



Brewwood CE Middle Academy



"Let all you do be done in love"

Head of School's Newsletter

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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: 6AC 97.9%
The KS3 class with the highest attendance was: 8RG 98.3%



Dear Families,

The darker mornings are beginning to appear now and with it the colder weather. Can I take this opportunity to remind all pupils that as the temperature drops, the wearing of coats to and from school will soon become a must especially if they are waiting for one of the school coaches. Pupils have been lucky enough to spend their breaks and lunchtimes outside thankfully without any rain but I am not sure how long this is likely to last.

New Intake Evening 2025

We welcomed our new parents and their children on Tuesday evening for our New Intake Evening and were overwhelmed with the number of visitors who came for a look around Brewwood. Once again our prefects did us proud leading the groups around the school as well as answering the numerous questions that new parents to the school would have. AIP our catering providers put on a taster session of the food that pupils currently enjoy and there was even an opportunity for our visitors to taste the cakes that Mrs Lowe and her team had expertly baked. A big thank you to all those pupils and staff that took part in the event. The school will be open again for parents on Wednesday 15th October 10am-12pm.

World Mental Health Day 2025

Thank you to all the families and pupils that supported the World Mental Health Day by "wearing something yellow". As well as adding a bit of colour to school, it was great to see some of the ingenious ways that pupils incorporated yellow into their non-uniform including bangles, earrings, bows and even a yellow plastic hard hat!

Now more than ever we are all aware of the issue of mental health in our school community and the impact that a kind word or 5 minute chat can have on someone who is feeling low or anxious. If you want to learn more about how to support those close to you with their mental health or want some guidance yourself please access the Young Minds website <https://www.youngminds.org.uk>.

Enjoy your weekend.

Mr 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

0 days absence
190 school days in each year
100% Attendance
Best Chances of success.
"Well Done!"

6 days absence
184 days of education
97% Attendance
Best Chances of success.
"Well Done!"

19 days absence
171 days of education
90% Attendance
Poor attendance - less chance of success.
"I'm worried"

29 days absence
161 days of education
85% Attendance
Poor attendance - less chance of success.
"I'm worried"

38 days absence
152 days of education
80% Attendance
Very poor attendance - serious impact on education and reduces life chances.
"I'm seriously concerned"

47 days absence
143 days of education
75% Attendance
Very poor attendance - serious impact on education and reduces life chances.
"I'm seriously concerned"

St Chad's Academies Trust



DON'T BE LATE



WE NEED YOUR

S U P P O R T

We have noticed an increase this week of children coming in late due to traffic. Please can we ask that you leave a little earlier to get your children here and on time. Children may feel a little embarrassed entering classrooms when learning has started. Thank you for your support!



Through The GATE!!

Be on time for school every day!

Safeguarding Bookmark—October 10th

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AMONG US

A multiplayer 'social deduction' game set in outer space, Among Us enjoyed a surge in popularity in 2020, and has since maintained a dedicated fan-base (globally, around 90 million regular players each month) thanks to its unique nature, simple premise and ease of access across numerous platforms. The game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception – and there are certain parallels to be drawn with some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SENSITIVE PREMISE

In Among Us, up to three players are secretly assigned to be alien impostors, tasked with murdering their colleagues while the survivors try to unmask them. While the concept's not far removed from traditional games like Risk or Murder on the Orient Express, some parents may feel uncomfortable about their child playing a video game in which deception and killing are prioritised.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

The on-screen death of characters may be fundamental to the gameplay of Among Us, but the majority of the animations depicting this are deliberately cartoonish and only appear very briefly. However, it's worth bearing in mind that the game has a PEGI age rating of 7 – meaning that certain elements (however heavily stylised they may be) could still upset some younger players.

CHAT BETWEEN PLAYERS

With up to 15 people participating in each game online, a large part of Among Us' appeal is socialising with fellow players who the imposters might be and making accusations. This dialogue through the in-game text chat can occasionally become heated – and could, of course, involve your child being put into contact with people (including adults) who they don't know in real life.

GOING OFF PLATFORM

While Among Us provides basic ways to communicate, many gamers prefer to use external services such as Discord: a popular app which offers voice and video chat functions. These undoubtedly make cooperation easier, but also create a potential route for children to hear inappropriate language – or for strangers to message them privately in an environment which isn't regulated by the game itself.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

Among Us is free to download on mobile devices, and costs less than £5 to obtain on console and PC. A recent longer-term pitfall, though, is that the game also includes options to pay for upgrades such as removing ads on the mobile version or adding cosmetic touches to characters (such as different costumes). It's certainly possible that a child could spend a significant sum without realising it.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER SOFTER ALTERNATIVES

Although Among Us is hugely popular with young gamers, it's possible that some children might find the murder themes unsettling. If so, plenty of similar social deduction games are available (in both digital and traditional board game formats), which downplay the potentially grisly elements, some centre around undercover spies, for instance, and there's even a Marvel superhero-themed variant.

CHAT ABOUT CHATting

You might feel it's prudent to talk to your child about the risks associated with voice chat while gaming, explaining in particular that strangers online aren't always who they claim to be. Keeping the conversation relaxed will reinforce your child's confidence that they can always come to you with any online concerns – not just about Among Us, but any potential future issues as well.

DISCUSS DISCORD

In general, Discord is an excellent app for keeping online communities together because of its use of dedicated individual servers, which allow comprehensive control over who can join – and who can't. Once you're familiar with the platform, you could set up a secure server for your child and their friends to communicate during games of Among Us, with no access for people they don't know.

