



*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 Mary Howard families,

What a week! We were very lucky with the weather for Sports Day on Monday - it was a huge success. Thank you to the staff for organising such a fabulous event and to FOMH for running a food and drink stall that proved extremely popular.

Today you will receive your child's report on Arbor. The report includes attendance information and the DfE assessment data for: EYFS, Phonics (Year 1) and Multiplication Tables Check (Year 4).

We are still awaiting the KS2 SATs data; this will be released on Thursday 16 July 2026.

I would like to say a huge well done to Oak Class for their cake stall to raise funds towards the Green Power insurance. Thank you to everyone who baked, donated cakes or supported the event - Oak class managed to smash our target of £100.

Upcoming events:

- Year 6 leavers: Wednesday, 15 July 2026 at 9:15am in church - all welcome, we will say goodbye and wish our Year 6 children every success.
- Mary Howard's Got Talent: Thursday evening, 16 July 2026 at the village hall.

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." — Matthew 5:16

Have a lovely weekend.

Rachel Mills - Executive Headteacher

What's coming up this week...

Monday 13th July

- PE Kit for Oak

Tuesday 14th July

- Open Evening @3.30-5pm

Wednesday 15th July

- Year 6 Leavers service in church @9.15am followed by the celebration worship

Thursday 16th July

- PE Kit for all
- Promotional Filming Day in school - permission forms will be sent out, pupils to wear school uniform
- MH Got Talent in the village hall @4-6pm.

Friday 17th July

- Break up for Summer Holidays!

Dates to note...

September

- Tues 1st Sept - Inset Day
- Wed 2nd Sept - Inset Day
- Thurs 3rd Sept - All pupils return to school
- Friday 4th Sept - Rock up & Read

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

[Upcoming Events](#) | [Mary Howard CE Primary School](#)

[Click here for Current Vacancies](#)

[Job Vacancies](#) | [The Staffordshire Schools Multi Academy Trust](#)

Summer 2 CEO Letter

 [Click Here to View the Summer 2 Flipbook Letter](#) 

Dinners for Week Commencing 13th July 2026 - Week 1

Please all can you preorder your children's meals on Arbor.



SUMMER MENU FROM JUNE 2026



V Vegetarian
VE Vegan
GF Gluten Free
DF Dairy Free

Week 1

Monday

Mains

Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce (DF)

Tomato and Herb Pasta Bake (V VE DF)

Both options made with whole wheat pasta

Sandwich option

Ham or Cheese

Desserts

Fresh Fruit Salad with Unsweetened Cream Swirl

Tuesday

Mains

All Day Breakfast Sausage, hashbrown, egg and beans

Vegan Sausage All Day Breakfast (V VE)

Sandwich option

Ham or Cheese

Desserts

Sugar Free Jelly

Week 2

Monday

Mains

Macaroni Cheese Bake

Tomato Pasta Bake

Both options made with whole wheat pasta, served with carrots

Sandwich Option

Tuna or Cheese

Desserts

Fruit Slices with Unsweetened Cream Swirl

Tuesday

Mains

Chicken Korma Served with Brown Rice and Broccoli

Cauliflower and Sweet Potato Korma (V VE DF)

Sandwich Option

Ham or Cheese

Desserts

Sugar Free Jelly

Week 3

Monday

Mains

Pepperoni and Tomato Pasta Bake Served with carrots

Tomato Pasta Bake

Both made using whole wheat pasta

Sandwich Options

Ham or Cheese

Desserts

Homemade Fruit Salad - unsweetened cream optional

Tuesday

Mains

Sweet and Sour Chicken

Cheesy Bean Burrito

Both served with brown rice

Sandwich Option

Ham or Cheese

Desserts

Sugar Free Jelly

Wednesday

Mains

Pepperoni topped Cheese and Tomato Pizza Sub

Margherita Pizza Sub

Both options served with Herby Diced Potatoes and Sweetcorn

Sandwich Option

Ham or Cheese

Desserts

Summer Fruit Baked Spongo Cake (v)

Thursday

Mains

BBQ Chicken Served with brown rice and broccoli

Tomato Pasta Bake

Sandwich Option

Tuna or Cheese

Desserts

Apple Crumble

Wednesday

Mains

Pepperoni Topped Cheese and Tomato Pizza Sub

Margherita Pizza Sub (V VE)

Both options served with herby diced potatoes and sweetcorn

Sandwich Option

Ham or Cheese

Desserts

Apple baked sponge cake (v)

Thursday

Mains

Chicken Fajitas

Vegetable Fajitas

Both options served with brown rice and carrots

Sandwich options

Ham or Cheese

Desserts

Baked Fruit Crumble

Wednesday

Mains

Pepperoni Topped Cheese and Tomato Pizza Sub

Margherita Pizza Sub (V VE)

Both options served with herby diced potatoes and sweetcorn

Sandwich Option

Tuna or Cheese

Desserts

Chocolate sponge cake

Thursday

Mains

Roast Chicken Served with roast potatoes, yorkshire pudding, broccoli and gravy

Vegetarian Sausage Roast Dinner

Sandwich Option

Ham or Cheese

Desserts

Fruit Crumble

Friday

Mains

Cod Bites Breaded cod served with oven fried chips and peas

Sweet Potato and Cauliflower Curry

Sandwich Option

Ham or Cheese

Desserts

Frozen yoghurt pot (Tofee or Strawberry flavour)

Daily Options

Jacket potatoes

Freshly baked jacket potatoes, 1 filling from a choice of cheese or beans (v, ve, gf)

Fresh fruit and salad bar available daily

Friday

Mains

Cod Bites Breaded cod served with oven fried chips and peas

Tomato Pasta Bake (V VE DF)

Sandwich Option

Ham or Cheese

Desserts

Frozen yoghurt pot (Tofee or Strawberry flavour)

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

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 95.2%

Year 1 97.2%

Year 3 100%

Year 4 100%

Year 5 96.7%

Year 6 100%

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 Year 3, 4 & 6 for 100% attendance this week 👍

GETTING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL REALLY DOES MATTER

DID YOU KNOW...?

