



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 Mrs Gethin

Thank you for making Miss Jennings (RE leader across the Trust), Mr Borg (Director) and myself and Ralph incredibly welcome.

We thought all the staff at Mary Howard and St Andrew's were tremendous and put your well-being and your learning in their hearts. They all want to do the very best for you and each other.

We loved looking around your beautiful classrooms and seeing your work on the walls and the books that we looked at showed that you all take pride in your learning and your teachers want to help you learn.

Thank you to the group of children who came and spoke to me and all who spoke to us throughout the day, you really seem to be very happy and safe and enjoy your learning. You are good friends and look out for each other and behave incredibly well.

We had such a lovely day and hope that the positives that we saw fill you with pride, we also hope that the few little pointers will help things be even better!

Ralph says a big thank you for the love and snuggles that he received, to the children at St Andrew's for the bath and we all look forward to seeing you soon.

Thank you.



Staffing Update

As you may know, we have appointed Miss Arrowsmith as Class 2 teacher in September.

In order to aid transition, we are lucky that Miss Arrowsmith can start her role earlier than anticipated. Therefore, Miss Arrowsmith will commence her role as class teacher in Class 2 from Monday 24th June.- for the last 4 weeks of term. We look forward to her joining the team and we know that you will all welcome her.

I would like to express my appreciation to Miss Ellis, who has been with us since April. She will leave us on Friday 21st June and we wish her all the best for the future.

As always, if you have any questions or would like to speak to me, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Miss Mills

Dinners for Week Commencing 17th June 2024

This week is: Week 3

YOUR SCHOOL MENU

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 🌱 Somerset cheddar cheese and potato fritтата
 Baked battered fish and chips
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day
 TO FINISH
 Homemade cookies

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

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
 Vegetables of the day
 TO FINISH
 Freshly baked marble shortbread biscuit

THURSDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 🌱 Somerset cheddar cheese and tomato puff
 Roast chicken and Yorkshire pudding
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day, roast potatoes and gravy
 TO FINISH
 Chocolate orange sponge

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

All menu items are subject to change based upon availability and in unforeseen circumstances. 🌱 Vegetarian 🍃 Vegan

For Information



ClassDojo

Dojo Scores for this week:

Air - 50

Earth - 46

Fire - 54

Water - 43

Well done Fire!

Little Heroes Attendance

Our Little Heroes Initiative has now begun. You will see posters and other resources around the school. In classes, there is a sticker chart and every day a child attends and arrives on time, a sticker will be added to their name on the chart. The Hero stands for—'Here Everyday Ready and On Time'. The initiative will run until July and If children receive 100% throughout, they will receive a certificate and a little gift. For more information please visit—Staffordshire.gov.uk/littleheroes. Thank you for your continued support.



HERE EVERYDAY READY ON TIME



Rock Up and Read

Due to event clashes, our next Rock Up and Read session will be out of sync. The date will be Thursday 11th July. We hope you can make it!

PE Kit Change—September 2024

The PE kit will change from September 2024 with the expectation that everyone will wear a t-shirt in their house colour. This was as a result of feedback from the St. Andrew's Parent Forum so thank you to everyone for their input. The house teams have been adjusted for the new academic year so please check these carefully before buying any new items. See link - [Asda T-shirts](#) as a suggestion. Thank you.

Water	Air	Fire	Earth
Betty	Jessica	Leo	Rory
Nicky	Eva	George H	Elijah
Ocean	Phoebe	Evangeline	<u>Adalie</u>
George M	Ellen	Holly	Jude
Bradley	Charlie	Olivia G	<u>Kye</u>
Sienna	Henry	Luke	Myra
Elodie	Isla B	Darci	Rhea
Max	Jakob	Sophia	Isla M
Thomas	Ruby	Olivia-R B	Alfie
			Eliza

The next parent forum will take place on Friday 28th June at 2.45pm

Class 3 Father's Day Lunch



Athletics Event



What's Coming Up This Week

Monday 24th June

- ◆ PE—please send children in their PE Kits

Tuesday 25th June

- ◆ New Starters Stay & Play—9.15am

Wednesday 26th June

Thursday 27th June

- ◆ PE—please send children in their PE Kits
- ◆ Cross Country @ Richard Crosse 1.30-3.00pm

Friday 28th June

- ◆ PE—please send children in their PE Kits
- ◆ Parent Forum—2.45pm

**What's
Happening
This Week**

Governor Vacancies

We are currently looking for new governors to join our friendly governing body. Our governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experience but all share a common interest of wanting the best possible education for the children in our school. Governors are essential for the effectiveness and success of the school and it is an extremely rewarding and fulfilling role. All school Governors serve a 4 year term. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the school office.

Dates to Note

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June

- ◆ Tuesday 25th June—New Starters Stay & Play—9.15am
- ◆ Friday 28th June—Parent Forum—2.45pm

July

- ◆ Monday 1st July—JTHS Transition Day
- ◆ Tuesday 2nd July—New Starters Stay & Play
- ◆ Wednesday 3rd July—JTFS Transition Day
- ◆ Thursday 4th July—Sports Day—AM
- ◆ Tuesday 9th July—Leavers Service in Church—9am
- ◆ Tuesday 9th July—New Starters Teddy Bears Picnic—1.45pm
- ◆ Wednesday 10th July—Open Evening
- ◆ Thursday 11th July—Rock up & Read
- ◆ Thursday 11th July— MH Business Enterprise Evening—Details to Follow
- ◆ Friday 12th July—Transition Morning
- ◆ 15th—17th July—Class 3 Residential
- ◆ Friday 19th July—Break up for Summer



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/>

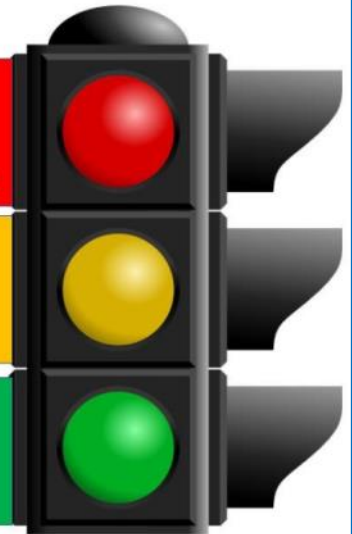
Why is it important?

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 - 96.92%

Class Two - 100%

Class Three - 95.56%

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!