



*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 the lighter nights begin to brighten our days, we have had a fantastic start to the new half term here at Mary Howard. Our children were thrilled to take part in an amazing musical concert hosted by the Music Hub. They enjoyed singing and playing along to a wonderful selection of modern songs, all beautifully accompanied by a live quartet. It was a joyous occasion that truly showcased the vibrant musical culture we are nurturing.

This week, we also welcomed members of our Governing Board, our CEO, and a fellow Head from the Trust for a review focused on our School's culture and teaching and learning. They were incredibly impressed by the children's knowledge, understanding, and the high quality of work presented in their books. It was clear to all that Mary Howard is a happy and thriving community where children are supported to grow and flourish.

We look forward to a positive and productive half term ahead. Thank you for your continued support.

Have a wonderful weekend!

*"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*

With warmest wishes,

*Rachel Mills*

*Executive Headteacher*

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

### Monday 2nd March

- PE Kit for Oak

### Tuesday 3rd March

- Academy Photos- groups and leavers

### Wednesday 4th March

### Thursday 5th March

- PE Kit for all classes

### Friday 6th March

- Rock up & Read
- World Book Day - Fancy Dress - bring & swap books
- PE Kit for Maple & Willow
- Ukulele lessons Willow - Please bring in your instrument
- The Library Bus is here!

## Dates to note...

### March

- 9th March - Momissons Mother's Day shop during school time
- 11th March - Chaplaincy Service sessions 10.30 - 12.30pm
- 11th March - Boccia event @ The Howard School 3-5pm
- 12th March - Mothering Sunday in Church @ 9:15am all parents and carers welcome to attend
- 13th March - Mothers Day Breakfast - 08:45 - 09:30am
- 13th March - Non-uniform day for Easter bingo donations
- 17th March - Academy Photos- everyone
- 19th March - Easter BINGO @ 5.30-7pm
- 20th March - Red Nose Day
- 20th March - The Library Bus is here!
- 25th March - Easter Worship in Church @ 9:15am all parents and carers welcome to attend
- 25th March - Parents Evening - Oak class 3-6pm
- 26th March - Living out our school vision worship @ 3.30 in school
- 27th March - Break the rules day!!

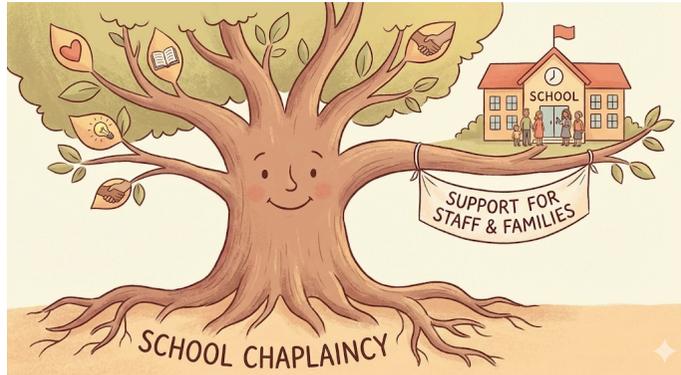
### April

- 23rd April - KS1 Trip to Rosliston Forestry Centre - please complete google form on Dojo and make payments on Arbor

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 days;

**Wednesday 11th March 10.30 - 12.30pm**

**Monday 11th May 10.30 - 12.30pm**

## 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 2nd March 2026 - Week 2



## 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

Wholesome 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

Wholesome 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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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

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

##### Homemade Toasties

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Cheese or Ham.

##### Homemade Soup and Sandwich

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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

**BREAK THE RULES DAY!**

**FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> 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** ✓

FOMH Friends of Mary Howard

Friends of Mary Howard would like to invite you back to...

# 'MOMISSONS'

Mother's Day Present Shop

Monday 9th March

£5 per gift

Please complete and return form and pre-payment to school by 26<sup>th</sup> February