In a school year, if your child is late every day by...

	Your child would have lost approximately...	or they would have missed approximately...
5 minutes	3 days from school	12 lessons
10 minutes	6 days from school	24 lessons
15 minutes	9 days from school	36 lessons
20 minutes	12 days from school	48 lessons
30 minutes	18 days from school	72 lessons

PLEASE ENCOURAGE PUNCTUALITY TO MAINTAIN ATTENDANCE

Celebration Worship

*Congratuations to the following pupils who will be receiving awards in our worship service on
Wednesday 15th July at 9.15am in church.*

Maple Class

Eli

Rory S

Jacob

Willow Class

Adalyn

Holly

Oak Class

Sophia

Sienna



Parents and Carers of the above pupils are more than welcome to attend.

New Class Structure for 2026/2027

Maple Class

Reception/Y1

Mrs Orgill and Mrs Reid

Willow Class

Y2/Y4

Miss Arrowsmith and Miss Brownhill

Oak Class

Y5/6

Miss Warner and Mrs Aston-Wright

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FOMH Events

Mary Howard's got
TALENT

PLEASE JOIN THE STUDENTS OF MARY HOWARD SCHOOL AS
THEY TAKE TO THE STAGE FOR A FANTASTIC EVENING OF TALENT!

16TH JULY

4PM - 6PM
Edingale Village Hall

OUR SMALL SCHOOL IS MIGHTY TALENTED!

TICKETS £3- INCLUDES
DRINK ON ENTRY
TICKETS ON SALE SOON

FOOD AND DRINK AVAILABLE TO BUY ON
THE EVENING

Summer Savings

The Great British Summer Savings scheme is running from 25 June to 1 September 2026, helping families feel a bit less squeezed this summer.

The new scheme includes reduced VAT on days out, including tickets at attractions like soft play, adventure centres and theme parks, children's tickets for theatres and cinemas, and children's meals in restaurants. Children aged 5 to 15 in England will also be able to travel free on local bus services throughout August.

For further information about the scheme visit [Summer Savings](#). If helpful, please share this with parents, carers and families through your usual channels.

This is in addition to further support available to families, with more information available at [Cost of Living Help](#).

Education Support Fund

Important Information – Education Support Fund

Please be aware that the Education Support Fund has now closed, and we are no longer able to accept or process any new applications.

All funding has been allocated. The last eVouchers to be issued through the scheme were for the Easter Holiday 2026.

If you are currently experiencing a financial crisis or are in urgent need of support, please contact Staffordshire Crisis & Resilience Team at staffordshirecrf@staffordshire.gov.uk

A member of the team will review your situation and provide guidance on the assistance that may be available to you.

Alternatively use the following link to our webpage [Crisis and Resilience Fund \(CRF\) | Staffordshire County Council](#)

Please find information, advice, and guidance that you may find beneficial for support at this time.

- Staffordshire County Council Here to help [Here to help - cost of living support - Staffordshire County Council](#)
- Citizens Advice [Search for your local Citizens Advice - Citizens Advice](#)
- Gov.UK Private renting advice for rent arrears - [Private renting: Rent arrears - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- Cooking for a family on a budget - [Family Hub Cooking | Staffordshire Connects](#)
- Staffordshire Warmer Homes, a scheme run by Staffordshire County Council in partnership with district and borough councils to combat fuel poverty - [Staffordshire Warmer Homes - Warm Homes Scheme](#)
- Help for Households, this site shows the different support available for families to access. [Help for Households - Get government cost of living support](#)
- Staffordshire Connects – This website can help you find help and support locally. You may want to search for things to do with your children, help with budgeting and local food banks. There are also the Family Support providers who can help you 1:1 with support if you feel this is beneficial. [Staffordshire Connects](#)
- Below are links to our Family Hub social media pages, if you would like to like and follow your local Family Hub as we use this platform to advertise any funding that can be applied for direct by families as and when it comes available.

[Cannock Chase Family Hub](#)

[East Staffordshire Family Hub](#)

[Lichfield Family Hub](#)

[Newcastle Family Hub](#)

[South Staffordshire Family Hub](#)

[Stafford Family Hub](#)

[Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub](#)

[Tamworth Family Hub](#)

Reminders

Arbor payments

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

Please can ALL snack payments be cleared asap.

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

Thank you for your understanding.

Safeguarding



PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW

[SAFEGUARDING ALERT: Viral Trend Risks Causing Severe Burns to Children - Ineqe Safeguarding Group](#)

Term Dates 2026/2027

Summer Term 2026

Term Ends: Friday 17 July

Inset Day: Monday 20 July

Holiday : Monday 20 July – Monday 31 August

Autumn Term 2026

Inset Day: Tuesday 1 September

Inset Day: Wednesday 2 September

Term Starts: Thursday 3 September

Holiday: Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October

Inset day: Monday 2 November

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

Term Starts: Monday 12 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