Grow and Flourish

Koinonia- Wisdom-Love- Perseverance

Mary Howard Primary School

Autumn Term 2, Friday 6th November 2026

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 Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back after the break. The school has been full of excitement and energy, and there has been a real buzz around the children as they settle into their new topics.

Thank you to everyone who joined our parent forum. It was a really positive opportunity to share ideas and talk together about our school community.

Next week, we are looking forward to netball at Richard Crosse. We are also excited to welcome prospective families for September 2027 to our Stay and Play sessions. Please help us spread the word to families in the village who may be looking for a school for their child. We would love them to come and see what makes Mary Howard such a special place.

Have a lovely weekend.

Warm wishes,

Rachel Mills

Executive Head, The Mease (St Andrew's & Mary Howard)

"Let all that you do be done in love."
1 Corinthians 16:14

What's coming up this week...

Monday 9th November

Tuesday 10th November

- PE Kits - all classes
- Guitar lessons with Entrust - please bring in guitars

Wednesday 11th November

- Pre-school stay & play session 9.30-10.30 am please get the word out to anyone you know who may like to join us!
- Oak class joining Rememberance service @10.30am in church.
- Netball Tournament @ RC - info to follow.

Thursday 12th November

- Music with Ed - bring in instruments
- Piano lessons with Entrust - please bring in books

Friday 13th November

- PE Kits - all classes
- Ukulele Y4, 5 & 6
- The Library bus is here!
- Children in need - non uniform spotty clothes (wear trainers for PE)

Please access the Schools' website for key events - Mary Howard

Upcoming Events | Mary Howard CE Primary School

Dates to note...

