



*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,

As we reach the end of the spring term, I want to take a moment to celebrate the many successes and many experiences our Mary Howard community has enjoyed. From engaging enrichment activities and church events to sporting fixtures and exciting trips, our children have truly flourished this term.

The Mother's Day and Easter services were a wonderful highlight. Thank you to all the families who contributed by creating beautiful Easter bonnets – your creativity helped make these celebrations truly special for everyone.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff. Their commitment and hard work every day ensure that your children grow and flourish in a nurturing and supportive environment, reflecting the values we hold dear.

A special thank you goes to Friends of Mary Howard for their invaluable support, especially for the success of the recent Easter Bingo event, which raised an impressive £688. These funds will directly enhance our school and the opportunities we can offer our children.

As we head into the Easter break, I wish everyone a joyful and restful holiday. We look forward to welcoming you back for an exciting summer term filled with new learning and growth.

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” – Galatians 6:9

*Rachel Mills*

*Executive Headteacher*

## What's coming up this week...

### Monday 13th April

- PE Kit for Oak

### Tuesday 14th April

### Wednesday 15th April

### Thursday 16th April

- PE Kit for all classes
- Swimming Gala Final @ the Snowdome 6-8pm

### Friday 17th April

- Rock up & Read - 8:45-9:15am
- Ukulele lessons Willow - Please bring in your instrument
- Maple and Willow PE

## Dates to note...

### April

- 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!**
- 6th May - Walsall Art Gallery trip - Oak & Willow classes
- 8th May - Rock up & Read - 8:45-9:15am
- 11th - 15th May - Year 6 SATS week
- 18th - 22nd May - Walk to School Week
- 18th-20th May - Year 5-6 Residential to Standon Bowers, please continue to make payments the balance is due on May 4th.
- 21st May School census day - please help us by ordering a school dinner if possible!
- 21st May Values Celebration worship @ 3pm in school
- **25th - 29th May - Half Term!**

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

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

[Spring 2 CEO letter](#)

[View the Spring 2 Flipbook Here](#)

# Dinners for Week Commencing 13th April 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

BBQ 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.  
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and fresh salad bar

### 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

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allotments at selected schools. 50/50 bread,  
with filling options of Tuna, Cheese or Ham.

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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

# 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, Walsall Art Gallery for Oak & Willow and the Residential to Standon Bowers are all available to pay on Arbor, please make payments by the deadline stated on Dojo and Arbor.

# Easter Service



*Thank you to all the families who contributed by creating beautiful Easter bonnets – your creativity helped make these celebrations truly special for everyone.*

# 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 96.8%

Year 1 94.4%

Year 3 95.8%

Year 4 100%

Year 5 91.1%

Year 6 83.3%

## 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 4 with 100% attendance this week AGAIN!!!*

**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



## Term Dates 2025-2026

### Spring Term 2026

**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

24 March 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian

We are writing to all parents and guardians of children of school age, from Reception to Year 11, in Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent, to encourage them to check that their child's Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MR) vaccinations are up to date.

MMR can spread easily between people and can lead to serious health problems including meningitis, blindness and hearing loss.

To check your child's vaccination history, please refer to their Personal Child Health Record (PCHR), commonly known as the 'Red Book', or contact your GP practice or the School Age Immunisation Service.

If your child has missed one or both of their MMR vaccinations, please contact the School Age Immunisation Service on 0300 124 0366 between 8:30am and 12:30pm, or email [school.immunisation@mpft.nhs.uk](mailto:school.immunisation@mpft.nhs.uk) to schedule an appointment for your child's vaccination.

Further details and information about the MMR vaccine can be found in the following websites:

- [www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine](http://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine)
- [www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/school-age-immunisation](http://www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/school-age-immunisation)

Kind regards

School Age Immunisation Service

0300 790 7000  
[www.mpft.nhs.uk](http://www.mpft.nhs.uk)  
Trust Headquarters,  
St. George's Hospital,  
Corporation Street,  
Stafford ST16 3SR



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### School Age Immunisation Service Community Vaccination Clinics

To book a clinic appointment please call the service on 0300 124 0366 lines are open 8:30-12.30pm Monday - Friday

**\*\*Clinics are by booked appointment only\*\***

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Dimensions, Stoke, ST6 4ET	9.30am-3pm
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Balance Street, Uttoxeter, ST14 8JG	9.30am-3pm
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Leek Moorlands Hospital, ST13 5BQ	8.45am-3.30pm
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Wombourne Clinic, ST13 5BQ	9.45am-2.45pm
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Burton Fire Station, DE14 3SU	9.30am-3pm
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Cannock Fire Station, WS11 6LD	9.30am-3pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Sandy Lane Health Centre, Rugeley, WS15 2LB	9.30am-3pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Newcastle Fire Station, ST5 2SL	9.30am-3pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Tamworth Rugby Club, B79 8ED	9.15am-3.15pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Rising Brook Fire Station, ST17 9NF	9.15am-3pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Bentilee Family Hub, ST2 0HW	9.30am-3pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Lichfield Fire Station, WS13 6HU	9.20am-3.10pm

School Age Children Vaccinations offered by SAIS	
Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)	School Year 8 and above
Tetanus, Diphtheria and inactivated Polio [Td/IPV] 3 in 1 teenage booster	School Year 9 and above
Meningitis ACWY (MenACWY)	School Year 9 and above
Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)	Where either one or both doses of MMR have not been given. For all school aged children born on or before 31st December 2019
Measles, Mumps Rubella and Varicella (MMRV)	Where either one or both doses of MMR have not been given for school aged children born after and including 1st January 2020

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**HPV vaccine:**

<https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/hpv-vaccine/>

[Easy Read HPV vaccine information](#)

**Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio vaccine:**

<https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/td-ipv-vaccine-3-in-1-teenage-booster/>

[Teenage 3 in 1 booster - Td/IPV](#)

**Meningitis ACWY vaccine:**

[MenACWY vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

[Protect yourself against meningitis and septicaemia - Have the MenACWY vaccine](#)

**MMR vaccine:**

[MMR \(measles, mumps and rubella\) vaccine - NHS](#)

[MMR vaccination for all eligible](#)

**MMRV vaccine**

[MMRV \(measles, mumps, rubella and chickenpox\) vaccine - NHS](#)

[A guide to the MMRV vaccination](#)

**Further details regarding the School Age Immunisation Service vaccination programme can be found in the following link:**

<https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/school-age-immunisation>

Kind Regards

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