



Brewwood CE Middle Academy



"Let all you do be done in love"

Headteacher's Newsletter

No. 19 Spring

Good Ofsted Provider

27th February

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.

KS2 Attendance: 6CS 99.3%

KS3 Attendance: 8RG 97.8%



Dear Families

I hope that you have all had a good holiday and have had the opportunity to spend some time with family and friends. I have spoken to many families this week in welcoming pupils back to school after their half term break and have heard about the many activities that they have taken part in whilst at home. There was a huge amount to celebrate throughout last half term and I appreciate everything that happens behind the scenes at home to ensure your child is fully supported and ready to learn.

Parents' Consultation Evening

We had the 2nd of our parents consultation evening this week focussing this time on pupils in Years 6 & 8 which was once again well attended by both adults and pupils. Feedback from both these evenings has been very positive with staff reminding all of our pupil that consistency, patience, and perseverance in their learning are key to long-term success. Believing in their ability to succeed is also an area that has been reinforced by staff in school as too often our pupils struggle to put things into perspective and so it's important for us to remind them of the times when they have overcome challenges or achieved significant milestones. It is our collective responsibility to boost confidence and resilience, in order to help them to approach future endeavours with a positive mindset.

We need to show them that we are all working together to support them and hopefully with our combined support your child can recognise what they are truly capable of. We wish for all of our young people to be ambitious and help them to become their own version of success as global citizens.

Football News

Congratulations to the Year 6 pupils who play in a local football tournament yesterday. Despite playing against a number of strong teams, Brewwood managed to win the tournament. Mr Cartwright said that all the boys played well but his highlight was Jensen scoring from a goal kick! Well Done boys.

Year 7 boys are also through to the next round of the county cup beating local rivals Penkridge Middle School. Mr Cartwright explained that both teams played some great football but the BMA boys managed to come out winners. Well Done boys and watch this space for details of our next opponents.

Enjoy your weekend

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
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

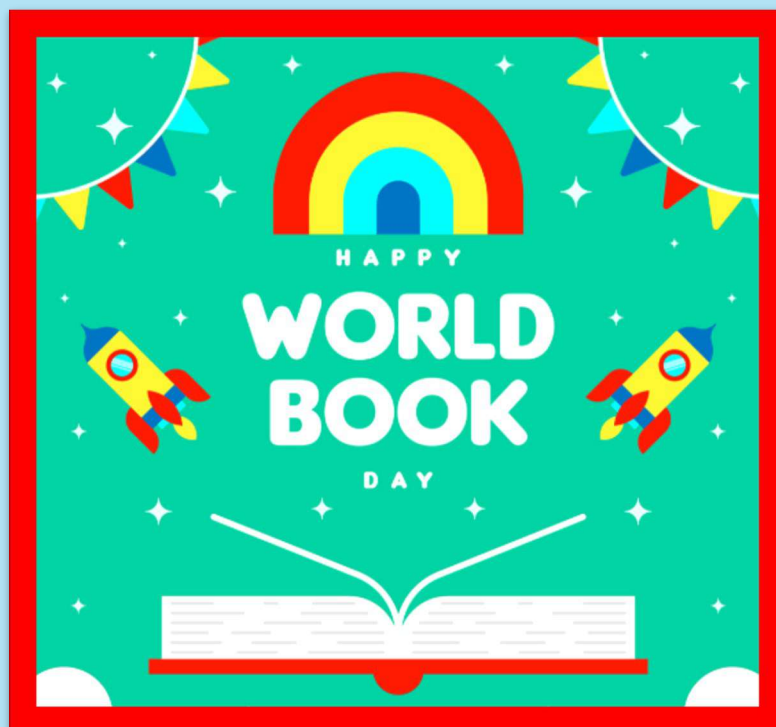


WORLD BOOK

To celebrate World Book Day, on Thursday 5th March, we are encouraging both KS2 and KS3 pupils to dress up as their favourite book character.

A prize will be awarded to one pupil in each year group for the best dressed and they will be rewarded with a £10 Amazon Voucher each.

Who is your favourite book character?



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about **WHATSAPP**

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With more than two billion active users, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. The UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging, but for the time being, this controversial feature remains.

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency' – plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user they want to message. Therefore, if a child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that the child might be added to a group chat or community (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allow news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original – and might not be entirely factual, either.

CHAT LOCK AND SECRET CODES

In 2023, WhatsApp introduced a feature that lets users keep their chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind their phone's passcode, fingerprint or face ID. There is an additional feature – 'Secret Code' – where users set a unique password for locked chats. Unfortunately, this creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of.

VIEW ONCE CONTENT

The ability to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate material or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't reopen them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this disappearing content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing protection of privacy.

