



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,

This week at Mary Howard has been a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the special women in our lives. We hope you enjoyed the heartfelt service in the church, where our children worked hard on prayers, paintings and poems to honour the importance of these remarkable women.

Today, we shared a lovely Mother's Day breakfast together. A huge thank you to Rachael Swailes for preparing all the delicious breakfast rolls and to all the staff who supported this special occasion. Your kindness and effort made the morning truly memorable.

As we move into the weekend, may we all reflect on the strength, love, and grace that women bring to our community every day.

A fitting biblical quote for this week is from Proverbs 31:25:
"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come."

Wishing you a peaceful and joyful weekend.

Rachel Mills

Executive Headteacher



What's coming up this week...

Monday 16th March

- PE Kit for Oak

Tuesday 17th March

- Academy Photography are here to do a natural candid session around the school.

Wednesday 18th March

Thursday 19th March

- PE Kit for all classes
- Easter BINGO @ 5.30-7pm

Friday 20th March

- The Library Bus is here!
- Ukulele lessons Willow - Please bring in your instrument
- Red Nose Day Dress silly for the 'take yourself funny for money' theme, PJs, Fancy dress, crazy hair or the funniest combination you can find! Please could you make a donation to the link below:
https://www.justgiving.com/page/sarah-regan-3?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=020
- Maple and Willow PE - bring trainers if wearing fancy dress!

Dates to note...

March

- 23rd March - Spelling Bee heats in class
- 25th March - Easter Worship in Church @ 9:15am all parents and carers welcome to attend - Maple class Easter Bonnet parade in Church (bring bonnets in Tuesday 24th)
- 25th March - Parents Evening - Oak class @3-6pm
- 26th March - Living out our school vision worship @ 3pm in school
- 27th March - Break the rules day!!
- **27th March - Break up for Easter Holidays!**

April

- **13th April - Return to school!**
- 16th April - Swimming Gala Final @ the Snowdome 6-8pm
- 23rd April - KS1 Trip to Rosliston Forestry Centre - please complete google form on Dojo and make payments on Arbor
- 29th April Boccia event at The Howard - more information to follow

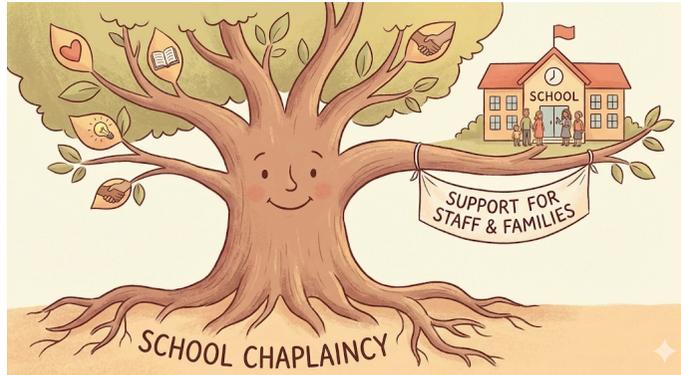
May

- **4th May - Bank Holiday!**
- 18th-20th May - Year 5-6 Residential to Standon Bowers, please continue to make payments the balance is due on May 4th.
- **25th - 29th May - Half Term!**

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

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

School Chaplaincy



We are thrilled to announce that Mr Kev. Borg, our previous Co-Chair of the Board of Directors has offered a 10 week chaplaincy service for our Trust schools.

These will take place at Mary Howard on the following;

Wednesday 27th March 13.30 - 15.30pm

Message from Kev. Borg.

In today's fast-paced world, well-being is more important than ever. As your school chaplain, I'm here to support the emotional and spiritual health of our entire school community—students, parents, and staff.

My services are available to everyone, regardless of their background or beliefs.

I offer a listening ear, a confidential space to talk, and support during difficult times.

I am also here to celebrate our community's joys and successes. I look forward to working alongside you to foster a compassionate and supportive environment for everyone.

