

# The Mease Federation

*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*



Koinonia- Wisdom-Love- Perseverance



## Message from Mrs Gethin



It is with a great deal of pleasure that we notify you that on 1st April 2024, that The Mease Federation of St Andrews and Mary Howard join The Staffordshire Schools Multi Academy Trust. We are grateful to the whole team for making this happen, it has not been an easy journey and we are thrilled that we are finally here. We look forward to spending more time with the children of The Mease, working with Governors and staff to make the day to day transition as smooth as possible.

As we've already shared, from a parental perspective, you shouldn't see too much change other than continued improvement in standards and expectations, working together with your Governors, staff and the whole TSSMAT team over time. There will be some changes in areas such as the Website and messages from the Trust and any differences you do see should only be positive - indeed I am sure the Mease will continue to win the Trust tournaments!

What you will notice is an immediate change in the meals provided. As a Trust we own our own kitchens and staff. Mrs Rachael Swailes remains our excellent cook and Mrs Nicola Boag, Miss Stacey Brownhill, Mrs Michelle Brotherton, and Mrs Gemma Ingram all remain our fabulous lunchtime supervisors.

We are excited about our journey, which we are sure we will take at the right place to support and challenge The Mease for a continued, excellent future.

Kind Regards

Mrs Charlene Gethin (CEO) and Ralph!

*'His banner over us is love.' Song of Solomon 2:4.*

## What's Coming Up This Week

### Monday 18th March

- ◆ SH Active. Please send children in their PE Kits

### Wednesday 20th March

- ◆ SH Active. Please send children in their PE Kit

### Thursday 21st March

- ◆ Whole School at St.Andrew's & Easter Service

### Friday 22nd March

- ◆ 9am Living out our Vision & Dojo Certificate Awards Assembly—Parents Invited
- ◆ 3.30pm Break up Easter—return 8th April—Happy Easter to you all!

### Living out our School Vision—Friday 22nd March 9am—Parents are invited



**Class 1—George H & Jude**



**Class 2—Luke & Sophia**

**Class 3—Olivia Burley & Maisie**

#### Headteacher Award for Good Behaviour

**Class 1—Evangeline**

**Class 2—Maiya**

**Class 3—Matilda**



# For Action

## Easter Day at St Andrew's—Thursday 21st March

Our Easter Day will be taking place on Thursday 21st March. On this day **ALL** children (St Andrew's & Mary Howard) will be based at **St Andrew's** for the day. **Please can children wear the colour of their house team (as per list shown).**

These are the plans for the day:

- Gates will open from 8.45am - 9.00am for drop-offs, unless booked into Care Club from 7.45am—this will be open to children from **either** school at a cost of £5 for the session. Parking will be available at the Green Man car park.

- Hot/cold lunch will be available at St Andrew's - otherwise you can send your child in with a packed lunch

- Our Easter service will take place at 3.00pm in Church led by Reverend John. All parents/carers are welcome to join us from 2.45pm ready for a 3.00pm start. Parking will be available at the Green Man car park.

- To ease congestion at the end of the day, Mary Howard children will be dismissed directly from Church after the service. St Andrew's children will walk back to school and be dismissed from there as usual.

- After school Care Club will be available from 3.30pm for children from **either** school who may need the wraparound care, and to 5.15pm for Mary Howard children. Children will be able to take part in Easter Bingo.

**Please note that any care club bookings for St Andrew's children will need to be paid in cash. Payments for Mary Howard children can be made as per the normal process.**

We will start our day at St Andrew's for registration and then proceed to Church for morning activities. Children will return to school at lunchtime and will then go back to Church for afternoon activities and the Easter service. **Please send your child with a water bottle/packed lunch (if required) only. No bags will be required.**

We would like to thank you for your continued support, in the meantime should you have any questions regarding this please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Water (Blue)	Air (Yellow)	Fire (Red)	Earth (Green)
Betty	Phoebe	George H	Adalie
Nicky	Ellen	Evangeline	Jude
Ocean	Charlie	Holly	Kye
George M	Henry	Olivia G	Myra
Bradley	Isla B	Luke	Rhea
Sienna	Maiya	Darci	Isla M
Elodie	Olivia B	Sophia	Brooke
Amelia	Jakob	Olivia-R B	Isla H
Max	James	Harry	Matilda
Thomas	Inaaya	Reuben	Alfie
Ruby	Freddy	Maisie	Eliza



# Dinners for Week Commencing 18th March 2024

This week is: Week 2

## WEEK ONE

## WEEK TWO

## WEEK THREE

MONDAY

### Mac & Cheese (V)

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta  
**Rainbow Veg**  
Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)

TUESDAY

### Mild & Sweet Chicken Curry with Rice (Wg)

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta  
**Sweetcorn & Peppers, Cauliflower**  
Apple Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)