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's Live Location feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child is safe while out, for example. However, anyone in a user's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Educators

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage children to treat unexpected messages with caution; get them to consider whether it sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change a child's WhatsApp settings to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval. You can give permission to My Contacts or My Contacts Except... Additionally, if a child needs to use Live Location, emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Check in with the child about how they're using WhatsApp, making sure they know you only have their safety at heart. If you spot a Locked Chats folder, you might want to talk about the sort of content they've stored in there, who they're talking to, and why they want to keep these chats hidden. Also, if children send any View Once content, it could be helpful to ask them why.

DISCUSS GROUP CHATS

Make children aware that there could be members of a group that they don't know well and that words can be misinterpreted. Encourage them to leave a good impression, to avoid joining in if conversations turn towards bullying, and to respond to such situations in an appropriate way. Make sure they know that it's OK to leave a group chat if it makes them uncomfortable – or for any reason, in fact.

THINK BEFORE SHARING

Help children understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content that a user posts to be shared more widely, even publicly on social media. Encourage children to consider how an impulsive message or forwarding might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

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.



#WakeUp
Wednesday

The
National
College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/whatsapp-2025>

LUNCH

Week 2



W/C 02/03, 23/03, 20/04, 11/05, 01/06, 22/06, 13/07



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN 1	Korean Style Noodles V	New Build your Own Hot Chicken Wrap, Rice	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes	Traditional Beef Lasagne, Foccacia	Fish & Chips
MAIN 2	Leek, Cheese & Potato Pie VE	Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry, Rice VE	Golden Plant Sausage Roll, Roast Potatoes VE	Hearty Spaghetti & Meatballs, Foccacia V	Breakfast Wrap & Chips V
VEG	Baked Half Jacket, Crispy Cauli VE	Broccoli VE	Fresh Roast Carrots & Cabbage VE	Roasted Vegetables VE	Carrots & Peas or Baked Beans VE
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 Cookie VE	Fruity Jelly Crunch Pot V	Peach Crumble Pudding V	Lime & Coconut Sponge VE	Summer Fruit Split V
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

VE Vegan and Planet Friendly

V Vegetarian

New New Dish



Quorn



EASTER

DANCE

WORKSHOP



AT DUNSTON VILLAGE HALL

Monday 30th March – Wednesday 1st April

9:00am – 3:30pm

£80 for 3 days (or £30 per day)

**Join us for our Easter Dance workshop
covering Street, Stage, Jazz, Ballet,
Tap & more!**



**All school ages & abilities catered for.
All staff are DBS checked & first aid trained.
Early drop off available on request.**

To book your child a place, email:
katy@denedanceschool.co.uk

Term Dates



SPRING TERM 2026

Term Ends: Friday 27 March at 1.30pm

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

The logo consists of the words 'WHAT'S' and 'ON' in a bold, sans-serif font. 'WHAT'S' is on a yellow rectangular background, and 'ON' is on a pink rectangular background. The two rectangles are slightly offset from each other, with 'ON' appearing to be in front of 'WHAT'S'. The entire logo is enclosed in a red rectangular border.

WHAT'S

ON

March

2nd National Careers Week

5th World Book Day and Themed Lunch Available

9th Ski Trip Departs to France

11th 5EH Parent's Lunch / 1.45pm 5TW Swim Session 5

14th Ski Trip Returns from France

15th Mother's Day

16th Group 1 to Bryntysillio

18th Group 1 Return from Bryntysillio / Group 2 to Bryntysillio/ 5HB Parent's Lunch / 1.45pm 5TW Sim Session 6

25th 9.15am Easter Service in Church

26th Rewards Day—Whole School

27th Term Ends at 1.30pm

A small, tilted chalkboard with a wooden frame. It has the words 'END OF TERM!!!' written on it in white chalk.

END OF
TERM!!!

April

13th Term Starts for pupils and staff

15th 5TW Parent's Lunch

21st SEND Coffee Morning

23rd St George's Day

29th 6AC Parent's Lunch

May

4th May Day

21st Census Day / 3.45pm Preloved Uniform Shop—Open—**END OF TERM**

22nd Inset Day

RE Parable of the week— By Mrs S Kemp

Parable of Joseph

Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them.

Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it."

His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said. Genesis 37

Gracious God,

From love we are made and to love we shall return. May our love for one another kindle flames of joy and hope. May the light and warmth of your grace inspire us to follow the Way of Jesus Christ, and serve you in your Kingdom, now and forever.

Amen.

Here at Brewood we encourage our students to celebrate each other. Jealousy and envy are attributes which can harm, never help. We celebrate all our unique skills and talents and are proud of all of our students!

Let Us Pray

