Brewood CE Middle Academy

"Let all you do be done in love"

Head of School's Newsletter

Autumn 02 | *Good Ofsted Provider* | **12 September**

The Vision for our Academy

We value and cherish every member of our community and celebrate their uniqueness.

Our values led curriculum promotes a love of life and learning inspiring every individual to be a respectful, resilient, and faithful global citizen.

ATTENDANCE

The KS2 class with the highest attendance was: 5TW—100%
The KS3 class with the highest attendance was: 7MC—100%

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Dear Families,

The Autumn term is very much up and running now with the majority of pupils adapting well to their new learning routines. I have been lucky enough to see a number of different pupils' work this week all of which reflects how hard they have been working and the new skills that they are developing.

As I suspect you are aware, the timings of our lessons have changed slightly to prioritise the learning that takes place in the morning sessions of school whilst the pupils are at their best. I am pleased to report that pupils have adapted to these changes very well and making the most of their new routine. Key Stage 2 has their first 'Loud & Proud' assembly today celebrating some great work in lessons and rewarding those pupils who have gone above and beyond to help and support those in their classes. Well done to all the pupils nominated today.

Meet The Tutors Evening 24/9/25 @ 5.30pm

Just a quick reminder to all those pupils who are hoping to learn a new musical instrument or are wishing to continue with their existing lessons that the music tutors will be putting on their annual music showcase. The aim of this evening it to give pupils and parents / carers a taster of the instruments on offer to pupils and give the tutors a chance to meet and greet their new students. In past years we have also been lucky enough to have past pupils who have come back to speak to parents about their 'musical journey' and show them how they have progressed. It promises to be a really good evening of music.

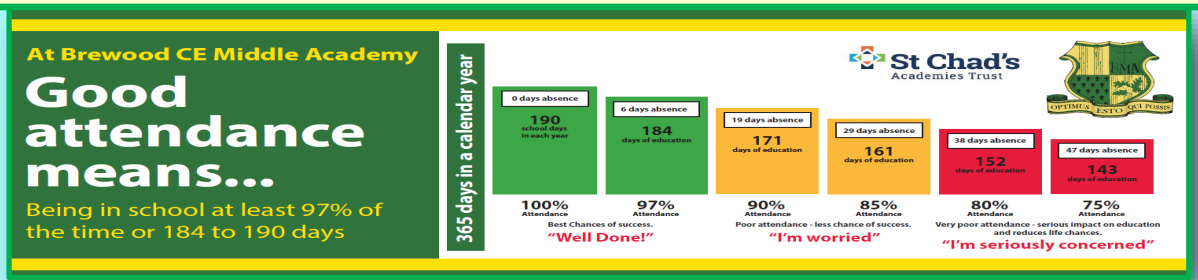
Mrs Baker

We said good bye to Mrs Baker yesterday after 10 years at our school. Mrs Baker originally was due to be at school for 6 months but liked our school so much that she stayed for a little longer!! I cannot calculate how many pupils (and staff) she has supported during this time but I hope that she leaves with some great memories of Brewood and its pupils. We all wish Mrs Baker a happy retirement.

Year 5 Swimming

Swimming sessions began this week with 5AS taking to the pool for the first time this year. The first session proved to be a very positive with all pupils especially those who are less confident in the water, working hard to develop this vital life skill. Thanks to Mr Cartwright, Mrs Simcox, Mrs Baker, Miss Ball and Mrs Colwell for supporting the pupils.

Enjoy your weekend.



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

We would like to welcome you all back to our new school year, and would like to take this opportunity to Welcome all our new pupils who have joined us at Brewood CE Middle Academy.

We would like to thank all our families who consistently work to ensure their child's attendance and punctuality is high. Getting these important habits established early will make a difference in your child's future.

As a school we have high expectations of pupil attendance and making sure our pupils arrive on time and ready for a day of learning. If any families struggle to maintain their child's attendance and punctuality we have an amazing team who can offer support.

All absences should be reported to the school office by 9am on the morning of your child's Illness, you can either leave a message by selecting 1 on our telephone system or speaking with one of our staff in the school office.

Please can we remind parents that you must make contact on each day your child is absent.

