



Brewood CE Middle Academy

"Let all you do be done in love"

Head of School's Newsletter

Autumn II

Good Ofsted Provider

21 November



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: 7DW98.3%



Dear parents

Winter arrived with a vengeance this week at Brewood with patches of ice on many roads in the village and a real chill in the air. Thankfully the new heating system installed last year in school is up to the challenge and is keeping both staff and pupils toasty warm. A number of staff have noticed that some pupils are arriving very early to school and are having to wait near to the black gates for up to 25 mins before they are opened at 8.30am. With the colder darker mornings, I would ask please for families not to drop off their children before this time and to ensure that all children have been provided with a coat to wear especially given the weather this week.

Brewood Lights Switch On

Final preparations are being made in the village for the annual switching on of the Brewood Lights on Sunday 30th November. This promises to be a great evening for families with stalls and games taking place in the village along with the opportunity to have some great food and drink. Music and carols are also an important part of the evening with pupils from the local schools entertaining those that attend. Mrs Bainbridge and Mrs Guy has been working hard with the choir to practice their carols for the big night. Thank you to these staff and to the choir for giving up their time to entertain our community.

Christmas Fair 2025

It will soon be time for our Christmas Fair in school and an opportunity for pupils to put their enterprise skills to good use and raise money with a range of stalls and Christmas games. The Christmas Fair is always well supported by our school community so I would like to take this opportunity to ask families for any donations / prizes for the school raffle. Any donations would be gratefully received.

Enjoy your weekend and all the best to those who live in Wheaton Aston for their Christmas Lights Switch on this Sunday.

At Brewood 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!"

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

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

30 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





BREWOOD MIDDLE ACADEMY PTFA

presents

CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

Friday 5th Dec
£5

From school till 6.20pm

Tuck shop available to buy snacks

Cash payments to Mr Walley or Mrs Guy or via

PayPal to brewoodmiddleptfa@gmail.com

(please select friends & family)



CHILDREN IN NEED 2025

On Friday 14th November, pupils came into school to support Children in Need 2025 dressed in spotty clothes.

Families donated £1.00 per child and we have made a staggering £336 for Children in Need and the lives of children who are in need.

A huge well done to our amazing pupils for supporting this worthy cause and thank you to our families for donating.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT



On October 14th, we joined in the biggest ever coffee morning for Macmillan and raised money by selling tea, coffee and cakes.

Parents and pupils joined in the fun by donating cakes and attending our coffee morning.

We raised a massive £376.76 with the support of our amazing families and pupils and we want to thank you!

Well done to all our families and thank you for your support!!!



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 Starts: Monday 3 November

Term Ends: Friday 19 December at 1.30pm

Holiday: Friday 22 December—Friday 2 January

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: Friday 17 July at 1.30pm

Inset Day 5: Monday 20 July

Holiday: Tuesday 21 July—Monday 31 August

END OF
TERM!!!

WHAT'S ON

November

3rd Term Starts—6.00pm SATS Parent Information Evening

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

14th Children in Need Day

17th Year 6 mock SATS this week

25th 9.00am SEND Coffee Morning

26th 5TW Parent's Lunch

27th 3.45pm Preloved Uniform Shop Open

30th Brewood Christmas Light Switch On



December

1st Term Starts

3rd 1.45pm 5EH Swim Session 6 / 6.00pm SATS Parent Information Evening

4th KS2 Spanish Day / Spanish Themed Lunch

9th Year 5-8 Flu Immunisation

10th KS2 & Community Christmas Lunch / 1.45pm
5HB Swim Session 1

11th Christmas Jumper Day—Save the Children /
KS3 Christmas Lunch

12th Christmas Fair

17th 9.15am Christmas Service in Church / 1.45pm
5HB Swim Session 2 / 6.00pm Christmas Service in
Church for Families

18th Rewards Day

19th 1.30pm End of Term



END OF
TERM!!!

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about **HOW TO COMBAT ONLINE BULLYING**



Defined as "ongoing hurtful behaviour towards someone online", cyber-bullying makes its victims feel upset, uncomfortable and unsafe. In the digital world, it has numerous forms – such as hurtful comments on a person's posts or profile; deliberately leaving them out of group chats; sharing embarrassing images or videos of someone; or spreading gossip about them. Cyber-bullying can severely impact a young person's mental health – so, in support of Anti-Bullying Week, we've provided a lot of tips to help trusted adults know what to look for and how to respond to it.