GOING FORWARD PE DAYS ALL CLASSES - TUESDAY AND FRIDAY

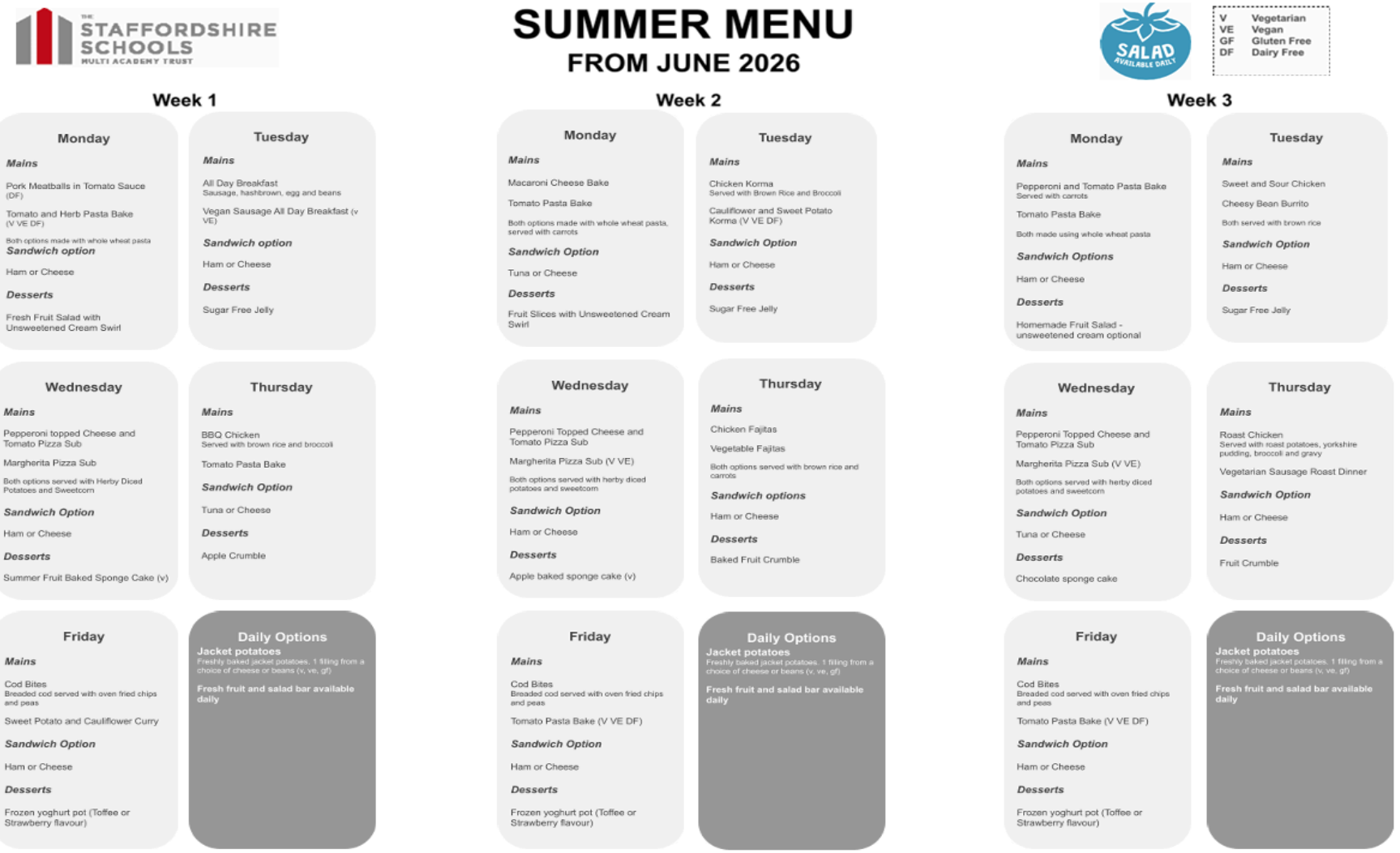
November

- Mon 16th Nov - Odd Socks Day.
- 16th-20th Nov - Anti-bullying week - "Break the silence".
- Wed 18th Nov -Pre-school stay & play session 9.30-10.30 am please get the word out to anyone you know who may like to join us!
- Thurs 19th Nov - Flu Vaccinations all years.
- Wed 25th Nov - Pre-school stay & play session 9.30-10.30 am please get the word out to anyone you know who may like to join us!
- Fri 27th Nov - Non-uniform day for raffle prizes.
- Fri 27th Nov - The Library bus is here!

December

- Tues 1st Dec - Reverse Advent Calendat starts/more details to follow
- Wed 2nd Dec - Final stay & play session
- Fri 4th Dec - Rock up and Read
- Fri 4th Dec - FOMH Festive Friday 3:15-5:00
- Sun 6th Dec - Beacon Park Santa Parkrun @9am
- Wed 9th Dec - Christingle in Church - please note the earlier time of 5pm rather than 6pm.
- Thurs 10th Dec - all classes @ St Andrew's all day. Pantomime performance Beauty and the Beast - wear Christmas jumpers. Breakfast and After School Club will operate but at St Andrew's not Mary Howard.
- Wed 16th Dec - 9:15 Nativity in Church
- Wed 16th Dec - Christmas Lunch
- Thurs 17th Dec - Class Christmas parties pm
- Fri 18th Dec - FOMH Christmas Disco in the village hall after school

Dinners for Week Commencing 9th November 2026 - Week 2



All of our food is made on site using the freshest ingredients and complies with all Government legislation for nutritional value for schools

Parent Testimonials

Dear Parents,

We are updating our prospectus and website to give prospective families an authentic picture of life at Mary Howard.

We would love to feature a brief quote or testimonial from you about your family's experience here and how your child has grown and flourished.

Could you spare 2 minutes to complete the form below with a sentence or two on:
- What do you value most about Mary Howard'?
- How your child has grown or settled in since joining?
- What do you think is unique about the school?

Thank you so much for your support!

Mary Howard Team

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This Weeks Attendance @ Mary Howard

Government guidelines on attendance

Full attendance (100%) should be the standard expected.

Attendance of 97% or above is very good,

97-95% is good,

95-90% is poor

Below 90% is a serious cause for concern.

Reception	100%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	100%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	97.8%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

ATTENDANCE DURING ONE SCHOOL YEAR	EQUALS APPROXIMATE DAYS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY WEEKS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY LESSONS MISSED
95%	9 days	2 weeks	40 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	80 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	120 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	160 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11 ½ weeks	230 lessons
65%	67 days	13 ½ weeks	270 lessons

Well done to Reception, Year 1, 2, 4 & 5 for 100% attendance this week 👍



Mary Howard Events & Information



PARENT FORUM REPRESENTATIVES:

WORKING TOGETHER TO ENRICH OUR SCHOOL

IMPROVING OUR SCHOOL FOR EVERY CHILD!



A great way to improve the school making it the best it can be by working together.

Meet termly/half termly with an agenda.



NEW PRODUCTIVE MEETINGS!



We now have Class parent reps who will bring anything you wish to discuss to mention.

They will feed back along with the agenda.

Two reps for each class ensure every class is covered.





MAPLE

Katie Keats
& Katie Bytheway



WILLOW

Danielle McGuire
& Aisha Meah



OAK

Sue Keeley
& Laura Raybould

GET INVOLVED! SHARE YOUR VOICE!
SPEAK TO YOUR REPRESENTATIVE.

Thank You

Thank you to Sue Keeley and Jackie Wyke for organising the wonderful Remembrance Day displays around the village.



Reminders & Notices

Arbor payments

Would you please check your Arbor Parental Portal for any outstanding payments.

Please can ALL payments be cleared.

We would like to keep all accounts in credit or cleared of any debt.

Thank you for your understanding.

To help our team maintain a good work-life balance, please send dojo messages during our regular working hours. Thank you so much.

Safeguarding



PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW

SAFEGUARDING ALERT: Viral Trend Risks Causing Severe Burns to Children - Ineqe Safeguarding Group

Term Dates 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026

Term Ends: Friday 18 December
Holiday: Monday 21 December – Friday 1 January

Spring Term 2027
Inset day: Monday 4 January
Term starts: Tuesday 5th January
Holiday: Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February
Term Ends: Thursday 25 March
Holiday: Monday 29 March – Friday 9 April
Easter Sunday: Sunday 28 March

Summer Term 2027
Inset day: Monday 12 April
Term starts: Tuesday 13th April
May Day: Monday 3 May
Holiday: Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June
Inset Day: Monday 7th June
Term Ends: Wednesday 21 July
Holiday: Thursday 22nd July – Friday 3 September