AMONG US, AMONG FRIENDS

When your child and their friends get together, they can enjoy a private game of Among Us by choosing a 'local lobby' – that is, only people connected to the same Wi-Fi (your home network, for example) can enter. This prevents any random online users – who may be total strangers – from joining and removes the need for voice chat, as the players are all physically in the same location.

STOP SURPRISE SPENDING

If you're concerned about the possibility of your child racking up an unexpected bill on Among Us' microtransactions, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit. Likewise, you could specify in the game's options that adult authorisation is required for every purchase – or you could make sure that no payment methods are enabled on the device that your child plays the game on.

Meet Our Expert

David Goodwin is Editor in Chief of gameindustryreport.co.uk, a leading and free website for the gaming media and entertainment press. A regular visitor to the app store to try out new tools, he's also an avid player of Among Us. He's an expert on online safety, writing weekly advice on Tech and Games. His articles have been published on other websites including BBC and The Guardian.

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Family Learning Festival

Join Staffordshire Community Learning, Libraries and Family Hubs throughout October for a festival of reading! This year's theme is Story Power!

We're celebrating the power of stories to help us make sense of our experiences, to grow our understanding of others and their experiences, and to learn, problem-solve and imagine new ways of doing things.

Learning as a family helps children and adults to become confident, lifelong learners. It helps children develop essential skills and achieve at school. It helps grown-ups to reconnect to learning and transform their lives. Family learning can help families overcome barriers and improve their life chances.



How do I get involved?

Pop along to one of our Libraries and Family Hubs anytime in October and pick up a Family Learning Festival Passport. See the list of special activities below. Collect stamps for taking part, and for finding out more about our Libraries and Family Hubs.

Visit here to find your nearest [Library](#) and [Family Hubs](#).

For more information, copy the link below to your browser.

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Community-Learning-Service/Course-Information/Family-Learning-festival/Family-Learning-Festival.aspx>

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

7th 5.00pm -7.00pm Open Evening for Prospective

8th 5AS Parent Lunch

10th Wear Yellow for Mental Health Day

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



The facts of lice



What are lice?

Lice are tiny wingless insects that live on a person's scalp and feed on their blood. About the size of a sesame seed, lice lay eggs called nits, which they glue to hairs, close to the scalp.

Each year, head lice get into the hair of **6 to 12 million kids**, ages 3 to 11.

Symptoms of head lice

Your child may have head lice if he or she complains of:

- A tickling feeling in the hair, like something is moving
- An itchy scalp
- Sores on the head caused by scratching

How to check for lice

Carefully part your child's hair with a comb and look for the insect's eggs. Lice eggs, laid in the hair close to the scalp, look like tiny white or yellow ovals and often are mistaken for dandruff flakes.

How head lice are spread

Head lice are mainly spread by direct head-to-head contact, which can be common among kids during play at school, camp, day care or slumber parties.

How to treat head lice

- 1. Kill the insects.** Apply an over-the-counter or prescription medication that will kill lice and nits. Follow the instructions on the label. Comb dead and any remaining live lice out of the hair using a fine-toothed nit comb.
- 2. Check the hair** of family members and close contacts, like babysitters and your child's close friends, for head lice. Keep checking family members for two weeks to be sure the lice are gone.
- 3. Clean any items** your child has worn or used in the past 48 hours. Machine wash clothes and bedding in hot water. Also vacuum carpet and furniture.

How to reduce your child's risk

Encourage your child not to share items that touch the head, like hairbrushes, pillows and hats, and to avoid head-to-head contact while playing with other kids.

Head lice myths, busted!

- Head lice cannot jump or fly from head to head.
- Kids diagnosed with live head lice at school do not need to be sent home early. They can go home at the end of the day and return to class after treatment has begun.
- Getting head lice is not a sign of dirty hair or poor hygiene.



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
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

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Vegan and Planet Friendly

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 (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
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 (Ve)	Chocolate Mousse (V)	Pear & Ginger Cake (Ve)	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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New Dish



POLITE NOTICE

THINK
BEFORE YOU
PARK!



YOU COULD ENDANGER A CHILD'S LIFE

This is our game.



Free Dynamo's Cricket Holiday Camps in Staffordshire

Girls & Boys aged 8 - 11 years

For more information and to book
your place, scan the QR Code or visit
the link below :

https://www.staffordshirecricket.co.uk/about/dynamos_cricket/



RE Parable of the week— By Mrs S Kemp

Parable of the lost sheep - Luke

He told them this parable. "Which of you men, if you had one hundred sheep, and lost one of them, wouldn't leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one that was lost, until he found it? When he has found it, he carries it on his shoulders, rejoicing. When he comes home, he calls together his friends, his family and his neighbours, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!' I tell you that even so there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance."

— Luke 15:3-7

Just like in this parable, here at Brewood CE Middle Academy we believe every single individual pupil is important and deserves to be cherished.



LET US PRAY

Gracious Lord,
fill my heart with
peace so that I can
stay calm no matter
what storms come my
way in life.

Let Your peaceful
presence touch every
part of me so that I
remain centered and
grounded through it
all. In Jesus' name,

Amen.

YOUR WORLD

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

Let's celebrate your child's achievements!



Lola from Year 5 took part in the Weston Beach Race 2025 at the weekend in Weston Super Mare.

Lola did amazing and came home with 2nd place in the girls 65cc class.

Wow Lola, well done. We are all super proud of you!

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