Term Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2025

Inset Day 1: Monday 1 September

Inset Day 2: Tuesday 2 September

Term Starts: Wednesday 3 September

Holiday: Monday 27 October – Friday 31 October

Term Ends: Friday 19 December

SPRING TERM 2026

Inset Day 3: Monday 5 January

Term Starts: Tuesday 6 January

Holiday: Monday 16 February—Friday 20 February

Term Ends: Friday 27 March

Holiday: Monday 30 March—Friday 10 April

SUMMER TERM 2026

Term Starts: Monday 13 April

May Day: Monday 4 May

Inset Day: Friday 22 May

Holiday: Monday 25 May—Friday 29 May

Term Ends: Monday 20 July

Inset Day 5: Monday 20 July

Holiday: Tuesday 21 July—Monday 31 August

LUNCH Week 1

W/C 01/09, 22/09, 13/10, 03/11, 24/11, 15/12, 05/01, 26/01

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V)	BBQ Chicken & Wedges	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes	Pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Fish Fingers with Chips
MAIN 2	Crispy Topped Cauliflower & Broccoli Bake (V)	Tasty Red Pepper & Bean Biryani (Ve)	Hearty Quorn Roast, Roast Potatoes (V)	Sweet Potato, Leek & Cheese Calzone (V)	Crispy Quorn Nuggets & Chips (Ve)
VEG	Half Jacket & Green Beans	Fresh Broccoli	Carrots & Cabbage	Sweetcorn	Carrots & Peas or Baked Beans
3RD OPTION	Pasta, Jacket Potato & Deli	Pasta, Jacket Potato & Deli	Pasta, Jacket Potato & Deli	Pasta, Jacket Potato & Deli	Pasta, Jacket Potato & Deli
DESSERT	Freshly Baked Chocolate Cookie (Ve)	Plum Sponge Pudding & Custard (V)	Pear Upside-Down Pudding (V)	Fruity Jelly Pot (Ve)	Lime & Coconut Cake (Ve)

AVAILABLE DAILY: A selection of fresh seasonal fruit (cut or whole) (Ve), flavoured yoghurts (V) as well as freshly baked bread (V) & seasonal salad bar (Ve). Third option includes vegan and vegetarian items.

MENU KEY (V) Vegetarian (Ve) Vegan and Planet Friendly (NEW) New Dish

LUNCH Week 2

W/C 08/09, 29/09, 20/10, 10/11, 01/12, 12/01, 02/02

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN 1	Creamy Mac'n'Cheese (V)	Chicken Tenders & Wedges	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes	Sausage Penne Pasta Bake	Battered Fish & Chips
MAIN 2	Chickpea & Spinach Curry (V)	Roasted & Loaded Five Bean Chilli & Wedges (Ve)	Teriyaki Noodles (V)	(NEW) Chickpea & Coconut Dahl (V)	(NEW) Breakfast Wrap & Chips (V)
VEG	Garlic Bread & Peas	Sweetcorn	Fresh Roast Carrots & Swede	New Potatoes & Broccoli	Carrots & Peas or Baked Beans
3RD OPTION	Pasta, Jacket Potato & Deli	Pasta, Jacket Potato & Deli	Pasta, Jacket Potato & Deli	Pasta, Jacket Potato & Deli	Pasta, Jacket Potato & Deli
DESSERT	Chocolate Cornflake Cake (Ve)	(NEW) Fruity Bread & Butter Pudding (V)	Ginger Cake (Ve)	(NEW) Autumn Fruit Crumble & Custard (V)	Apple & Berry Traybake (V)

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E-Safety Bookmark—September 12th

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Top Tips for

SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, Ukie, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

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Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary: emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to that boundary by browsing games' boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.

FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle, too. When friends visit, do they instantly dash to their consoles or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this since they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Understandably, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful: if they love Minecraft, choose something to build together; if Fortnite's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they realise when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who has ruined their experience in negative ways. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.

Meet Our Expert

Daniel Lipscombe is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and Web3. He has also written 10 guidebooks for children, covering games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Minecraft, Roblox and Minecraft. With work published by the likes of PC Gamer, Kotaku, Pocket Gamer and VRDZ, he has reviewed more than 100 games and products over the past year.

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LUNCH Week 3

W/C 15/09, 06/10, 27/10, 17/11, 08/12, 19/01, 09/02

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Slab (V)	Jerk Chicken & Rice	Roast Chicken & Roast Potatoes	Beef Burrito	Fish Fingers & Chips
MAIN 2	Creamy Leek & Cheese Pie (V)	Authentic Chickpea & Spinach Curry, Rice (V)	Golden Sausage Roll (Ve) & Roast Potatoes	Hearty Spaghetti & Meatballs (Ve)	Jerk Hot Dog & Chips (Ve)
VEG	Wedges & Sweetcorn	Roasted Cauliflower	Savoy Cabbage & Roasted Squash	Focaccia & Green Beans	Carrots & Peas or Baked Beans
3RD OPTION	Pasta, Jacket Potato & Deli	Pasta, Jacket Potato & Deli	Pasta, Jacket Potato & Deli	Pasta, Jacket Potato & Deli	Pasta, Jacket Potato & Deli
DESSERT	Apple & Cinnamon Flapjack (Ve)	(NEW) Chocolate Mousse (V)	(NEW) Pear & Ginger Cake (Ve)	(NEW) Autumn Fruit Pie & Custard (V)	Freshly Baked Vanilla Cookie (Ve)
	AVAILABLE DAILY: A selection of fresh seasonal fruit (cut or whole) (Ve), flavoured yoghurts (V) as well as freshly baked bread (V) & seasonal salad bar (Ve). Third option includes vegan and vegetarian items.				

