



It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.

Parable of the Mustard Seed- Matthew 13:31-32

Message from Miss Mills

Dear Families,

As we wrap up week two of this term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful achievements and events that have already taken place in our schools. First and foremost, I extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for your generosity in supporting our **Children in Need** celebrations. Your contributions have made a significant difference, and it has been heart-warming to see our community come together for such a worthy cause.

I would also like to express my gratitude to **Reverend John** for generously sharing his photography skills with us. The beautiful photos he took will enhance our Mary Howard website, showcasing the vibrant life and activities within our school.

This week, we completed our annual **Health and Safety inspection and review** at both schools. I am pleased to report that we are committed to maintaining a safe and nurturing environment for all our children.

In exciting news, our schools have been selected from all the schools in the Lichfield Diocese to have some of our children participate in the **National Young Leadership Group**. We are one of only three schools chosen for this incredible opportunity! Our first meeting will take place on **Tuesday, 19th November**, and we look forward to seeing our young leaders thrive in this new role.

I am particularly proud of our **Year 6 students at Mary Howard**, who recently led the **MAT worship online** across all schools in our academy. Their theme was **Generosity**, and I want to extend a special thank you to **Miss Warner** for her guidance. It was wonderful to see **Mrs. Gethin** and **Ralph** make an appearance to support the children, and they were both impressed by the students' knowledge and confidence. This experience truly showcased the leadership potential within our young learners.

I would also like to take a moment to acknowledge our **PTFAs**. Their tireless efforts in organising amazing events for our children are truly commendable. I feel blessed to work alongside such dedicated individuals who are passionate about enriching our school community.

As we continue to grow and flourish together, let us remember the words from **Philippians 4:13**: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend ahead!

Warm regards,

Rachel Mills

Executive Head of Mary Howard Primary and St. Andrews Schools



Dinners for Week Commencing 18th November 2024

This week is: Week 3



YOUR SCHOOL MENU NOVEMBER 2024

All menu items are subject to change, based upon availability and in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

● Vegan
● Vegetarian

WEEK 1

MONDAY

CHOOSE FROM

- Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread

Beef Chilli Con Carne with Brown and White Rice

ON THE SIDE

Vegetables of the day or salad

TO FINISH

Chocolate Brownie

TUESDAY

CHOOSE FROM

- Veggie Cottage Pie

Chicken Nuggets with Diced Potatoes

ON THE SIDE

Vegetables of the day or salad

TO FINISH

Yogurt or Jelly

WEDNESDAY

CHOOSE FROM

- Homemade margherita pizza

Homemade BBQ Pizza topped with Chicken

ON THE SIDE

Vegetables of the day or salad and crinkle cut wedges

TO FINISH

Jammy Shortbread Biscuit

THURSDAY

CHOOSE FROM

- Vegetable and Bean Burrito

Pork Sausages and Mashed Potato and Gravy

ON THE SIDE

Vegetables of the day or salad

TO FINISH

Chocolate Sponge with Mint Custard

FRIDAY

CHOOSE FROM

- Quorn Sausages

Breaded Cod

ON THE SIDE

Peas, salad or beans and Chips

TO FINISH

Toffee Apple Sponge

WEEK 2

Our primary school menus comply with the Government's food and nutritional standards, meeting an average of 530 calories for each meal

