



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,

We are pleased to announce that we have received our SIAMS report for St. Andrews, and we are delighted with the outcomes of both inspections. Our commitment to living out our vision of "Grow and Flourish" has been recognised, and we are proud of the progress we are making together as a school community.

This week, we conducted a Maths review at Mary Howard, which was attended by our governors and fellow heads from the TSSMAT. We are looking forward to the upcoming review at St. Andrews next week, as we continue to enhance the quality of teaching and learning across our schools.

In addition to our academic focus, we have been working closely with our wonderful PTFA (SASA and FOMH) to plan exciting visits and experiences for our children. These opportunities will enrich their learning and help them grow into well-rounded individuals.

As we reflect on our journey and the importance of our values, let us remember the words from Proverbs 22:6:

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in nurturing our children's growth and development.

Warm regards,

Miss Mills

Dinners for Week Commencing 9th September 2024

This week is: Week 1

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

Vegetarian
Vegan

WEEK 1



MONDAY

- CHOOSE FROM
- Plant-based burger in a bap with diced potatoes
- Spaghetti bolognese
- ON THE SIDE
- Vegetables of the day
- TO FINISH
- Yoghurt, fruit and freshly baked mini shortbread biscuit

TUESDAY

- CHOOSE FROM
- Tomato pasta
- Italian style chicken goujons with diced potatoes
- ON THE SIDE
- Vegetables of the day
- TO FINISH
- Chocolate brownie

THURSDAY

- CHOOSE FROM
- Quorn chicken pieces in a Yorkshire pudding
- Sliced beef and Yorkshire pudding
- ON THE SIDE
- Vegetables of the day, roast potatoes and gravy
- TO FINISH
- Lemon drizzle sponge

WEDNESDAY

- CHOOSE FROM
- Handmade margherita pizza with crinkle cut wedges
- Chicken and oriental style vegetable rice
- ON THE SIDE
- Vegetables of the day
- TO FINISH
- Fruit and jelly

FRIDAY

- CHOOSE FROM
- Sweet potato and lentil curry with a blend of brown and white rice
- Baked fish fingers and chips
- ON THE SIDE
- Vegetables of the day
- TO FINISH
- Ice cream topped with cream

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
- Meat-free hotdog with diced potatoes
- Cottage pie
- ON THE SIDE
- Vegetables of the day
- TO FINISH
- Yoghurt, fruit and freshly baked mini shortbread biscuit

TUESDAY

- CHOOSE FROM
- Roasted vegetable lasagne
- Chicken nuggets with diced potatoes
- ON THE SIDE
- Vegetables of the day
- TO FINISH
- Apple flapjack

THURSDAY

- CHOOSE FROM
- Vegetable pastry crown
- Roast chicken and Yorkshire pudding
- ON THE SIDE
- Vegetables of the day, roast potatoes and gravy
- TO FINISH
- Victoria sponge

WEDNESDAY

- CHOOSE FROM
- Handmade margherita pizza with crinkle cut wedges
- Ham carbonara with penne pasta
- ON THE SIDE
- Vegetables of the day
- TO FINISH
- Fruit and jelly

FRIDAY

CHOOSE FROM

WEEK 3



MONDAY

- CHOOSE FROM
- Somerset cheddar cheese and tomato quesadilla with diced potatoes
- Pork sausage roll with diced potatoes
- ON THE SIDE
- Vegetables of the day
- TO FINISH
- Yoghurt, fruit and freshly baked mini shortbread biscuit

TUESDAY

- CHOOSE FROM
- Macaroni cheese with Somerset cheddar
- Chicken curry with a blend of brown and white rice
- ON THE SIDE
- Vegetables of the day
- TO FINISH
- Jam sponge

THURSDAY

CHOOSE FROM

WEDNESDAY

- CHOOSE FROM
- Handmade margherita pizza
- Bubble salmon
- ON THE SIDE
- Vegetables of the day and crinkle cut wedges
- TO FINISH
- Fruit and jelly

FRIDAY

- CHOOSE FROM
- Vegetable and bean burrito
- Baked fish fingers and chips
- ON THE SIDE

Notice to Parents

Dear Parents,

We would like to inform you that due to staffing issues during the week commencing 21st October 2024, St. Andrews will only be able to offer a packed lunch or jacket potato option for the children.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Please note that normal service will continue at Mary Howard.

