



Brewwood CE Middle Academy

"Let all you do be done in love"

Head of School's Newsletter

Autumn 05

Good Ofsted Provider

3 October 2025



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: 5EH 97.9%
The KS3 class with the highest attendance was: 7MC 96.7%



Dear Families,

Another busy week at Brewwood has ended with our Harvest service over at church. Our pupil leadership team have begun their duties speaking in church today and acting as ambassadors for the school when meeting members of our community when they visit.

Pastoral Parents Evening

On Wednesday we welcomed parents and their children into school to meet up with form tutors giving them an opportunity to ask questions about how their child has been getting on over the last 5 weeks along with celebrating all their successes. It was great to see so many parents in school and from the happy faces seen in the corridors I suspect the feedback was positive. A big thank you for supporting this event as communication between home and school is vital if a child's journey through Brewwood is to be a successful one. I am aware that some parents were unable to make the evening and have subsequently made telephone and face to face appointments to discuss their child.

Harvest 2025



Pupils were speechless when they saw the donations of food that had arrived at church on Thursday morning. A massive thank you to all our community for their kind donations of harvest gifts all of which will be collected by representatives from The Well in Wolverhampton and distributed to those people and their families who need them the most at this time of year. Once again your generosity makes me very proud to be associated with our school and its wonderful community. Thank you again.

Enjoy your weekend.

Mr J Smith

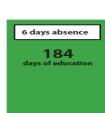
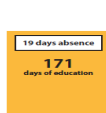


At Brewwood CE Middle Academy

Good attendance means...

Being in school at least 97% of the time or 184 to 190 days

365 days in a calendar year



St Chad's Academies Trust



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

END OF
TERM!!!

WHAT'S

ON

After School Activities

Monday Basketball & Homework

Tuesday Dance, Netball & Homework

Wednesday Football & Homework

Thursday Homework

Friday Free

October

1st 4.00pm-7.00pm Pastoral Parents' Evening

2nd 9.15am Harvest service in church/Harvest themed lunch

8th 5AS Parent Lunch / 5.00pm -7.00pm Open Evening for Prospective

Parents

14th 9.00am SEND Coffee Morning

15th 10.00am-12 Noon Open Morning for Prospective Parents

22nd 5EH Parent's Lunch

24th Last day of term



November

3rd Term Starts

4th Professor McGinty WWII Day—Year 5

5th Bonfire Night Themed Lunch

11th 9.15am Remembrance Service in Church and Activities

12th 5HB Parent's Lunch

17th Year 6 mock SATS this week

21st Children in Need Day / Themed Lunch

24th 5TW Parent's Lunch

25th 9.00am SEND Coffee Morning

26th Year 5 Bikeability

27th Year 5 Bikeability

27th 3.45pm Preloved Uniform Shop Open



HOME TIME ARRANGEMENTS AND KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE!

It is imperative to us that we keep your child(ren) safe, in and outside of school. In order for us to do this, can we please ask our families that if you need to change your child's home-time arrangements, to let us know by phoning the school office, no later than **12.00pm on the day—unless it is an emergency** on Tel: 01902 850266—(2).

We are getting an increasing number of parents, emailing us, ringing us at 3.00pm and we are concerned that a message will not be passed to your child in time for them to get home safely.

If you struggle to get through to the school office, please do not leave a message, would you please make sure you speak to a member of our admin team.

And, if you are going away, whether on holiday or and leaving your child with a family member or friend, would you please contact the school to let us know the dates and a contact number for them.

Also, if your child has an afternoon club and decides they do not want to attend, and has made their way home on the bus, would you please let the school office team know that your child has arrived home safely?

Thank you for your support



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving, by definition, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

BULLYING

Unkind comments or images which are purposely aimed at an individual can be shared freely in a group chat – allowing and often encouraging others to join in the bullying behaviour. If this content is shared in a group of their peers (especially a larger group), it serves to amplify the hurt, embarrassment, anxiety and isolation that the victim feels.

EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways: starting a new group, for instance, but deliberately excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on an app which one child doesn't have access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to discuss or share images from an event that everyone else but them attended.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, swearing and unsuitable images or videos. These could be viewed by your child if they are part of that group, whether they actively engage in it or not. Some chat apps have a disappearing message function, so your child may be unable to report something they've seen because it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

SHARING GROUP CONTENT

It's important to remember that – while the content of the chat is private between those in the group – individual users can easily share a message, photo or video with others outside of the group or screenshot what's been posted. The risk of something your child intended as private becoming public (and potentially going viral) is higher if there are people they don't know well in the group.

UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Within larger group chats, it's more likely your child will be communicating with people they don't really know. These strangers may be friends of the host, but not necessarily friendly toward your child. It's wise for young people not to share personal details and stay aware that they have no control over the messages and images they share after they've put them online.

NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO

A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications. Every time someone in the group messages, your child's device will be 'pinged' with an alert: potentially, this could mean hundreds of notifications a day. Not only is this highly distracting, but young people's fear of missing out on the latest conversation results in increased screen time as they try to keep up with the chat.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats are often an arena for young people to gain social status. This could cause them to do or say things on impulse, which could upset others in the group. Encourage your child to consider how other people might feel if they engaged in this behaviour. If your child does upset a member of their group chat, support them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

In any online communication, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Discuss the importance of not revealing identifiable details like their address, their school or photos that they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they lose control of where it may end up and how it might be used.

GIVE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Remind your child that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded in a group chat. Instead of responding to the person who's upset them, validate their hurt feelings and help to put them back in control by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. On a related note, you could also empower your child to speak up if they're in a chat where others are being picked on.

AVOID INVITING STRANGERS

Sadly, many individuals online hide their true identity to gain a child's trust – for example, to gather information on them, to exchange inappropriate content or to coax them into doing things they aren't comfortable with. Ensure your child understands why they shouldn't add people they don't know to a group chat – and, especially, to never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.

BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If your child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, advise them to block the users sending the material, report them to the host app or platform and exit the group. If any of this content could be putting a minor at risk, contact the police. Emphasise to your child that it's OK for them to simply leave any group chat that they don't feel comfortable being a part of.

SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Having a phone or tablet bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be a massive irritation and distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to your child that they can still be part of the group chat, but that it would be healthier for them to turn off or mute the notifications and catch up with the conversation at a time which better suits them.

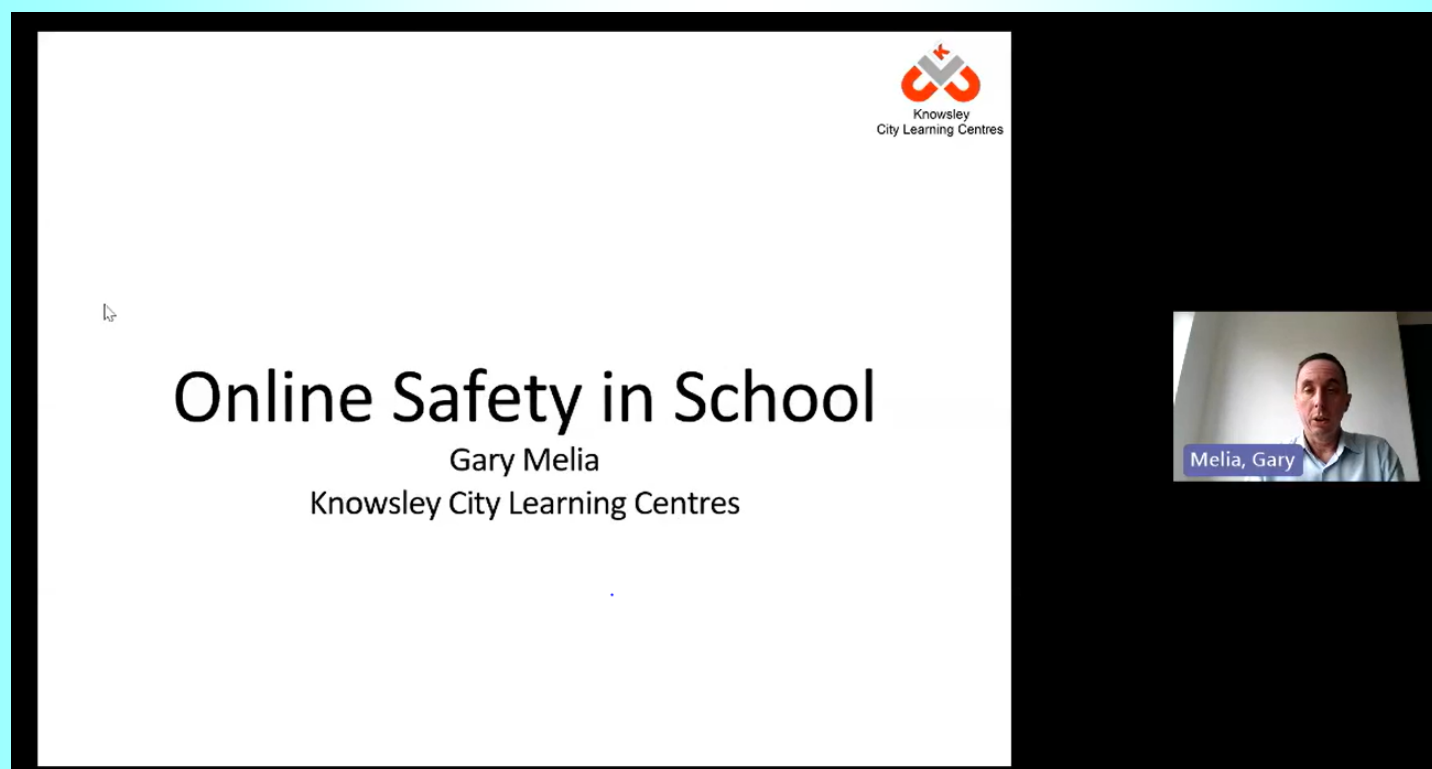
Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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#WakeUpWednesday

