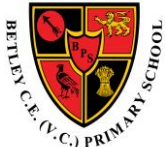


The Great Oak
CE Learning
Federation



Spring Term
2025
Friday 7th
February 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)

Cheeky Chimps' Class Assembly and Cake Sale

It was amazing to see so many parents at our class assembly on Wednesday morning. If you were unable to make it, please follow the link below to see the information about SATs:

[SATs information](#)

Football

Last week some of our children took part in a football competition at the Power league. All of the children behaved fantastically well and showed great teamwork. Well done all!

Netball

This week our netball team competed in their first fixtures of the year. The improvement the children made throughout was fantastic to see. A great day was had by all involved!



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:

Climbing- Jacob



Star of the Week

Marvellous Minibeasts	Finlay & Aria
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Fabulous Flamingos	Grayson & Toby
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Perfect Penguins	Lulu & Amelia
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Cheeky Chimps	Harry & Amelia
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Christian Value Certificate Respectful Robin

Marvellous Minibeasts	Huey
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Fabulous Flamingos	Forest
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Perfect Penguins	Sammy
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Cheeky Chimps	Flo
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Attendance

Marvellous Minibeasts	97%
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Fabulous Flamingos	100%
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Perfect Penguins	100%
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Cheeky Chimps	97%
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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: Cosmo, Sylvie, Finn, Harry F, Gracie, Max O, Eliza & Amelia.

Agents of Change

Seb and Micah have completed an individual project.

TTRS & Numbots

Well done to all the children below for using TTRS and Numbots:
Santiago, Jacob, Jess & Sammy.

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.



Governor Spotlight

[Click here for more information about our Governors](#)

David Forrest

Why you are a Governor

I became a school governor because I am passionate about supporting the education and development of young people. I believe strongly in the importance of providing children with the best possible learning environment and opportunities to thrive. As a governor, I want to contribute to shaping the future of the schools, ensuring that the curriculum is both engaging and challenging, and that the school community is a safe place where

every student feels supported and inspired. I am committed to working alongside staff, parents, and fellow governors to help the schools continue to grow and succeed.

Your occupation

I work for Staffordshire Police with over 20 years' service having worked in a number of varied roles across the county, with a constant focus on adult and child safeguarding.

I am currently working within the Executive Team at Stafford, as well as being the force tactical lead for Community Engagement. I have developed a number of technological solutions to help the force better engage with communities and I am the author of the forces Neighbourhood Policing strategy. I also undertake annual assessments of our Local Policing Teams, to ensure they consistently improve and develop.

I also undertake a national role and I am a member of the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC)-



Criminal Justice Coordination Committee, where I have responsibility for supporting the strategy, delivery and co-ordination of the National Bail portfolio. The focus of this work is improving the national approach to bail, ensuring that victims, witnesses and communities are safeguarded through policy and legislative review, scrutiny, challenge and development.

What committee you are on and what your subject link is/are

I am a member of the Curriculum committee but I also have a keen interest in the finances of the school, ensuring that there is value in every pound that is spent by the two schools. My link is History and Geography.

I have a long-standing interest in both history and geography, which will help to shape my approach to supporting education in these vital subjects. My enthusiasm for history stems from a deep curiosity about the past and its role in shaping the present. I believe understanding history helps students develop critical thinking skills and an appreciation for diverse perspectives. Geography, on the other hand, excites me for its focus on the relationship between people and their environment, as well as its importance in understanding global issues. As the link governor for history and geography, I aim to ensure that both subjects are taught in a way that is engaging, relevant, and intellectually stimulating for all students. I am committed to supporting the school in providing a curriculum that fosters curiosity, develops knowledge, and encourages students to think critically about the world around them.

And something you like to do

I am kept busy by my three young children, who bring joy and adventure to my life. I enjoy spending quality time with them, whether we're exploring new places or going on weekend walks together. These moments are precious to me, and they allow us to create lasting memories. Additionally, I am passionate about football and I'm an avid supporter of the mighty Manchester United. When time allows, I love to watch matches with Jack my eldest child and keep up with the team, even though recent success has been limited.

FOBS

The next meeting will be held at The Swan on 25th February starting at 7pm. All families are welcome.

Up-coming events:

FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
Movie Night 10.02.2025 (15:30-17:00)	Non-Uniform Day 14.03.2025 St Patrick's Day- wear something green - £1	Easter Disco 09.04.2025 (15:30-17:00)
	Non-Uniform Day 28.03.2025 Easter Egg Donation	Easter Tombola 10.04.2025 (15:30 playground)
	Mother's Day Flower Bouquet 28.03.2025	

Class Dojo Make a list, draw a picture or write a story about all the things you can celebrate about yourself. Please return your task by Thursday 13th February to receive 20 Dojos. All tasks will be displayed in the Collective Worship Areas.	1973	2140
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Monday 10th February 2025 Movie Night 3:30pm – 5pm	Wednesday 12th February 2025 Fabulous Flamingos' Assembly 09:15am	Thursday 13th February 2025 Parental meeting appointments go live at 8am
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Christian Values

Every half-term we focus on a different Christian value. This half-term it is Courage. If you would like to read more information or complete any of the home activities, please see the link below:

<https://www.betley.staffs.sch.uk/our-christian-values/>

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.*

Bible verse for next week based on our theme

Courage

<https://www.betley.staffs.sch.uk/weekly-bible-verses/>

Musician of the month

The Supremes

<https://www.betley.staffs.sch.uk/musician-of-the-week/>

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

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 – Veggie Chow Mein

Tuesday: Chicken & Vegetable Pie with Mash

Vegetarian option – Butternut Squash & Lentil Curry with Rice

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

Vegetarian option – Cheese, Leek & Potato Pie with Roasties

Thursday: Penne with Beef Bolognese

Vegetarian option – Vegetable Lasagne

Friday: Fish Fingers with Chips, Baked Beans or Garden Peas

Vegetarian option – Vegetable Fingers with Chips

Important Dates

Monday 10th February 2025	Movie Night 3:30pm – 5pm
Wednesday 12th February 2025	Fabulous Flamingos' Assembly, Year 1 phonics information and Cake Sale 09:15
Thursday 13th February 2025	Parental meeting appointments go live at 8am
Monday 17th February 2025 – Friday 21st February 2025	School Closed
Sunday 2nd March 2025 – Wednesday 5th March 2025	KS2 Residential – Boreatton Park (3 nights)
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Monday 10th March 2025	Parental Meeting 16:00-19:00
Wednesday 12th March 2025	Parental Meeting 15:30-18:30
Thursday 13th March 2025	Madula Performance at The New Vic
Friday 14th March 2025	St Patricks Day – Non-Uniform Day Wear Something Green - £1
Wednesday 19th March 2025	Perfect Penguins' Assembly and Cake Sale 09:15
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
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
Friday 19th December 2025	INSET DAY
Monday 1st June 2026	INSET DAY
Monday 20th July 2026	INSET DAY