



*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,

This week has been an exciting and inspiring one at Mary Howard Primary and St. Andrew's. Our children have embarked on the National Young Leadership Group journey, where they have been filled with enthusiasm and motivation. They are eager to share their newfound knowledge and insights with their peers across both schools, fostering a spirit of leadership and collaboration among our students.

At St. Andrew's, Mrs. Wardale has been hard at work establishing our Forest School. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the families who volunteered their time and effort to help set up this wonderful initiative. The Forest School will provide our children with unique opportunities to learn and grow in a natural environment, enhancing their connection to nature and supporting their overall development.

We are also pleased to announce that we have met our new governors, and we look forward to introducing the new Local Governing Committee (LGC) to you soon. Their insights and guidance will be invaluable as we continue to strive for excellence in our schools.

In our review of writing this week, we have been delighted to see our children demonstrating wonderful writing skills. Their creativity and expression shine through in their work, reflecting the hard work they put into their learning.

“Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.” Just like the mustard seed, we believe that every child has the potential to grow and flourish.

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

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 1



## 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 25th November

- ◆ PE
- ◆ Gymnastics after school club at St Andrews

## Tuesday 26th November

## Wednesday 27th November

- ◆ St Andrews-Crafternoon 3:30-4:30

## Thursday 28th November

## Friday 29th November

- Mary Howard-Festive Friday – 3:30-5:30 (all welcome)-wear Christmas Jumpers and non uniform– NO PE
- St Andrews PE

## Saturday 30th November

- Breakfast With Santa at Clifton Campville Village Hall– all welcome from both schools

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 Happening This Week

# Dates to Note

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### December

- 4.12-St Andrews-Crafternoon 3:30-4:30
- 6.12– Rock Up and Read-both schools
- 11.12-St Andrews-Crafternoon 3:30-4:30
- 13.12-Before and After school Club at St Andrews only today
- 13.12– Mease Schools Christmas Day at St Andrews– pantomime in the afternoon (Mary Howard included in this)
- **16.12– Mary Howard- Christmas Breakfast Club (we need to know numbers by 13.12.24– no drop ins).**
- 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
- **20.12– No after-school Care Club available on this date due to Dis-glow**

### 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.



## 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**

**(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](mailto: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](mailto: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 ornament, a red and white striped sweater, and several wrapped gifts at the bottom.



YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

# CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS DISGLOW

£7.50 A TICKET >>> AVAILABLE AT  
[WWW.FOMH.CO.UK](http://WWW.FOMH.CO.UK)

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, colorful background with a purple and blue gradient. It features a glowing 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' in large, bold, white letters.



## 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](https://www.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