1. GET CONNECTED

"Playing online games together with your child or connecting with them on social media (provided they're old enough) is not only fun but also an excellent way of establishing some common ground to discuss things you've both seen or done online – as well as keeping an eye on who your child is communicating with in the digital world.

2. KEEP TALKING

Regular chats with young people about their online lives are good practice in general, but they can also be an excellent reflexive to help prevent cyber-bullying situations. Topics you might want to reveal include why it's important to only connect online with people we know and trust, and why passwords should always remain secret (even from our best friends).

3. STAY VIGILANT

Observe your child while they're using technology and just what they've used it. Are they acting normally, or out of character? Possible signs of a problem may include seeming quiet or withdrawn, jumpy or anxious, angry or repeatedly checking their phone. When you feel it's the right time, you may want to check in with them to see if everything is OK.

4. MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE

If an online bullying incident does occur, it may take a while before your child is ready to open up about what happened. Just gently remind them that they can always come to you with any problems – and that they won't be in trouble. You might also suggest a trusted family member they could turn to, in case they feel too embarrassed to tell you directly.

5. BE PREPARED TO LISTEN

When conversations about online bullying do take place, they're likely to be difficult, emotional and upsetting for both you and your child. Actively listen to your child while they're bringing you up to speed, and try not to show any judgement or criticism – even if they haven't dealt with the situation in exactly the way you would have hoped.

FURTHER SUPPORT AND ADVICE

If you or your child need additional help with an online bullying issue, here are some specialist organisations that you could reach out to:

Childline: talk to a trained counsellor on 0800 1111 or online at www.childline.org.uk/get-support/

National Bullying Helpline: counsellors are available on 0845 225 5707 or by visiting www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/cyberbullying.html

The NSPCC, the children's charity, has a guide to the signs of bullying at www.nspcc.org.uk/what-to-do/abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/ and can be reached on 0800 600 0200

6. EMPOWER YOUR CHILD

Depending on their age, your child might not want a parent "fighting their battles for them". In that case, talk through their options with them (blocking the perpetrator, deleting the app and so on). By allowing your child to choose the path they take, you're putting them in control but are also demonstrating that you're there to support them along the way.

7. REPORT BULLIES ONLINE

Cyber-bullying often takes place through a particular app, social media platform or online game. If this is happening to your child, encourage them to report the offender to the app or game in question – ideally with screenshots to support their complaint. Most games and apps have reporting tools specifically to stamp out abusive behaviour and protect users.

8. ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

Protecting themselves online is the priority, of course, but young people should also feel empowered to help if they witness other people falling victim to cyberbullying. Even if they don't feel confident enough to call someone out on their abusive behaviour online, they can still confidentially report that person to the app or game where the bullying occurred.

9. SEEK EXPERT ADVICE

Victims of online bullying frequently experience feelings of isolation and anxiety, a loss of self-esteem and potentially even thoughts of self-harm or suicide. If you think that an incident of cyber-bullying has affected your child's mental wellbeing, then seek psychological support for them. There are some useful contact details in the central panel below.

10. INVOLVE THE AUTHORITIES

If the nature of any online bullying makes you suspect that your child is genuinely in imminent physical danger – or if there are any signs whatsoever of explicit images being shared as part of the bullying – then you should gather any relevant screenshots or evidence and report the incidents to your local police force.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutcliffe 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 advised on research for the Australian government, comparing internet use and online behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



**National
Online
Safety®**

#WakeUpWednesday

Slow Cookers for our school community

Last year, as part of Staffordshire's bid to support families in reducing the cost of living, the academy was given some slow cookers to distribute to some of its families within our school community.

After distributing them last winter we still have some left to be given to our community. The cookers are intended to encourage food-budgeting this winter. To stretch out provisions, families will be given slow cooker recipes to help "make the most out of their weekly shop".

Slow cookers are great to have at home because they...