Safeguarding Bookmark—October 3rd



Knowsley
City Learning Centres

Online Safety in School

Gary Melia
Knowsley City Learning Centres

Melia, Gary

As you are aware our academy regularly sends out e-safety briefings to parents to ensure that you are up to date with the latest challenges facing parents and their children in the complex world of e-safety.

Below is a web link to a TEAMS webinar on Online Safety from Gary Melia an experienced safeguarding practitioner from Knowsley, Liverpool.

<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/online-safety-parent-session-oct-2025/>

The webinar covers topics such as Emerging Threats to our Children, Online Gaming, AI generated images and Emoji Speak. Gary will also explain how the Family Smart Start programme can be used to keep our children safe and how this can be installed onto mobile phones.

Content in the webinar is NOT suitable for pupils as some adult themes are discussed so please make the necessary arrangements if you are watching this at home.

Thank you for your support



**Sunday 5th
October**



Harvest Festival

9.30 Harvest Communion

**6.30 Harvest Celebration together with
local churches and our farmers
and all who work with them**

***Followed by a buffet
Everyone is welcome***

We are collecting items for the Well Foodbank in Wolverhampton

To see what they need : www.thewellwolverhampton.co.uk

***If you can, please bring contributions to the services where they will be
offered and received***

Thank you.



Our Harvest Loaf

Each and every year, Mr David Evans one of our Old Boys and ex Governor but also a valued volunteer at Brewood Middle, visits school to make a harvest loaf; our offering and a symbol of harvest festival here at BMA.

This year, we chose some of our Year 6 students to help and below is a picture of Mr Evans, Amber, Keira, Florence, Penny, Reggie and Rico who have learned a valuable lesson in baking today.

What a marvellous job they did. It looks good enough to eat!



Stalks and symbolism

A sheaf is a tied bunch of grain stalks after they have been harvested. It was a common sight at this time of year during the centuries when harvests were done by hand with scythes. Farms these days grow heritage grain varieties, but mostly harvesting is done now with combines: so no more sheaves.





EDUCATING KIDS OUTDOORS

EKO Holiday Club October Half Term

at Weston Park, Weston-under-Lizard, Shifnal, TF11 8LE

Tuesday 28th to Friday 31st October 2025

Sessions from 10:30am - 4:00pm - £38

Early Drop off 9:00am - 4:00pm - £44

**BOOK
NOW**



If you're new to EKO we are all about having fun outdoors whatever the weather. We might be bug hunting or plant spotting or den building or creating natural art, the list is endless and there will always be something new to try.

We are based at Weston Park and have our own dedicated EKO Outdoor Learning Site and Orchard Hive Classroom as well as use of the extensive grounds.

