Grow and Flourish

Koinonia- Wisdom-Love- Perseverance

Mary Howard Primary School

Autumn Term, Friday 13th 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,

What a great second week back, with so much to celebrate!

Our Key Stage 2 children took part in Bikeability, learning vital skills to help them ride safely on the road. We also entered the TSSMAT netball competition at Richard Crosse and came away as worthy winners! A huge thank you to Mrs Raybould for her coaching expertise.

Thank you to Mrs Keeley, Mrs Keates and Mrs McGuire for helping to weed our growing garden and plant spring bulbs. The children really enjoyed their time outdoors. Donations for the garden are always very welcome.

On Wednesday, we welcomed families to our Stay and Play sessions. These are for families with children starting school in September 2027 - a lovely chance to see our nurturing school in action. Please spread the word!

Have a wonderful weekend.

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." — Ecclesiastes 3:1

Warm wishes,

Rachel Mills

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

What's coming up this week...

Monday 16th November

- Odd Socks Day.
- Anti-bullying week - "Break the silence".

Tuesday 17th November

- Academy Photographers in for Oak class and sibling - **no PE today - full uniform please**
- Guitar lessons with Entrust - please bring in guitars.

Wednesday 18th 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!

Thursday 19th November

- Music with Ed - bring in instruments
- Piano lessons with Entrust - please bring in books
- Flu Vaccinations all years.

Friday 20th November

- PE Kits - all classes
- Ukulele Y4, 5 & 6.

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

- 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 prize. Please wear trainers for PE
- 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 16th November 2026 - Week 3

THE STAFFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

SUMMER MENU
FROM JUNE 2026

SALAD AVAILABLE DAILY

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

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 Sponge Cake (v)

Thursday

Mains

BBQ Chicken
Served with brown rice and broccoli

Tomato Pasta Bake

Sandwich Option

Tuna or Cheese

Desserts

Apple 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 (Toffee 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

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

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

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 (Toffee 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

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 (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

Tomato Pasta Bake (V VE DF)

Sandwich Option

Ham or Cheese

Desserts

Frozen yoghurt pot (Toffee 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

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

https://forms.gle/TkULAZz7PnAgXvU67

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	94.4%
Year 2	87.5%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	100%
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 Reception, Year 4, 5 & 6 for 100% attendance this week 👍



Mary Howard Events & Information

Academy Photography Ltd

School photos will be conducted on

Tuesday 17th of November - 2026

At this session we will be photographing:

Siblings

Individuals



Mary Howard netball team crowned TSSMAT champions

Mary Howard's netball team enjoyed a fantastic evening of competition on Wednesday, playing against other schools in the TSSMAT.

The children worked brilliantly together, showing great teamwork and determination. They grew in confidence and improved with every match — and their hard work paid off as Mary Howard were worthy winners!

A huge thank you to Mrs Raybould for coaching the team and supporting them throughout the competition. Congratulations to all the children on a wonderful achievement.



Congratulations to our Pudsey competition winners!

Thank you to Mrs McGuire for donating the bears!



Reminders & Notices

Injury on arrival forms

If your child comes to school with an injury please can you inform the member of staff on the door who will get you to complete an injury on arrival form. Thank you

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.

As the weather is becoming considerably colder please can you all ensure that children bring a warm coat to school for break and lunch, thank you.

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 - Please note this has changed from June
Term starts: Tuesday 13th April
May Day: Monday 3 May
Holiday: Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June
Term Ends: Wednesday 21 July
Holiday: Thursday 22nd July – Friday 3 September