- ***Allow for hands-off cooking***
- ***Bring out the flavour in recipes***
- ***Are easy to use***
- ***Promotes Healthy Cooking***
- ***Are energy efficient***
- ***Are easy to clean***



This way of cooking is a great way to combat rising energy prices and I am told that it costs around 18p per eight hours to run - only a little more than a traditional light bulb.

The cookers will be given out on a 'first come, first served' basis and can be reserved by contacting Mr Smith at school. There is a simple form to complete and then you are ready to cook!

Thank you for your support

LOST PROPERTY

We currently have an awful lot of unnamed lost property at the moment, please could you support us by ensuring that your child's uniform is named and then we can return it to its rightful owner, thank you for your support

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.					

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

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



SPORTSCOOL CHRISTMAS CLUB
DECEMBER 2025

10AM-2PM
FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH

HA FUNDING FROM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

ANY QUERIES PLEASE CALL SARAH: 07816 540275

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ST MARY & ST CHAD FIRST SCHOOL, BREWOOD

BOOKING LINK & QR CODE: BREWOOD

MONDAY 22ND

JOIN US FOR A MAGICAL DAY OF FESTIVE FUN!

PAINT CHRISTMAS TREE MASTERPIECES

CREATE HEARTFELT CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

COMPLETE SPORTS CHALLENGES AGAINST OUR SNEAKY ELVES

MONDAY 29TH

BURN OFF SOME CHRISTMAS ENERGY AND MAKE SOME UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES

ACTION-PACKED DODGEBALL SESSIONS

FUN GAMES AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

A VISIT FROM SOME SPECIAL GUESTS

TUESDAY 23RD

AT BREAKFAST WITH FATHER CHRISTMAS EVERY CHILD WILL ENJOY:

A DELICIOUS FESTIVE BREAKFAST

A VISIT FROM FATHER CHRISTMAS

A SPECIAL GIFT TO TAKE HOME!

TUESDAY 30TH

LET'S END THE YEAR WITH A BANG!

CELEBRATE WITH PARTY GAMES, MUSIC AND LAUGHTER

ENJOY FESTIVE FUN WITH FRIENDS

GET READY TO WELCOME THE NEW YEAR IN STYLE



**Active
Camps**

Holiday Childcare

for active kids!

this Christmas Holiday

**15%
OFF**

with code **XMAS25**
Offer ends at 5pm on
**Friday 5th
December**

We have camps in
**Codsall &
Wombourne**

Monday 22nd and
Tuesday 23rd December

Open from **8am - 4pm**

- ✓ Flexible drop-off and pick-up times
- ✓ One simple price for the whole day



BOOK ONLINE



For more info and to book your place visit
activecamps.co.uk or call **01902 213 298**

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Christmas ADVENTURE DAYS

DISCOVER THE ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE FOR YOUR KIDS AT ENTRUST ADVENTURE DAYS!

- THRILLING ACTIVITIES
- FAMILIAR GROUNDS
- CONVENIENT SCHEDULE
- AFFORDABLE FUN
- OPEN TO ALL - INCLUSIVE OF SEND

BOOK TODAY

Running at both centres on 22nd, 23rd December 2025
and 2nd January 2026 - Scan the QR codes to book...



STANDON BOWERS



LACHES WOOD

WE ALSO ACCEPT HAF BOOKINGS THROUGH
EEQU. SCAN THE QR CODE TO FIND OUT MORE



RE Parable of the week— By Mrs S Kemp

Parable of David and Goliath

And David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are but a youth, and he has been a man of war from his youth." And David said, "The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you!"

1 Samuel 17:32-33

David had courage because of the countless times that God protected him from danger in his past. He had steadfast confidence that God would deliver him against opposition. David acted on faith to fight Goliath with a slingshot, and God gave him victory. As a result, the whole army fought at his side and, with God's help, won a great battle that day. Let us all have courage like David to stand up for ourselves and what is right.

LET US PRAY



A Prayer for Courage

Lord,
I'm afraid.

I don't feel bold or courageous today.

Help me remember that

**bravery isn't the absence of fear;
it's doing the right thing no matter what**

GIVE ME A COURAGEOUS HEART.

I know that You will be with me.

I am not alone.

You are greater than any enemy or
obstacle I face.

Help me to take a stand, to not give up,
to push on, and to step forward today,

knowing that **You are trustworthy**
and **You are my strength.**

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!

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