To book a place at our Holiday Club, simply visit
<https://educating-kids-outdoors.classforkids.io/>
For more information take a look at our website
www.ekolearning.org.uk
and if you have any questions or concerns email us at
info@ekolearning.org.uk.



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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 	BBQ Chicken & Wedges	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes	Pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Fish Fingers with Chips
MAIN 2	Crispy Topped Cauliflower & Broccoli Bake 	Tasty Red Pepper & Bean Biryani 	Hearty Quorn Roast, Roast Potatoes 	Sweet Potato, Leek & Cheese Calzone 	Crispy Quorn Nuggets & Chips 
VEG	Half Jacket & Green Beans	Fresh Broccoli	Carrots & Cabbage	Sweetcorn	Carrots & Peas or Baked Beans
3 rd 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 	Plum Sponge Pudding & Custard 	Pear Upside-Down Pudding 	Fruity Jelly Pot 	Lime & Coconut Cake 
AVAILABLE DAILY: A selection of fresh seasonal fruit (cut or whole) () , flavoured yoghurts () as well as freshly baked bread () & seasonal salad bar () . Third option includes vegan and vegetarian items.					

MENU KEY

 Vegetarian

 Vegan and Planet Friendly

 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 	Chicken Tenders & Wedges	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes	Sausage Penne Pasta Bake	Battered Fish & Chips
MAIN 2	Chickpea & Spinach Curry 	Roasted & Loaded Five Bean Chilli & Wedges 	Teriyaki Noodles 	 Chickpea & Coconut Dahl 	 Breakfast Wrap & Chips 
VEG	Garlic Bread & Peas	Sweetcorn	Fresh Roast Carrots & Swede	New Potatoes & Broccoli	Carrots & Peas or Baked Beans
3 rd 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 	 Fruity Bread & Butter Pudding 	Ginger Cake 	 Autumn Fruit Crumble & Custard 	Apple & Berry Traybake 
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 New Dish



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 	Jerk Chicken & Rice	Roast Chicken & Roast Potatoes	Beef Burrito	Fish Fingers & Chips
MAIN 2	Creamy Leek & Cheese Pie 	Authentic Chickpea & Spinach Curry, Rice 	Golden Sausage Roll  & Roast Potatoes	Hearty Spaghetti & Meatballs 	Jerk Hot Dog & Chips 
VEG	Wedges & Sweetcorn	Roasted Cauliflower	Savoy Cabbage & Roasted Squash	Focaccia & Green Beans	Carrots & Peas or Baked Beans
3 RD 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 	 Chocolate Mousse 	 Pear & Ginger Cake 	 Autumn Fruit Pie & Custard 	Freshly Baked Vanilla Cookie 

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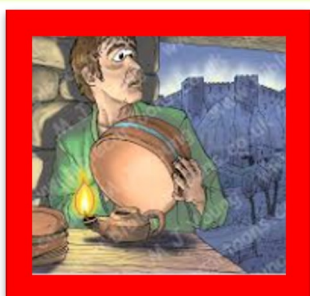


RE Parable of the week— By Mrs S Kemp

Parable of The Lamp - Mark 4:21-25

He said to them, "Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don't you put it on its stand? For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear." "Consider carefully what you hear," he continued. "With the measure you use, it will be measured to you—and even more. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them."

Just like in this parable, here at Brewood CE Middle Academy we believe that it is important to always let your light shine. Don't hide your talents but embrace them. Share your good thoughts and kindness and all the world will benefit.



LET US PRAY

Lord, deliver us from injustice and inequality; allow us to see the image of God in every person irrespective of their background, race and ethnicity.

May we be generous in our love of others as we work towards ending misunderstanding, racism and injustice. Help us to create a sense of community and belonging within our school.

Amen.

YOUR WORLD

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

Let's celebrate your child's achievements!



This is a very smiley picture of Jameson in Year 7 who was awarded man of the match and Captain for his football club Wyrley Juniors this week.

What an amazing achievement—well done Jameson, 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.

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This is a picture of Olivia from Year 8 with her horse Poppy. Olivia has been raising money for the working horses and donkeys in Africa.

The challenge was to raise £100 by hacking 100 miles in 100 days!

Olivia and her horse Poppy smashed this coming 3rd on the leaderboard out of 865 and raised £170 and hacking 286 miles!!!

Well done Olivia, what a very kind and caring thing to do, we are so very proud of you!

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