FOMH Friends of Mary Howard

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

# EASTER BINGO

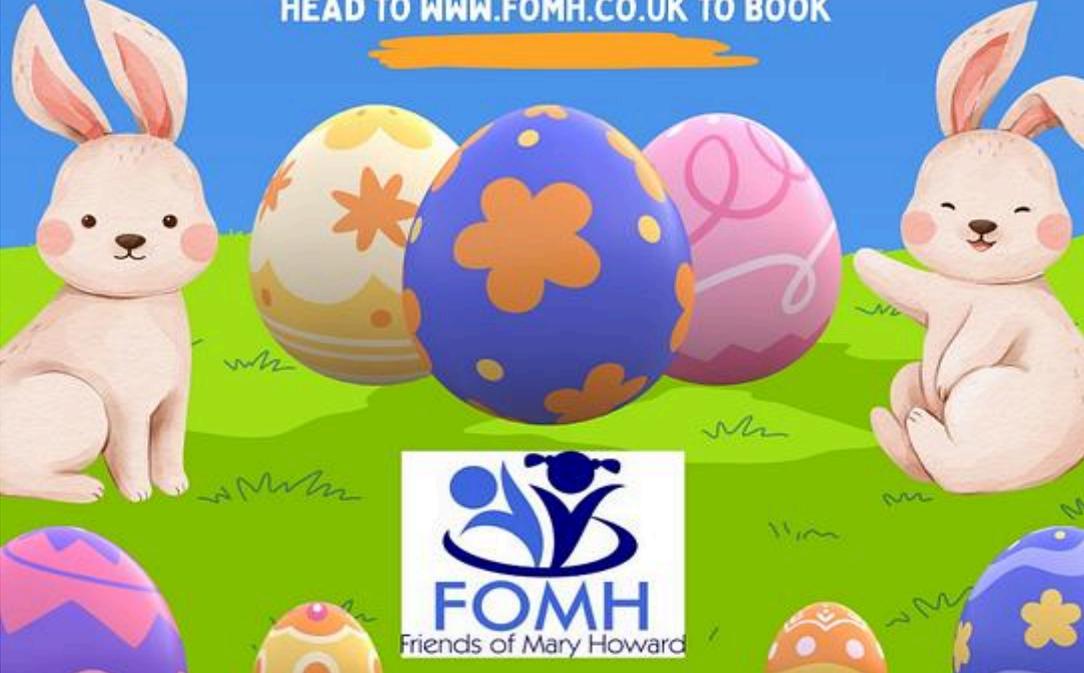
THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
5.30-7PM  
MARY HOWARD SCHOOL

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

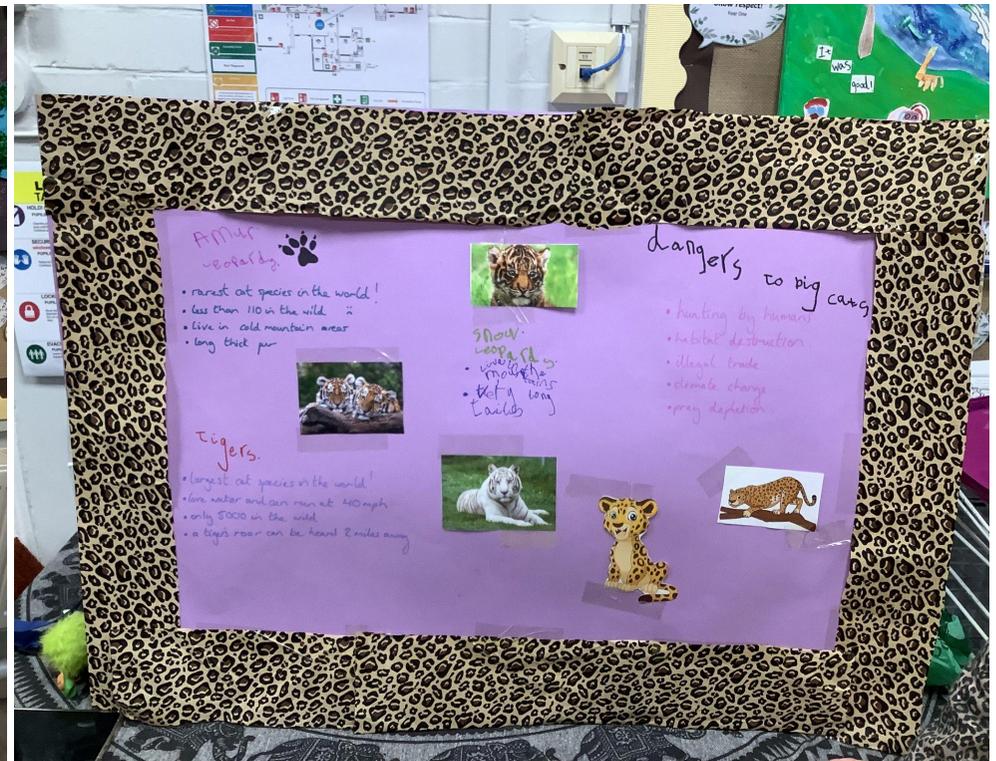
HEAD TO [WWW.FOMH.CO.UK](http://WWW.FOMH.CO.UK) TO BOOK



  
FOMH  
Friends of Mary Howard

# Well done Evangeline

For raising £120 for the Wildcats Conservation Alliance from your cake sale - amazing!



## *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 will be available to book through Arbor on Monday 2nd March at 9.30am, 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.

# Academy Photographs



School photos will be conducted on  
**Tuesday 3rd of March - 2026**

At this session we will be photographing:  
Everyone & Reception

Class Groups  
Leavers Groups  
Leavers Individuals  
My School Journey



School photos will be conducted on  
**Tuesday 17th of March - 2026**

At this session we will be photographing:  
Everyone



*Clara, Rory and Vivi enjoyed a visit to St Andrew's this week with Mrs Gethin, to pass on the Pig the Pug story and to share the work we had completed in the scrapbook.*



# 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

*Well done Reception, Year 1, Year 4 & Year 6*

Reception	100%
Year 1	100%
Year 3	91.7%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	98.8%
Year 6	100%

**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**

## 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

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.

## Safeguarding



OPERATION ENCOMPASS

We are an Operation Encompass School

For further information, please come and see us.



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In every force. In every school. For every child.



## 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