WEDNESDAY

### Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta  
**Broccoli, Sliced Carrot**  
Strawberry Jelly & Peaches (Ve)

THURSDAY

### Penne with Chicken Meatballs in Classic Tomato Sauce (Wg)

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta  
**Green Beans, Swede**  
Chocolate Mousse with Pears (V)

FRIDAY

### Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta  
**Baked Beans, Garden Peas**  
Flapjack (Ve)

6/11/23, 27/11/23, 18/12/23, 8/1/24, 29/1/24, 19/2/24, 11/3/24

### Pork or Chicken Sausages with Mash & Gravy

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta  
**Rainbow Veg**  
Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)

### Pizza

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta  
**Sweetcorn, Green Beans**  
Apple & Pear Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)

### Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta  
**Cauliflower, Carrot Batons**  
Orange Jelly & Mandarins (Ve)

### Penne with Beef Bolognese (Wg)

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta  
**Cabbage, Garden Peas**  
Banana Custard (V)

### Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta  
**Baked Beans, Garden Peas**  
Chocolate Shortbread (Ve)

13/11/23, 4/12/23, 25/12/23, 15/1/24, 5/2/24, 26/2/24, 18/3/24

### Pizza Mac & Cheese (V)

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta  
**Rainbow Veg**  
Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)

### Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta  
**Sweetcorn, Green Beans**  
Peach & Pineapple Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)

### Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta  
**Cabbage, Sliced Carrot**  
Strawberry Jelly & Pineapple (Ve)

### Chicken, Broccoli & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake (Wg)

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta  
**Swede, Shredded Carrots**  
Chocolate Mousse with Mandarins (V)

### Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta  
**Baked Beans, Garden Peas**  
Iced Shortbread (Ve)

30/10/23, 20/11/23, 11/12/23, 1/1/24, 22/1/24, 12/2/24, 4/3/24, 25/3/24

V - Vegetarian Ve - Vegan Wg - Wholegrain



Freshly baked bread, fresh fruit, yoghurts and fresh drinking water available daily

# For Information



## ClassDojo

### This Week's Dojo Scores

Dojo Scores for this week:

Air - 40

Earth - 41

Fire - 46

Water - 41

**Well done Fire!**

### Weekly Blogs

Find out what the children have been up to in their classes this week using the links below.

Class One— [Class Blogs](#) | [The Mease Federation](#)

Class Two— [Class Blogs](#) | [The Mease Federation](#)

Class Three— [Class Blogs](#) | [The Mease Federation](#)

### Swimming

From Thursday 11th April until Thursday 23rd May—Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will start swimming lessons. Please ensure children have suitable swimming costumes for girls (no bikini's or tankini's).

Suitable swimming short for boys. Swimming hats for long hair.

Thank you

### Friends of Mary Howard Easter Fun!

Join us for an evening of Easter fun with prizes to be won in Bingo and the egg hunt! Crafts included, raffle tickets, food and drink all available to purchase. Parents, if you are unable to make it please feel free to purchase a ticket for your child and drop them off with us with some cash for food and drink. Eyes down from 6pm!



Bring the whole family and come and join us for an evening of **Easter fun** at

**MARY HOWARD SCHOOL**

on

**THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH**

**5pm-8pm**

**£5 adults, £5 children, £2 under 5s**

**Bingo games with prizes**

**Easter Egg hunt and Easter activities**

**Food and drink available to purchase**

Please detach slip or hand a note in to school reception, with correct cash or bank transfer (reference surname)

Number of adult tickets \_\_\_\_ at £5 each

Number of child tickets \_\_\_\_ at £5 each

Number of under 2 tickets \_\_\_\_ at £2 each

Friends of Mary Howard Primary School, Sort Code 30-98-44,  
Account number 00264406

For Information

# ART WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS

## EASTER HOLIDAYS



PAINTING 3D MODELING  
ART & CRAFT DRAWING

ARTCLUBS.KIDS  
powered by kurowska.art

developed by real artists  
open to all skill levels  
affordable prices



TUE 26 MAR - THU 28 MAR  
every day from 10 am to 4 pm

Online booking: [www.halfterm.artclubs.kids](http://www.halfterm.artclubs.kids)

Dates to Note

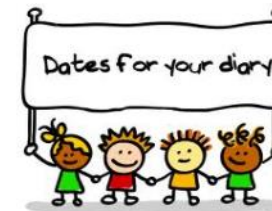
### DATES TO NOTE

#### March

- ◆ Thursday 21st March—Whole School at St. Andrews
- ◆ Thursday 21st March—Whole School Easter Service—St Andrews Church. Please arrive at 2.45 to start at 3pm
- ◆ Thursday 21st March—Easter Fun Evening 5pm to 8pm at Mary Howard (organised by FOMH)
- ◆ Thursday 21st March—Deadline to return Photo proofs
- ◆ Friday 22nd March at 9am—Assembly—Living out our Visions & Dojo Awards