MONDAY

CHOOSE FROM

- Veggie Bolognese and Pasta with Garlic Bread

Chicken Katsu Curry with Brown and White Rice

ON THE SIDE

Vegetables of the day or salad

TO FINISH

Homemade Cookies

TUESDAY

CHOOSE FROM

- Veggie Sausage Roll with Wedges

Ham Carbonara with Pasta and Garlic Bread

ON THE SIDE

Vegetables of the day or salad

TO FINISH

Fruit Mousse or Jelly

WEDNESDAY

CHOOSE FROM

- Homemade Margherita Pizza

Homemade Cheese and Ham Pizza

ON THE SIDE

Vegetables of the day or salad and crinkle cut wedges

TO FINISH

Rice Krispie Cake

THURSDAY

CHOOSE FROM

- Veggie Sausages in a Yorkshire Pudding with Gravy

Sticky Honey Glazed Chicken with Brown and White Rice

ON THE SIDE

Vegetables of the day or salad

TO FINISH

Ginger Sponge

FRIDAY

CHOOSE FROM

- Tomato and Basil Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread

Breaded Cod and Chips

ON THE SIDE

Vegetables of the day or salad

TO FINISH

Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream

WEEK 3

MONDAY

CHOOSE FROM

- Cauliflower and Broccoli Bake topped with Cheese

Pork Sausage Roll

ON THE SIDE

Vegetables of the day or salad and diced potatoes

TO FINISH

Apple Sponge Cake

TUESDAY

CHOOSE FROM

- Mediterranean Veg Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread

Baked Chicken Fajita with Diced Potatoes

ON THE SIDE

Vegetables of the day or salad

TO FINISH

Homemade Cookies

WEDNESDAY

CHOOSE FROM

- Handmade Margherita Pizza

Homemade Chicken Pizza

ON THE SIDE

Vegetables of the day and crinkle cut wedges

TO FINISH

Flapjacks with Raisins

THURSDAY

CHOOSE FROM

- Quorn and Leek Pastry Crown

Roast Chicken and Yorkshire pudding

ON THE SIDE

Vegetables of the day, mashed potatoes and gravy

TO FINISH

Chocolate Sponge

FRIDAY

CHOOSE FROM

- Sweet Potato and Chickpea Curry with Brown and White Rice

Breaded Cod and chips

ON THE SIDE

Vegetables of the day or salad

TO FINISH

Fruit or Jelly

Light bite options available. Daily sandwiches, jacket potatoes with fresh daily fillings

What's Coming Up This Week

Monday 18th November

- ◆ PE
- ◆ Gymnastics after school club at St Andrews
- ◆ Mary Howard only-Eliza's Bliss Cake- 50p per cake
- ◆ Flu Jab at both schools (second visit for St Andrews for children who missed it on the 7/11/24)

What's Happening This Week

Tuesday 19th November

Wednesday 20th November

- St Andrews only-(1:30pm-3:30pm) ground prep for tree and hedge planting- all families welcome, just bring a shovel!

Thursday 21st November

Friday 22nd November

- St Andrews- Tree and Hedge Planting afternoon- families welcome to join us from 1:30pm- Can all children wear outdoor clothes and bring in some wellies on this day?
- Mary Howard- Non uniform for 'Elfridges' donations

Please access the Schools' website for key events-

Mary Howard- [Upcoming Events](#) | [Mary Howard CE Primary School](#)

St Andrew's- [Upcoming Events](#) | [St. Andrew's CE Primary School \(st-andrews-cliftoncampville.staffs.sch.uk\)](#)

Dates to Note

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November

- 18.11- Mary Howard Flu Jab- please complete online if flu vaccine is required
- 18.11- Mary Howard- Eliza's Cake sale for BLISS
- 27.11- St Andrews-Crafternoon 3:30-4:30
- 29.11- Festive Friday at Mary Howard- 3:30-5:30 (all welcome)
- 30.11- Breakfast With Santa- all welcome from both schools

December

- 4.12-St Andrews-Crafternoon 3:30-4:30
- 11.12-St Andrews-Crafternoon 3:30-4:30
- 13.12- Mease Schools Christmas Day at St Andrews- pantomime in the afternoon (Mary Howard included in this)
- 18.12- Mease Schools trip to Statfold (St Andrews and Mary Howard)- MH will go after the Nativity,
- 20.12- Mary Howard Dis-glow at Edingale Village Hall- 3:30-5:30
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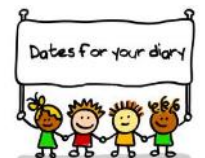
Upcoming Church Events:

Mary Howard

- Christingle - Tuesday 10th December at 6pm.
- Nativity - Wednesday 18th December at 9:15am.

St Andrews

- Christingle - Wednesday 11th December at 6pm.
- Nativity - Tuesday 17th December at 9:15am.



Mary Howard Flu Spray

Please complete the online consent form (please only submit 1 form for each child)

using the following link: <https://forms.mpft.nhs.uk/>

Choose the following from the dropdown list:

Mary Howard Church of England Primary School – 18 Nov 2024 - Flu

Your school code is: SS124249-24

Consent forms must be submitted by- 10am on Friday 15th November 2024

NOTE, the consent form must be completed by someone with Parental Responsibility

or Delegated Authority* – please see the explanations of these terms at end of this

letter.

, help us plan and improve the service. A non-return of the consent form does not mean

a non-consent.

For further information see: www.nhs.uk/child-flu

If you have any queries, please contact the Immunisation Service on 0300 124 0366.

<https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/school-ageimmunisation>

St Andrews Flu Spray

We have been lucky to secure a second date for St Andrews, for our children to have the flu spray. This is for children who didn't receive the vaccine on the 7th November.

Please take this opportunity to sign up for the vaccine if you missed out on the previous session.