Thank you for your understanding.

What's Coming Up This Week

Monday 14th October

- ◆ Children to bring in Harvest Donations for Trussell Trust
- ◆ PE kits

Tuesday 15th October

- St Andrews Parent Forum– 2:45pm-3:30pm

Wednesday 16th October

- Harvest - Wednesday 16th October at 9:15am.
- St Andrews only– non uniform day for Crafternoon– 3:30pm-5pm

Thursday 17th October

- Harvest - Thursday 17th October at 9:40am.
- Mary Howard Parent Forum 2:45pm-3:30pm

Friday 18th October

- ◆ PE Kits

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

What's
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This Week

Dates to Note

DATES TO NOTE

October

- 22.10– Open Days for parents of reception 2025– St Andrews– 9:00-10:30, Mary Howard 1:30-3:00
- 25.10– Let your Light Shine– Values Assembly– Mary Howard 9am and St Andrew's 3pm
- 25.10– Mary Howard-Non uniform day– donations for raffle prizes (no PE kit)

November

- 4.11– TSSMAT Inset day– closed to children
- 5.11-St Andrews Parents evening– details to follow
- 7.11– Mary Howard's Parent's Evening– details to follow
- 8.11– Rock up and Read
- 11.11– Anti Bullying week
- 12.11– Odd socks day
- 15.11-Children in Need

December

- 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)

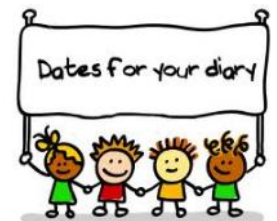
Upcoming Church Events:

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.



For Information

Office Update: New Role and Job Opportunities

I am writing to inform you that Zoe Bolton has secured a new role, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours. In light of this transition, we are currently advertising for two office positions, each offering 25 hours per week. We appreciate your patience as we work to resume our services as soon as possible.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Julie Jacks for stepping in after hours to help us maintain operations during this period of change. Your support has been invaluable, and we are grateful for your dedication.

Thank you for your understanding, and we look forward to welcoming new team members soon!

FOMH- Mary Howard Events

- Autumn trail - 26th Oct - 1st Nov
- Festive Friday and raffle - 29th Nov
- Christmas Disglow - 20th Dec

SASA- St Andrews

- Autumn Disco- 23.11.24- 3:30-5:30
- Crafternoons- 3:30-5pm- 16.10,27.11, 4.12, 11.12

TSSMAT- Inset Consultation

The Staffordshire Schools Multi Academy Trust currently has 4 schools which plan their inset days in a block at the end of the summer closure period. This means staff return to work in the last week of August, a week earlier than pupils. This time is then taken back by adding a week on to the May half term.

Planning the inset days together enables staff to complete mandatory training, as well as collaborate early in the school year.

For pupils and parents, this means that there is less disruption during the school year with odd inset days, and cheaper holidays are available by using the additional week in May. For year 6 pupils, this also allows additional time to decompress after the SATs.

Generally, schools plan 5 individual inset days at different times across the school year. Dates are planned in the previous school year to ensure adequate notice is given. As a Trust, we have 6 Inset days available to us.

This consultation is to establish whether this arrangement is still fit for purpose, and if it is deemed so, whether schools new to the Trust would like to join this arrangement.

We would be grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to answer the following questions.

This consultation will close at 5pm on Monday 4th November.

<https://forms.gle/UbcnirRDzupKrPSd6>

Free Eye Tests



University Hospitals of
Derby and Burton
NHS Foundation Trust

Dear Parent/Guardian

Vision Screening/Eye Tests **ARE NOT** provided within schools in Staffordshire.

We strongly recommend that all children have regular eye tests at an Optician once a year.

NHS Eye tests for all children are free at any Opticians.

It is important that even children with apparently normal vision should be tested. As children can often compensate very well for some eye problems which need to be identified and treated early to avoid lifelong visual loss.

The Eye test checks that your child's vision is developing normally. It is performed at this age so that any reduced vision or difference in vision between each eye can be picked up before the visual system is fully developed and any treatment can be started.

