



Brewood CE Middle Academy



"Let all you do be done in love"

Head Teacher's Newsletter

Autumn 2 2026

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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: KS2 5AS—99.47% - KS3 8LP—96%

Dear Families,

I think that Autumn is well and truly on the way given the colder mornings and wet weather. Despite this, pupils are adapting well to their new learning routines and are producing some excellent work. 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 their new skills. .

Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Wednesday 23rd September, we will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning and cake sale—a letter has been sent out. We look forward to welcoming as many families as possible to raise as much money as we can to support this very worthwhile charity. Information attached!

Meet The Tutors Opportunity

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 event is 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. Watch this space for details.....

Pastoral Parents Evening—Wednesday 30th October 4.00pm—7.00pm

Our Pastoral Parents Evening in October, you will have the chance to come into school to meet your child's form teacher. The focus of the meeting is to discuss how well your child has settled into Brewood life and for the form teacher to outline how the first few weeks have gone. You may also share any important information or concerns you may have. Please contact the school office to book a place.

Year 5 Swimming

By now you should have received the letter and timetable for your child's swimming lessons. These lessons play a very positive role in your child's life, especially those who are less confident in the water, hopefully at the end of these sessions, your child will have learned a vital life skill.

Parental Consent

Thank you to our parents that have completed and returned their child's parental consent. If you have not already done so, would you please return these the school office and, if you need a copy to fill in, again, please contact the school office.

Parental Consents enable us to share pictures of your child in school, on trips and residentials and in newsletters.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend with your families.

Mr Smith



LET'S CHANGE LIVES WITH EVERY SLICE !

Join us at Brewood CE Middle Academy on
Wednesday 23rd September between 9.30am-
10.30am

As part of Macmillan's Worlds Biggest Coffee
Morning

Our Parents and Families are welcome to join us
for tea, coffee and cake to raise money for
people facing cancer, one slice at a time (with
their child).

Please let the office know if you can attend.
We welcome shop brought cakes—please check
that there are no nut ingredients.

We are a nut free school!

COME ALONG FOR A NIBBLE AND A NATTER!



Uniform reminder

I have been blown away with how smart and professional our pupils look as they arrive each day in their school uniform. As you know, school uniforms have been an enduring part of education in the UK for centuries, symbolising tradition, equality, and discipline. But beyond this, there are many modern benefits of uniforms in schools, from reducing peer pressure to promoting a sense of belonging and pride, uniforms remain an important feature of Brewood Middle.



A couple of staff members have commented on the fact that a number of pupils seem to be now wearing very tight or short skirts that are preventing them from sitting down on the floor of the hall and when in class.

Whilst they might be fashionable whilst at home they are not suitable for school and are drawing attention to individual pupils as they are constantly having to pull them down.

I would ask please that you look carefully at the skirts that are being chosen especially as we are so early in the school term to ensure that these are suitable for school and that pupils can move around school without hinderance.



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Just a quick message to make new parents and pupils aware of the **Someone To Tell** e-mail address that we have at Brewood.

This is a dedicated e-mail address allowing pupils to report any concerns or safeguarding issues that they might have either in school or out of school. Being able to speak to a trusted adult is an aspect that we have always tried to promote at Brewood and the use of technology is part and parcel of this.

The e-mail address is a simple way of pupils communicating directly with myself or one of the safeguarding team in school and is checked regularly each day. Once a concern has been received, a pupil will be spoken to in confidence to find out more details about the worry or safeguarding concern that they have. Once this conversation has happened the member of staff can then take steps to investigate and action any concerns.

Pupils can of course speak to any adult in school about concerns however if this is not possible or a pupil does not feel confident to do so then the email address is available to them.

We want to keep everyone safe at Brewood and this is another tool to do so.

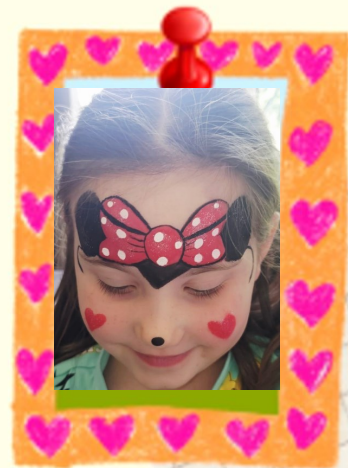
someonetotell@brewood.staffs.sch.uk

MEET THE TEACHER!!

About Me

Hi, my name is Rachel Gregory and I am a Year 8 English Teacher and a Year 7 Form Teacher.

I love my job but what I love most are my colleagues and students and I love English.



My Family & Hobbies

I have a daughter who is 4 and her name is Freya and I love to tell her about what I have done in school and she will pretend to be me!

I love to draw and paint!

Fun Facts

In my spare time, I love to read, especially, The Hunger Games.

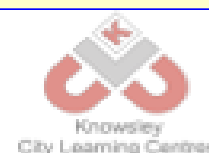
I love face art and I have added a picture of my daughter, Freya who loves getting her face painted by me!