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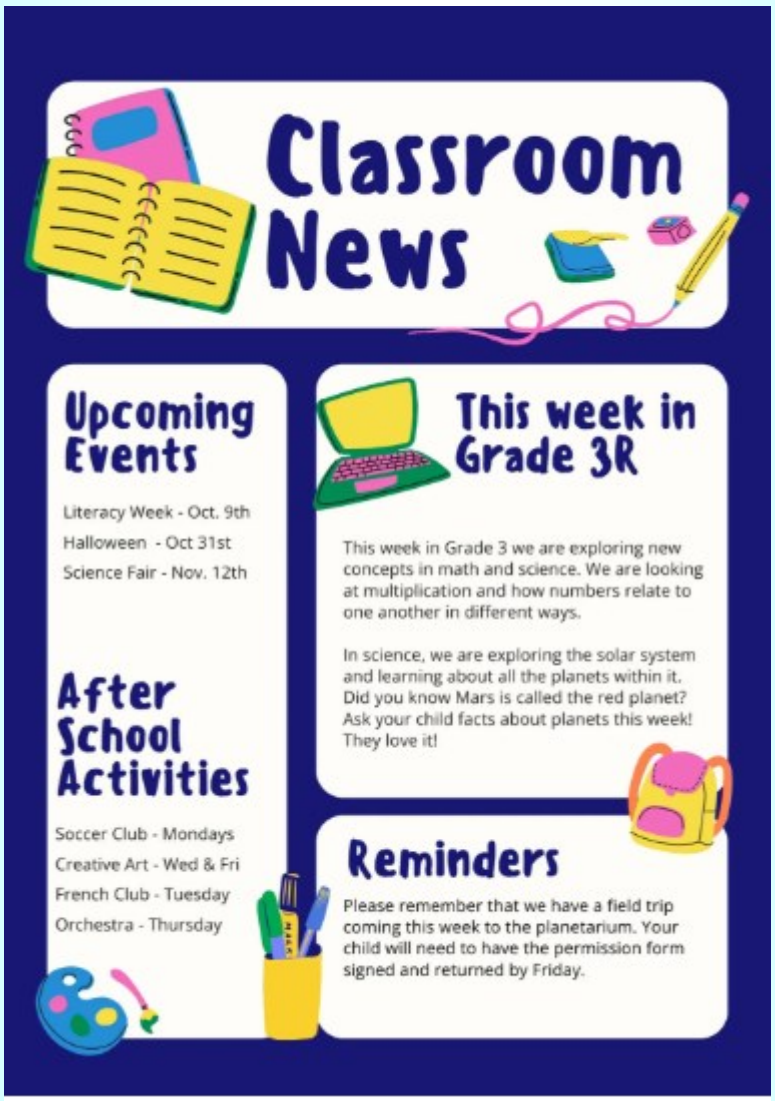
ALLERGIES

If your children have any food allergies, please go onto our website and complete the allergy form on our parent section, under lunches.

Thanks

Your Newsletter

Is there anything in the newsletter that you would like to see? I would love to hear your ideas—if you have anything to share -then please email Kerry k-haynes@brewood.staffs.sch.uk, I would love to hear from you!



OCTOBER HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

**LOCATION: ST MARY & ST CHAD FIRST SCHOOL,
BREWOOD, ST19 9BT**

DATES: MONDAY 27TH - FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2025

TIME: 8:30AM-3:30PM

COST: £30

SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

**PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST USING THIS LINK OR QR CODE:
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07816 540275**

RE Parable of the week— By Mrs S Kemp

The Parable of the wise and foolish builders

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

Matthew 7:24-27

Our worship theme this week in school is wisdom and knowledge. Just as a building needs a strong foundation to withstand external pressures, our lives require a firm foundation to navigate the challenges that come our way. A strong foundation provides stability and support, enabling us to weather the storms of life. In the parable, the builder who constructs his house on the rock exemplifies the importance of building our lives on a solid foundation of faith and obedience to God's teachings.

LET US PRAY

Bring to silence those who condemn us for our sins, and turn our eyes upon Your holy cross.

Give us the joy only You can grant, O God, and give us a willing spirit to pursue truth and goodness in our lives.

Hear my prayer, O Jesus. Amen.

YOUR WORLD

Have you got any news about your child that you would like to share?

Let's celebrate your child's achievements!

Poppi Mae in Year 8 has been given a two year contract at 'Stoke City' girls under 14s Academy.

She is playing a year up which is a great achievement for her age and has also been asked by her coaches to captain her team for this season.

Well done Poppi Mae, we are all so very proud of you!

To submit a story on 'YOUR WORLD` —email : - K-haynes@brewood.staffs.sch.uk for the attention of the Newsletter Editor.