#### April

- ◆ Monday 8th April - Children back in School
- ◆ Wednesday 10th—Entrust—Live Music Performance
- ◆ Thursday 11th—Swimming —Year 3, 4, 5 & 6—Summer Term 1 (11/4/24 to 23/5/24)



# Mothers Day Lunch—Class 3



# KING OFFA'S PROCESSION

17 MARCH 2024

Grab your shields and march with King Offa of Mercia from the Castle Grounds to St Editha's Church on Sunday 17 March where there'll be a re-enactment of a charter signing at 12noon. Experience Anglo-Saxon storytelling, crafts and more in the marquee and market in St Editha's Square. 10am - 4pm.

10am - 4pm North Warwickshire Craft/Farmers Market, food & drink stalls and marquee with Anglo-Saxon craft activities in St Editha's Square

10am - 4pm Saxon Storytelling with Dave Tong in Tamworth Castle (entrance fee applies)

10am Church Service, St Editha's Church

11.30am King Offa's Procession starts (Ladybridge) All are welcome to join the procession

11.40am Procession stops at Aethelflaed Monument for wreath laying ceremony


12.00pm Procession arrives at St Editha's Church

12.05-12.40pm Charter Signing Ceremony in St Editha's Church

12.20pm Marquee activities including Anglo-Saxon storytelling, music, poetry and verse plus Anglo-Saxon crafts and demonstrations such as brooch making.

2.00pm Music and Prose performance, St Editha's Church

**FREE EVENT**



**Tamworth Castle**

More info: [www.tamworthcastle.co.uk/offa](http://www.tamworthcastle.co.uk/offa)

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## NSPCC

**Listen up speak up**

### Free training to help keep children safe

It's up to all of us to keep children safe. That's why we're encouraging every adult in the UK to take our 10-minute digital training.

Our Listen up, Speak up training will show some signs a child might be at risk, and what you can do to help.

Sign up to our 10-minute digital training:  
[nspcc.org.uk/speakup](https://nspcc.org.uk/speakup)



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[Listen up, Speak up flyer.pdf](#)

# Attendance

## Think measles!

**Vaccination rates have fallen, and cases of measles are increasing.**

Measles is highly infectious, the most infectious of all diseases transmitted through the respiratory route. Measles can be severe, particularly in immunosuppressed individuals and young infants. It is also more severe in pregnancy, and increases the risk of miscarriage, stillbirth, or preterm delivery:

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has said the risk of a measles epidemic across the UK is considered small - but there are now growing concerns over a rise in confirmed cases. For more information follow the link to

### National measles guidelines

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-measles-guidelines>

How to manage cases of suspected measles: what patient details to take, who to notify and assessing risk of disease spreading in close contacts.

More detailed information about Measles and school trips can be found [advice on measles and school trips](#).

Measles is a notifiable disease in England and Wales. You must inform local health protection Unit (HPU) of suspected cases.

**Having the MMR vaccine is the best way to prevent it.**

**Watch out for MEASLES**  
Symptoms & Prevention

**Symptoms**

- High temperature
- Runny or blocked nose
- Cough and sneezing
- Red, watery eyes
- White spots inside the mouth
- Red rashes appearing 3-5 days after symptoms begin
- Potential measles contacts urged to call Healthline

**Prevention**

- Wash your hands frequently with an alcohol-based rub
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing
- Avoid sharing food, water, utensils and other items contaminated by saliva
- If you are infected, isolate at home for at least 4 days
- Avoid contact with people who are vulnerable to the infection
- Give infants the first dose of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine between 12 and 15 months

More information can be found online at <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

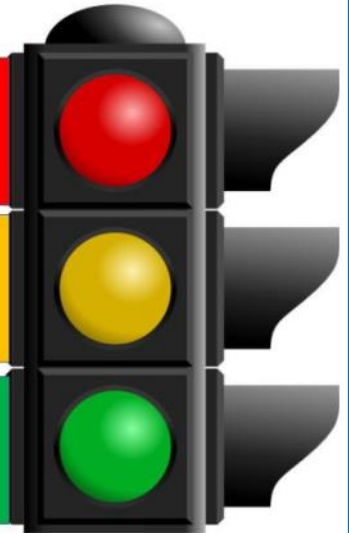
## Why is it important?

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 our Federation, 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.

### Attendance figures for this week

**Class One - 97.69%**

**Class Two - 90.77%**

**Class Three - 94.44%**

### 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!