Dinners for Week Commencing 16th March 2026 - Week 1



WINTER MENU FROM NOVEMBER 2025



V Vegetarian
VE Vegan
GF Gluten Free
DF Dairy Free

Week 1

Monday

Mains

Beef Bolognese
100% beef bolognese with sliced garlic bread

Sides

Seasonal vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar

Desserts

Homemade Apple Cake (v) or Fresh Fruit

Tuesday

Mains

Tuna and Cheese Pasta Bake
Served with diced herby potatoes

Sides

Seasonal vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar

Desserts

Natural Yoghurt (v) or Fresh Fruit

Wednesday

Mains

Cheese and Tomato Pizza
Homemade Pizza Dough topped with Cheese and Tomato. Served with Potato Croquettes

Sides

Seasonal vegetables of the day and homemade fresh salad bar

Desserts

Freshly Baked Oat and Raisin Cookies (v) or Fresh Fruit

Thursday

Mains

Roast Chicken
100% Chicken breast, served with roast potatoes, yorkshire pudding and gravy

Sides

Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar

Desserts

Apple and Berry Crumble (v)
Fresh Fruit

Friday

Mains

Fish Fingers
Breaded cod served with oven fried chips

Sides

Seasonal vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar

Desserts

Ice Cream (v, ve, gf) or Fresh Fruit

Daily Options

Jacket Potatoes

Freshly baked jacket potatoes. 1 filling from a choice of Tuna, Cheese or Beans (v, ve, gf)

Tomato Pasta Bake

Wholemeal pasta in a tomato sauce (v, ve, gf)

Homemade Toasties

50/50 bread, with filling options of Tuna, Cheese or Ham.

Homemade Soup and Sandwich

Soup made using fresh seasonal vegetables. Some vegetables are grown in the school allotments at selected schools. 50/50 bread, with filling options of Tuna, Cheese or Ham.

All options are served with seasonal vegetables, potato option of the day and fresh salad bar

Week 2

Monday

Mains

BBO Chicken
100% chicken breast, topped with BBQ sauce and sliced peppers

Sides

Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar

Desserts

Chocolate and Caramel Cake
Cocoa chocolate and sugar free condensed milk caramel cake (v)
Fresh Fruit

Wednesday

Mains

Cottage Pie
100% beef. Topped with sliced potatoes and gravy.

Sides

Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar

Desserts

Apple Crumble (v) or Fresh Fruit

Friday

Mains

Fish Fingers
Breaded cod served with oven fried chips

Sides

Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar

Desserts

Ice Cream (v, ve, gf) or Fresh Fruit

Tuesday

Mains

All day breakfast
100% Pork sausage, beans, hash brown and an egg omelette

Sides

Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar

Desserts

Homemade Raisin Flapjack (v, ve) or Fresh Fruit

Thursday

Mains

Roast Ham
100% pork, served with roast potatoes, yorkshire pudding and gravy or cheese sauce

Sides

Seasonal Vegetables of the day and homemade fresh salad bar

Desserts

Homemade Chocolate Brownie (v)
Cocoa chocolate brownie
Fresh Fruit

Daily Options

Jacket Potatoes

Freshly baked jacket potatoes. 1 filling from a choice of Tuna, Cheese or Beans (v, ve, gf)

Tomato Pasta Bake

Wholemeal pasta in a tomato sauce (v, ve, gf)

Homemade Toasties

50/50 bread, with filling options of Tuna, Cheese or Ham.

Homemade Soup and Sandwich

Soup made using fresh seasonal vegetables. Some vegetables are grown in the school allotments at selected schools. 50/50 bread, with filling options of Tuna, Cheese or Ham.

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Week 3

Monday

Mains

Pork Meatballs
Pork meatballs served in a tomato and basil sauce with wholemeal pasta and Garlic Bread

Sides

Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar

Desserts

Natural Yoghurt (v) or Fresh Fruit

Wednesday

Mains

Cheese and Tomato Pizza
Homemade Pizza Dough topped with Cheese and Tomato. Served with Potato Croquettes

Sides

Seasonal Vegetables of the day and homemade fresh salad bar

Desserts

Pancakes and fresh fruit (v) or Natural Yoghurt

Friday

Mains

Fish Fingers
Breaded cod served with oven fried chips

Sides

Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar

Desserts

Ice Cream (v, ve, gf) or Fresh Fruit

Tuesday

Mains

Sausage and Bean Casserole
Pork sausage in a baked bean casserole sauce topped with sliced potatoes

Sides

Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar

Desserts

Lemon Cake (v) or Fresh Fruit

Thursday

Mains

Roast Chicken
100% Chicken breast, served with roast potatoes, yorkshire pudding and gravy

Sides

Seasonal Vegetables of the day and homemade fresh salad bar

Desserts

Fresh Berry Sponge Cake (v) or Fresh Fruit

Daily Options

Jacket Potatoes

Freshly baked jacket potatoes. 1 filling from a choice of Tuna, Cheese or Beans (v, ve, gf)

Tomato Pasta Bake

Wholemeal pasta in a tomato sauce (v, ve, gf)

Homemade Toasties

50/50 bread, with filling options of Tuna, Cheese or Ham.