LET'S STAY IN
TOUCH!



You can contact me
through the school office
email

E-Safety Bookmark—September 17th



Online Safety Newsletter

Sept 2026

Sexting and nudes

It is important that young people are aware of the risks and responsibilities of sexting and sharing nudes. Once an image is sent, the sender has no control over what will happen to that image or video. Young people must think carefully before sharing such images and should never feel forced to do so.

When you're under 18 it is against the law to send nudes/sexual videos of yourself to anyone else. It is also against the law to save or share a nude/sexual video of somebody under the age of 18.

Childline explains more about sexting and nudes at the link below, including what your child can do if somebody is asking them to share nudes, what to do if somebody is saying they will share their images and where you can get more support from:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/sexting/>

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translation tool on our web version: <https://www.knowsleylcs.org.uk/september-2026-secondary>

New guidance issued due to concern of AI-manipulated images

Photos of children that seem completely innocent can be manipulated using artificial intelligence (AI) to create ~~sexual~~ or abusive images. There is a growing threat that children's images shared online are being manipulated by criminals into AI generated sexual abuse material. As concerns grow, the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) and the National Crime Agency (NCA) have issued new guidance to help you understand the risks around AI image manipulation and advice on how to speak to your child about AI and image consent.



The IWF states that child sexual abuse images or videos created or altered using AI may include:

- Everyday images of a child or young person that are manipulated into child sexual abuse imagery, including images taken from social media, websites or messaging apps, that are manipulated into sexualised or abusive imagery. These are sometimes known as 'deepfakes'.
 - Images or videos that look like a real child but are completely artificial.
 - AI technology that digitally removes clothing from existing images to create nude or semi-nude images, sometimes known as '~~undressing~~'.
- [source: IWF <https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/ai-child-abuse-imagery-parent-guide/> accessed 25.08.26]

What can I do?

The guidance provides practical advice about sharing photographs of your child online. Some useful things to consider are:

- Think before you share photographs online. The IWF suggest creating a 'close friends' group to share images.
- Check and adjust your privacy settings on all social media accounts.
- Understand the steps to take if you or your child has any concerns and the organisations you can contact.

Where can I find the new guidance?

The full guidance can be accessed at the link below. It also includes a video highlighting how everyday photos can be misused using AI tools.

<https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/ai-child-abuse-imagery-parent-guide/>

You can find the full press release/announcement here:

<https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/news/new-guidance-for-parents-and-carers-as-ai-manipulated-images-of-children-become-a-growing-concern>

YouTube

YouTube is one of the most popular platforms, available across many different devices - phones, tablets and Smart TVs etc. **YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13**, however, younger children can still access YouTube with consent from a parent/guardian. There are different options available to access YouTube, depending on your child's age:



1. YouTube Kids – a separate app that includes a smaller selection of videos based on the age category you select: Preschool (ages 4 and under), Younger (ages 5–8) or Older (ages 9–12).

2. Supervised accounts – a parent-managed version of YouTube that allows you to control the content your child can access. You can select one of the following options:

- **Explore** - Generally for viewers aged 9+.
- **Explore more** - Generally for viewers aged 13+.
- **Most of YouTube** - This setting includes almost everything except for videos marked as 18+.

Find out more: <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/10315420>

What do I need to be aware of?

Whilst YouTube can be educational and fun, it is important to be aware of the potential risks, such as:

- **Inappropriate content**
- **Excessive Screen time** – particularly due to the autoplay feature.
- **Unwanted contact / cyberbullying** – particularly via comments if your child is sharing videos.
- **Algorithms** – algorithms influence what we see to keep us engaged. This can lead to a user being exposed to large amounts of content about one topic/theme, which may not be helpful if it is negative.
- **Adverts** that may not be aimed at or suitable for your child's age.

What can I do?

- Set up appropriate parental controls.
- Show your child the reporting and blocking tools available.
- Watch YouTube together or supervise use.

Further information

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-search-engines/youtube-app/>

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A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives

The Children's Commissioner has published this guide to help you support your child and make starting conversations about their online world easier. It's a useful read:

<https://assets.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wpuploads/2025/12/cc-what-i-wish-parent-guide.pdf>

Nex Playground

Nex Playground is a new video game console, which features games to get kids active. The games have no ads, no violence and no chat features, however it does rely on purchasing either a yearly or quarterly game subscription. You can find out more here:

<https://www.nexplayground.com/en-gb>

Online Safety Quiz

The NSPCC have created this quiz to test your child's knowledge on how to stay safe online. It's a great way to start a conversation with your child about their online life. You can access the quiz here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/quiz/>

WhatsApp Usernames

WhatsApp is introducing the use of usernames, so people no longer have to share their phone number. Wayne Denner provides an overview of the new features, what you need to consider and steps you can take here:

<https://www.waynedenner.com/whatsapp-usernames-what-parents-need-to-know/>



BREWOOD MIDDLE ACADEMY'S VENDING MACHING



I am in process of restocking the vending machine for the coming term and I am very interested to see which types of prizes you would like to be included. If you have any ideas, please ask your child to come and see me.

