

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

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday filled with joy and relaxation.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff and supportive parents for your incredible efforts in ensuring our children could return to school despite the challenges posed by the recent floods. Your resilience and commitment to our school community are truly appreciated.

It is absolutely delightful to see the children back, smiling and eager to learn. Their enthusiasm is infectious, and it reminds us all of the joy of education.

As we look ahead, I am excited to share that we have a number of events planned for this term. The first one is the Year 3 and 4 Athletics Competition at Rawlett, scheduled for Tuesday, 28th January from 3:10 PM to 4:30 PM. I will be reaching out to parents of children who have expressed an interest in competing.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We look forward to a fantastic 2025 filled with growth, learning, and memorable experiences.

Warm regards,

Rachel Mills

Executive Head

Mary Howard and St Andrews Primary Schools

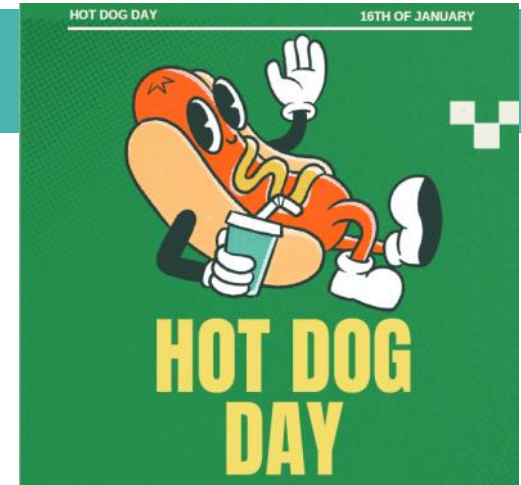
Philippians 4:13 - I can do all things through him who strengthens me

Dinners for Week Commencing 13th January 2025

Week 2 - Please not, due to Census, Thursday will be Hotdogs!



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 13th January

PE Kits

Afterschool Dodge Ball Club-St Andrews-3:30-4:30

Tuesday 14th January

Wednesday 15th January

Thursday 16th January

Census Day-Please encourage your children to order a school meal

Friday 17th January

PE kits

Church Dates -St Andrews

- ◆ 25th March 9.15 to 9.45 Mothers Day Service
- ◆ 10th April 9.15 to 9.45 Easter Worship

Church Dates—Mary Howard

- ◆ 27th March- 9.15 to 9.45 Mothers Day Service
- ◆ 8th April- 9.15 to 9.45 —Easter Service

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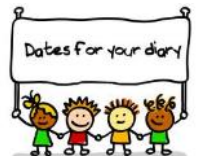
2025

- ◆ 13th Jan-every Monday after school Dodgeball club at **SA**
- ◆ 28th January 3.10 to 4.30 Year 3 / 4 Athletics at Rawlett-TBC
- ◆ WC 3rd February-Children's Mental Health Week
- ◆ 7th February 8.45 to 9.15am-Rock Up & Read
- ◆ 11th February Safer Internet Day
- ◆ 14th February Living out school Values-9am Mary Howard
- ◆ WC 17th Feb-21st Feb-Half Term
- ◆ 24th February-Children return to school
- ◆ 21st March Red Nose Day
- ◆ 31st March & 1st April Bikeability **MH**-further information to follow
- ◆ 7th/8th/9th April Bikeability **SA**-further information to follow
- ◆ 11th April-Let your Light Shine-9am Mary Howard
- ◆ 14th April-25th April-Easter Holidays
- ◆ 28th April-Children return to school

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 \(st-andrews-cliftoncampville.staffs.sch.uk\)](#)



St Andrews – After School Club – Mondays

After School Dodgeball Club

St Andrew's CofE (C) Primary School

13th January 2025 - 10th February 2025

Course starts on **Mon 13th January 2025**

Times: 15:30 – 16:30

Age Range: Reception (4/5 Years old) - Year 6 (10/11 Years old)

Year Group: R-Y6

Online Price: £30.00

[Book this Activity](#)

20
places
remaining

[After School Dodgeball Club – Premier Education](#)



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>

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

Term Ends: Friday 18th July

Inset-Monday 21 July

Holiday: Monday 21 July – Friday 29 August