Please complete the online consent form (please only submit 1 form for each child) using

the following link: <https://forms.mpft.nhs.uk/>

Choose the following from the dropdown list:

SCHOOL NAME – St Andrew's Church of England Primary School – 18 Nov 2024 – Flu

Your school code is: SS124242-24

Consent forms must be submitted by 18:00 on Sunday 17th November

Homework Guidance

It's great to hear about the positive impact of the parent forums have on our schools! Collaborating with parents is essential for fostering a supportive learning environment and enhancing children's educational experiences.

The changes to the homework guidance was driven by the insights gained from the parent forum, are a testament to the power of collaboration. This initiative not only enhances the educational experience for children but also strengthens the community around the school.

Here is the updated Homework Guidance

<https://st-andrews-cliftoncampville.staffs.sch.uk/parents/letters>

<https://maryhoward.staffs.sch.uk/parents/letters>



Children in Need

Thank You! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who dressed up and donated to Children in Need! Your generosity has made a significant impact.

Special Thanks to Mrs. McGuire for donating a Children in Need bottle to each class at Mary Howard Primary.

Congratulations to all the winners, and thank you once again for your support in making this event a success!



Christmas Trip

We are excited to announce a special treat for all our pupils! On Wednesday, 18th December 2024, we will be taking the children to the **Statfold Christmas Special**. The cost of this trip is **£14.50**, which can be paid through Parent Pay.

To help keep expenses manageable, we are grateful to the PTFA for generously funding the coach transportation to and from Statfold. The children will depart just after **10:00 AM** and are expected to return by **3:00 PM**.

Please ensure your child brings a **packed lunch** for the day. Additionally, we recommend that they wear a **jumper** (preferably a Christmas jumper) and warm clothing to stay comfortable during the trip.

On the day of the trip, the school will provide a cold lunch option consisting of sandwiches. Alternatively, you may choose to send your child with their own packed lunch.

To secure your child's place on this exciting trip, please complete the consent form below by **Monday, 2nd December**. All payments should also be made via Parent Pay by this date.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to a wonderful day!

<https://forms.gle/PPGzFsBM7BMpT1848>



National Young Leadership Group 2024-2025

We are excited to announce that our school has been selected to represent the Lichfield Diocese in the National Young Leadership Group for the 2024-2025 academic year! This initiative aims to empower young leaders by giving them a platform to use their voices and foster a flourishing community.

Selected Children: We are proud to share that four children from our school have been chosen to participate in this prestigious programme. Congratulations to:



Isla B, Isla M, Luke and Charlie at Mary Howard

Billy, Arthur, Ellie and Keira at St Andrews

Programme Overview: The National Young Leadership Group will consist of five online sessions throughout the year. During these sessions, the children will explore various topics related to leadership, collaboration, and community engagement, all while learning how to effectively express their ideas and opinions.

First Session: The first session is scheduled for **Tuesday, 19th November**. This will be a fantastic opportunity for our young leaders to begin their journey and connect with peers from other schools.

We encourage parents to support our children in this exciting endeavour as they develop their leadership skills and contribute to their communities. If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to reach out.

Mary Howard Website:

<https://maryhoward.staffs.sch.uk/children/school-council/national-younger-leadership-groups>

St Andrews Website:

<https://st-andrews-cliftoncampville.staffs.sch.uk/children/school-council/national-younger-leadership-groups>

St Andrews – SASA events

CRAFTERNOONS

COME AND JOIN US FOR
CREATIVE, SEASONAL
CRAFTING FUN OR MAYBE
WATCH A FILM WITH A
SNACK AND YOUR MATES!

3:30 - 5pm
St. Andrew's
Includes snack & squash

16th Oct



AUTUMNAL CRAFT
AND MAYBE A
SPOOKY, SILLY FILM!

27th Nov 4th Dec 11th Dec



JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND
FESTIVE FILMS!

Parents, use the extra time for shopping, baking, wrapping!

£5 each session

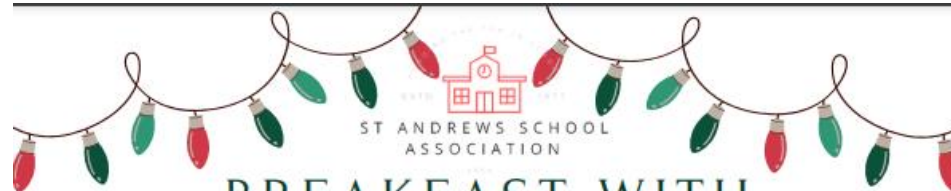
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We are really excited for our new Crafternoon sessions! If you would like to book on one or more of the sessions, please use the reference code below for a BACS transfer.