As you know, this vending machine is like no other I have seen. It holds, vouchers to use in stores, books, stationery and even PlayStation vouchers.

All our pupils have been very excited by the new stock. As you know they have to earn a total of 50 positive points via class charts (which will soon be up and running) from their teachers for excellent behaviour during lessons, once they receive their points, they will be awarded tokens to use on the vending machine.

I wonder what they will choose and, who will get the first 50 positive points!

FAMILY BARN DANCE

JUBILEE HALL, BREWOOD

TICKETS

£15

£5 - under 10s

- FIRST DANCE 7PM.
- THE BAR WILL BE OPEN.
- BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS.

Tickets
available from
07790 809213, The
Village Bakery,
Brewood Co-op,
and Rainbowz
End.

Live music from

**Jigs &
Reels
BAND**

FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2026



More information available from
the QR code or our website
brewoodparishchurches.org



St. Mary the Virgin & St. Chad, Brewood
St. John the Evangelist Bishops Wood

BMA NEWS

ALLERGIES

Thank you to all those parents and pupils who have reacted so positively to our request to check lunch boxes and snacks for potential allergens such as nuts.

New signage has gone up this week in school to identify where emergency EpiPens are located around the school building along with instructions for their use should the need arise. Staff in school are completing their allergy training and this aspect of keeping ourselves safe will become a more regular discussion point in lessons.

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

Thanks

LUNCH

Week 2

W/C 07/09,
28/09, 19/10, 9/11, 30/11, 21/12, 11/01, 01/02, 22/02,



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN 1	Mac n' Cheese (V) Macaroni pasta in a creamy cheese sauce.	Chicken Curry Chicken slow-cooked in a mild Indian-spiced sauce.	Roast Chicken Oven-roasted chicken dinner.	Pasta Bolognese Pasta served with a rich Italian bolognese sauce.	Fish Fingers Golden crispy crumb coated fish sticks.
MAIN 2	Pasta Arriabatta (VE) Pasta served with a spiced tomato sauce.	Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry (VE) Sweet potato and chickpeas in a mild Indian-spiced sauce.	Root Veg and Bean Pie (VE) (New) Beans and root vegetables in a rich gravy, topped with a golden pastry lid.	Spaghetti and Meatless Balls (VE) Vegetarian meatballs in tomato sauce, served with spaghetti.	Veggie Burger (VE) (New) Homemade chickpea veggie burger in a soft white bun.
CARB	---	Tumeric Rice	Skin On Roasties	Garlic Bread	Chips
VEG	Sweetcorn	Garden Peas	Roasted Carrots	Crispy Broccoli	Baked Beans /Peas
3 RD OPTION	Pasta, Jacket Potato & Deli	Pasta, Jacket Potato & Deli	Pasta, Jacket Potato & Deli	Pasta, Jacket Potato & Deli	Pasta, Jacket Potato & Deli
DESSERT	Lemon and Oat Cookie (VE)	Pear Upside Down Pudding (V)	Apple Flapjack Crumble (VE)	Fruit Jelly (V)	Shortbread (VE)
Available Daily – Fresh Fruit, Jelly or Yoghurt					

MENU KEY

VE Vegan and Planet Friendly

V Vegetarian

New New Dish



Quorn



Term Dates



AUTUMN TERM 2026

Tuesday 1st September-INSET DAY 1

Wednesday 2nd September—INSET DAY 2

Thursday 3rd September—PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL

Holiday: Monday 26th October - Friday 30 October

WINTER TERM 2026

Term Ends: Friday 18th December at 1.30pm

Holiday: Monday 21st December - Friday 1 January

SPRING TERM 2027

Monday 4th January—INSET DAY 3

Tuesday 5th January—PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL

Term Ends: Friday 12th February

Holiday: Monday 15th February

Monday 22nd February—PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL

Friday 25th March—INSET DAY 4

SUMMER TERM 2027

Monday 12th April—PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL

Monday 3rd May—MAY DAY

Friday 28th May—INSET DAY 5

Wednesday 21st July—School Closes at 1.30pm

The calendar is on the website
and will be updated each week .

INSET DAYS 2026/2027

Tuesday 1st September INSET DAY 1

Wednesday 2nd September—INSET DAY 2

Monday 4th January 2027—INSET DAY 3

Thursday 25th March 2027—INSET DAY 4

Friday 28th May—INSET DAY 5

RE Parable of the week— By Mrs S Kemp

The Parable of the Sower

Jesus said this parable, "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when His disciples asked Him what this parable meant, He said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As He said this, He cried out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Luke 8:5-15 (Gospel of the 4th Sunday of Luke)

LET US PRAY

Lord,
grant me the wisdom to understand the difficulties along my path and allow me to feel and see Your comforting hand in the midst of these troubles. Bless me with a faith that gives me the confidence to face difficulties unfazed. 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.