You do not need to do anything, if your child:

Is **currently** under the care of an Eye Specialist (Ophthalmologist / Orthoptist / Optometrist) at a Hospital Eye Clinic.

Or

Is **currently** under the care of a local Optometrist (Optician) or had a recent sight test.

If none of the above applies, please arrange with your local Opticians for your child to have a free NHS Eye Test.

Parents Evening

We are excited to announce our upcoming Parents' Evenings, where you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teachers to discuss their progress and how we can work together to support their learning journey.

St. Andrews Parents' Evening

Date: Tuesday 5th November

Details: To follow

Mary Howard Primary Parents' Evening

Date: Thursday 7th November

Details: To follow

We encourage all parents to attend, as these evenings are a valuable opportunity to engage with your child's education and strengthen our partnership in their learning. Further details regarding appointment times and arrangements will be shared soon.

Parents Forum

Parent Forum Meetings

St Andrews Parent Forum

Date & Time: Tuesday 15th October from 2:45 PM to 3:30 PM

Location: St Andrews School

- All parents are welcome to attend.
- Selection of parent representatives for each class.

Mary Howard Parent Forum

Date & Time: Thursday 17th October from 2:45 PM to 3:30 PM

Location: Mary Howard School

Current Parent Representatives:

- **Class 1:** Mrs Boardman
- **Class 2:** Mrs Raybould
- **Class 3:** Mrs Keeley

Representation: This is an excellent opportunity for parents to voice their opinions and help select representatives who will advocate for their classes.

For Action



Grow and Flourish

At The Mease Federation, we empower our children to be agents of change; we want to help those in need! Nobody in our community should have to face hunger and so this year, we will be collecting donations ahead of our Harvest Festival ready to donate to Tamworth Foodbank. Tamworth Foodbank are supported by The Trussell Trust and work hard to combat poverty and hunger across the UK. Please could all donations be handed into the office by Friday 11th October 2024. A recent list of urgently needed food items along with items that the foodbank already has can be found below. Any donations will be greatly appreciated! Thank you!



URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS IN SEPTEMBER

LONG-LIFE MILK

TOILETRIES -
SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER/DEODORANT

SMALL BOTTLES OF SQUASH

TINNED VEGETABLES -
CARROTS/SWEETCORN/PEAS

TINNED FISH

TINNED MEAT - STEW, CURRY, CHILLI, HOT
DOGS, CHICKEN, MEATBALLS

SMALL JARS OF COFFEE

SIZE 6 NAPPIES

SOUP

SUGAR

TOILET ROLLS

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF

BEANS

TOMATOES

SIZE 1, 2, 3 AND 4 NAPPIES

PASTA

Miss Warner



For Information

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Classes cost £6.00 per session

For more information contact

Keely on 07795 692 332

Classes available in-

Clifton Campville

Monday 6.45pm - 7.45pm

Thursday 9.30am - 10.30am

Elford

Tuesday 7.15pm - 8.15pm

Kings Bromley

Wednesday 9.30am - 10.30am

Thursday 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Edingale

Wednesday 6.45pm - 7.45pm

All Welcome



Rev Nicky and Laura at Holy Trinity Church are hosting the following events over the Christmas period

- Blue Christmas service 10.15am -Sunday 1st December
- Christmas Activity Service 10.15am -Sunday 15th December.

Please see our Mental Health and well being section on the website:

[Mental Health & Well-Being | Mary Howard CE Primary School](#)

[Mental Health & Well-Being | St. Andrew's CE Primary School \(st-andrews-cliftoncampville.staffs.sch.uk\)](#)

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15 simple tools for you to try with your child or teen to help reduce or relieve stress every day

www.dragonflyimpact.co.uk

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!

£5 each session

27th Nov 4th Dec 11th Dec



JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND
FESTIVE FILMS!

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

(Business)

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

★ Autumn Disco!

23rd October: 3:30 - 5:00PM

School Hall

**Squash &
biscuits
included!**

**Non-
uniform day
included!**

Bring pocketmoney for
food, sweets, tattoos,
goodies!



£4 entry, £2 sibling

Pre-Pay by BACS

Reference code: child first

name+class+'disco'

Example: LILY2disco

(Business)

St Andrews School Association

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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