendance with Mrs Cooper.

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

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

Swimming- Joshua

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: Santiago, Topsy, Amelie, Gracie, Tom B, Maya, Maisie & Mabel.

TTRS & Numbots

Well done to all the children below for using TTRS and Numbots:

Tallulah, Cody, Harry & Toby.

Governor Spotlight Introducing Mrs Ray!

My name is Sam Ray and I am the proud Executive Headteacher of two wonderful schools. Being the Headteacher enables me to be a Governor at the school.

Your occupation

I have been teaching for 31 years and been the Headteacher of St Luke's since September 2010 and Betley CE Primary School since January 2015. Prior to this role I have worked in 5 different schools in my career in different areas of England. Having had this wide ranging experience of roles it has granted me the invaluable opportunity to see school life from a number of different perspectives and understand how best to support strategic development as a Head Teacher.

Our children deserve the best start in life; St Luke's CE Primary School provides them with the opportunity to grow and learn in a supportive and trusting environment. My dream for the children of St Luke's is that they leave us ready to be successful in the world, able to

achieve anything that they put their minds to - reaching for the stars always and live happy lives built on the foundations of a solid primary education. The children, parents, staff and community make my job the most rewarding and enjoyable job ever.

A little about me!

I am married to Tim and I have one son called James who is 20 years old and is at University studying Psychology. Tim and I also became foster carers last year. If that wasn't enough I have also two cats and two dogs. Our pets keep us very busy when I'm not in school. I love to go on walks, camp, read and watch films.

[Find Out About Governors](#)

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

FOBS

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

Up-coming events:

MARCH

Non-Uniform Day 28.03.2025
Easter Egg Donation

Mother's Day Flower Bouquet

APRIL

Easter Disco 09.04.2025
(15:30-17:00)

Easter Tombola 10.04.2025

28.03.2025	(15:30 playground)	
<p>Class Dojo</p> <p>Create a picture about the Creation. Which is your favourite day? The Creation Story Bible Stories for Kids (English Accent)</p> <p>Please return your task by Thursday 27th March to receive 20 Dojos.</p> <p>All tasks will be displayed in the Collective Worship Areas.</p>	1338	972
	685	1023

Friday 28th March 2025	Wednesday 2nd April 2025	Tuesday 8th April 2025
Non Uniform Day Easter Egg Donation	Marvellous Minibeasts Assembly & Cake Sale 09:15	Easter Service – St Margaret’s Church 14:00

Musician of the month
Annie Lennox
<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 1st 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: Sausages with Mash & Gravy

Vegetarian option – Veggie Sausage with Mash & Gravy

Wednesday: Roast of the Day with Yorkshire, Roasties & Gravy

Vegetarian option – Loaded Yorkshire with Roasties

Thursday: Sweet & Sour Chicken Curry with Rice

Vegetarian option – Mac & Cheese

Friday: Fish Fingers with Chips

Vegetarian option – Vegetable Fingers with Chips

Important Dates

Friday 28th March 2025	Non-Uniform Day Easter Egg Donation
Wednesday 2nd April 2025	Marvellous Minibeasts' Assembly and Cake Sale 09:15
Tuesday 8th April 2025	Easter Service – St Margaret's Church 14:00
Wednesday 9th April 2025	Easter Disco 3:30pm – 5pm
Thursday 10th April 2025	Easter Tombola 3:30pm - playground
Monday 14th April 2025 – Friday 25th April 2025	School Closed
Tuesday 29th April 2025	FOBS Meeting 7pm
Friday 2nd May 2025	Academy Photography – Class Photos & Leavers
Monday 12th May 2025 - Thursday 15th May 2025	KS2 SATS
Monday 26th May 2025 – Friday 30th May 2025	School Closed
Monday 2nd June 2025	INSET DAY
Wednesday 11th June 2025	Sports Day
Thursday 12th June 2025	Class 2 – Manchester Runway Trip
Friday 13th June 2025	Father's Day Breakfast
Wednesday 25th June 2025	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 4th July 2025	Celebration Carnival 14:00
Thursday 10th July 2025	Prom and Disco
Friday 11th July 2025	Reports to Parents
Monday 14th July 2025	Drop in Parental Meetings
Wednesday 16th July 2025	KS2 Leavers Play 13:30 & 17:30 – Village Hall
Friday 18th July 2025	Leavers Assembly – St Margaret's Church 09:15
Monday 21st July 2025	INSET DAY

Tuesday 22nd July 2025	School Closed – Summer Break
Monday 1st September 2025	INSET DAY
Tuesday 2nd September 2025	INSET DAY
Monday 27th October 2025 – Friday 31st October 2025	School Closed – Half Term
Friday 19th December 2025	INSET DAY
Monday 22nd December 2025 – Friday 2nd January 2026	School Closed – Christmas Break
Monday 16th February 2026 – Friday 20th February 2026	School Closed – Half Term
Monday 30th March 2026 – Friday 10th April 2026	School Closed – Easter Break
Monday 25th May 2026 – Friday 29th May 2026	School Closed – Half Term
Monday 1st June 2026	INSET DAY
Monday 20th July 2026	INSET DAY
Tuesday 21st July 2026	School Closed – Summer Break