Child name + class + CRAFT + date(s) of session

Example: Olivia1craft1627 or Olivia1craft4 or Olivia1craftALL

If you want to confirm, clarify or discuss your booking please text Katie @ 077159 66802 or sasa.charitypta@gmail.com



ST ANDREWS SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION

BREAKFAST WITH

Santa Claus

SAT | 30 | 10.00AM
NOV | NOV | UNTIL
12.00PM

Santa approved crafts at every table

Personalised keepsake included with all child and under 1's tickets

CHILD £9.50
ADULT £8.50
UNDER 1'S £3

CLIFTON CAMPVILLE VILLAGE HALL

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A TICKETED, PAY IN ADVANCE EVENT.

TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS CONTACT:
SASA.CHARITYPTA@GMAIL.COM

Spaces are limited, so don't delay!



Mary Howard – FOMH events



Join us!

FESTIVE FRIDAY AND RAFFLE!

JOIN US FOR SANTA'S GROTTO, CRAFTS,
ELF-RIDGES, DRINKS, DELICIOUS
TREATS AND MUCH MORE!

NOVEMBER 29TH • 3.30-5.30PM

RAFFLE DRAWN AT 5PM

MARY HOWARD SCHOOL, EDINGALE

FREE ENTRY. CHARGEABLE ACTIVITIES



FOMH
Friends of Mary Howard

The poster features a dark green background with white and gold snowflakes. It includes illustrations of Santa Claus, a red bow, a red and white striped candy cane, a red Christmas sweater with a tree, and several wrapped gifts at the bottom.



YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS DISGLOW

£7.50 A TICKET >>> AVAILABLE AT
WWW.FOMH.CO.IK

INCLUDES ENTRY, REFILLABLE SQUASH,
UNLIMITED PIZZA, AND GLOW PACK!

3.30PM- 5.30PM | 20TH DECEMBER
EDINGALE VILLAGE HALL
ADULT SUPERVISION REQUIRED
BAR OPEN AND FOOD AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE



FOMH
Friends of Mary Howard

The poster has a vibrant, glowing background with a purple and blue gradient. It features a red Santa hat, a candy cane, and a string of colorful Christmas lights. The text is in various colors and fonts, with the main title 'DISGLOW' being the largest and brightest.



Why is it important?

Attendance	Days absent	Weeks absent	Lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons

89% or below
Drastic effect on academic achievement

96% - 90%
Cause for Concern

100% - 97%
Excellent!



Across the TSSMAT we expect good attendance to ensure that all pupils are able to take full advantage of the education available to them. Good attendance matters.

Pupils who have good attendance: **Get better jobs in the future, Achieve better results, Make better friendships, Have good self-esteem and confidence**

We strive for every child to achieve 96% attendance or higher. Please do not be offended if you are told that we are concerned about your child's attendance or if you receive a letter of concern. Attendance falls under the category of safeguarding and it is our duty of care to challenge and support attendance. If we can help in any way please contact Miss Mills or the office. Thank you.

Medical Appointments

Could we kindly remind

parents, to try and book medical appointments outside of school times.

We do understand that there are occasions when this is not always possible.

Thank you!

Little Heroes Attendance

We are excited to announce the return of our Little Heroes Attendance Initiative for the current academic year. You will see posters and other promotional materials displayed throughout the school to raise awareness of this programme.

In each classroom, there is a sticker chart where pupils' names are displayed. Every day a pupil attends school and arrives on time, they will receive a sticker next to their name on the chart. The "Hero" acronym stands for "Here Everyday Ready and On Time" - the key pillars of this initiative.

The Little Heroes Attendance Initiative will run throughout the year. Pupils who maintain 100% attendance and punctuality each half term will be rewarded with a certificate.

For more detailed information about the programme, please visit the dedicated webpage at Staffordshire.gov.uk/littleheroes.

We appreciate your continued support in encouraging strong attendance habits among our pupil community. Together, we can ensure all our pupils have the best possible start to their day and access the full benefits of their education.

For the TSSMAT Attendance policy, please click the link:

Mary Howard: <https://maryhoward.staffs.sch.uk/parents/attendance-absence>

Autumn Term 2024

Inset day: Monday 2 September & Tuesday 3 September

Term Starts: Wednesday 4 September

Holiday: Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

Inset: TSSMAT training day for staff- Monday 4th November

Term Ends: Friday 20 December

Holiday: Monday 23 December – Friday 3 January

Spring Term 2025

Inset: Monday 6 January

Term Starts: Tuesday 7th January

Holiday: Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February

Term Ends: Friday 11 April

Holiday: Monday 14 April – Friday 25 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 20 April

Summer Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 28 April

May Day: Monday 5 May

Holiday: Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May

Inset: Monday 2nd June