Homemade Soup and Sandwich

Soup made using fresh seasonal vegetables. Some vegetables are grown in the school allotments at selected schools. 50/50 bread, with filling options of Tuna, Cheese or Ham.

All options are served with seasonal vegetables, potato option of the day and fresh salad bar

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



BREAK THE RULES DAY!

FRIDAY 27TH MARCH

PAY £1 PER RULE

PLEASE BRING MONEY ON THE DAY!

TICK THE RULES YOU ARE BREAKING!

- 1 WEAR YOUR OWN CLOTHES** ✓
- 2 HAVE A WACKY HAIRSTYLE** ✓
- 3 WEAR NAIL POLISH** ✓
- 4 TEMPORARY TATTOOS** ✓
- 5 BRING IN A TOY OR GAME FROM HOME** ✓
- 6 EAT PUDDING BEFORE MAIN** ✓
- 7 BRING A TREAT IN FOR SNACK** ✓

The poster features a grid background with various school-related icons like a pencil, paper plane, globe, and star. The FOMH logo is in the top right corner.



FRIENDS OF MARY HOWARD INVITE YOU TO OUR FUN-TASTIC ANNUAL

EASTER BINGO

THURSDAY 19TH MARCH
5.30-7PM
MARY HOWARD SCHOOL

ADULT/CHILD TICKETS £5 EACH
UNDER 5S £2 EACH

TICKET INCLUDES BINGO GAMES AND EASTER EGG HUNT FOR THE CHILDREN

FOOD AND DRINK AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON THE EVENING

HEAD TO WWW.FOMH.CO.UK TO BOOK

FOMH
Friends of Mary Howard

The poster has a blue background with colorful bunting at the top and two cartoon rabbits sitting on a green field with several decorated Easter eggs. The FOMH logo is at the bottom center.



School photos will be conducted on

Tuesday 17th of March - 2026

At this session we will be photographing:

Everyone



This is a natural candid session around the school.

Reminders

Arbor payments

Would you please check your Arbor Parental Portal for any outstanding payments. We would like to keep all accounts in credit or cleared of any debt.

If your Arbor Account is in arrears of over £10 for Snacks, we will no longer be able to offer your child a daily snack.

If your Account is in arrears of over £50 for Wraparound Care, we will no longer be able to offer the care (unless payments are made via vouchers).

Thank you for your understanding.

Trip payments

The Rosliston Trip for Maple class and the Residential to Standon Bowers is available to pay on Arbor, please make payments by the deadline stated on Dojo and Arbor.

Parents Evening - Oak Class

Parents' Evening on Wednesday 25th March, which will run from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

Appointments are still available to book through Arbor on, please note that we are only able to offer one 10-minute slot per child. If you feel that you require a more in-depth discussion than the allocated time allows, our teachers are happy to arrange a further meeting with you for another date. We look forward to seeing you there and discussing your child's progress.

Spelling Bee



Spring Spelling Bee Reminder

Please don't forget to practice your Spring Spelling Bee words in preparation for the next round of heats scheduled for the week commencing 23rd March.

To access the latest list of Spring Spelling Bee words, please visit the school website.

Good luck to all our spellers as you continue to grow and flourish!

Weblink: Mary Howard: <https://maryhoward.staffs.sch.uk/children/spelling-bee>

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 96.4%

Year 1 100%

Year 3 98.4%

Year 4 100%

Year 5 92.9%

Year 6 97.9%

Well done to Year 1 and Year 4 with 100% attendance this week

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

GETTING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL REALLY DOES MATTER

DID YOU KNOW...?

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

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

Safeguarding



OPERATION ENCOMPASS

We are an Operation Encompass School

For further information, please come and see us.

OPERATION ENCOMPASS
In every force. In every school. For every child.

WARRINGTON OPERATIONS ST ANDREW'S

STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE

The poster features a photograph of five children of diverse backgrounds standing in a line with their arms around each other's shoulders, viewed from behind. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting. The text is overlaid on the image in a clean, white font. At the bottom, there are three logos: Operation Encompass, St Andrew's School, and Staffordshire Police.

Term Dates 2025-2026

Spring Term 2026

Term Ends: Friday 27 March

Holiday: Monday 30 March – Friday 10 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 5 April

Summer Term 2026

Term Starts: Monday 13 April

May Day: Monday 4 May

Holiday: Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May

Term Ends: Friday 17 July

Inset: Monday 20 July

Holiday: Monday 20 July – Monday 31 August