



*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 families,

As the temperature drops and bugs are circulating, I'm delighted to see our children still coming to school with bright smiles. I want to express my heartfelt thanks for supporting us in ensuring children are here and ready to learn from 8:45am - I'm incredibly proud that we can close our gates before 9am.

This week has been exciting for our children, who thoroughly enjoyed the Water Workshops delivered by South Staffs Water. They explored the water cycle and learned important lessons about water conservation, which is crucial for our future generations.

I'm thrilled to celebrate some wonderful developments in our school. We've recently introduced 20 new Chromebooks in Key Stage 2, generously purchased by our Friends of Mary Howard. We're also grateful to Ideal Fostering for providing a new charging station. The children are absolutely loving their new technology, and this means Maple class will now have iPads in their classroom.

We're fortunate to strike a perfect balance - maintaining our fantastic outdoor approach while embracing modern technology that prepares our children for today's society. As it says in Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."

Please remember to regularly check the newsletter and website for all upcoming school and FOMH events. It's shaping up to be a busy but wonderful year!

With warm wishes and gratitude,

Rachel Mills

Executive Headteacher

What's coming up this week...

Monday 24th November

- PE Kit Oak Class

Tuesday 25th November

Wednesday 26th November

Thursday 27th November

- PE Kit for all classes

Friday 28th November

- Maple - Great Fire of London Workshop at St Andrews
- PE Kit Maple & Willow Classes
- Music - Willow Class - Please remember Ukulele
- Library Bus

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

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

Dates to note...

December

- 5th December - Rock up and Read
- 10th December Christingle at Church - 6pm to 7pm - Parents Welcome to attend
- 11th December - New Reception - Stay & Play 9.30 to 10.30
- 11th December- School singing at Edingale Village Hall- 11am-11:20am- all welcome
- 12th December All Pupils will be at St Andrews the whole day - Dick Whittington Panto Performance at SA Church 1.45pm to 3pm
- 17th December Christmas Lunch
- 17th December at 9:15am - Nativity at Church - Parents welcome to attend
- 18th December - Christmas Parties & FOMH disco after school - wear party clothes!
- 19th December - Christmas Jumper Day!
- 19th December - Both Schools Christmas Magic Statfold Trip & Break up!
- [22nd December - 2nd January - Christmas Holiday](#)
- [5th January - Inset Day](#)

Reminders

Please could each child bring in a large orange on Monday 8th December in preparation for making our chringles ahead of the services that week.

Key Stage 1 - Great Fire of London Workshop

Permission Forms have been sent out on Dojo for this workshop, We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £5 per child to attend this workshop to cover the cost, if we do not get enough contributions we may have to cancel the event, contributions can be made on Arbor there will be a payment item on there for the great fire of London. Thank you in advance for any contributions!

Permission form - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfoDD9aI4nDzSBUCqygYYmLZ7c8qzRMgb0Y0foPq9uqJ3qAiw/viewform?usp=header>

Young Voices Payment of £19.50 is now on Arbor also to pay for those attending.

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.

Thank you for your understanding.

Dinners for Week Commencing 24th November 2025 - Week 1

The New Menu is now on Arbor - Please all can you preorder your childrens meals



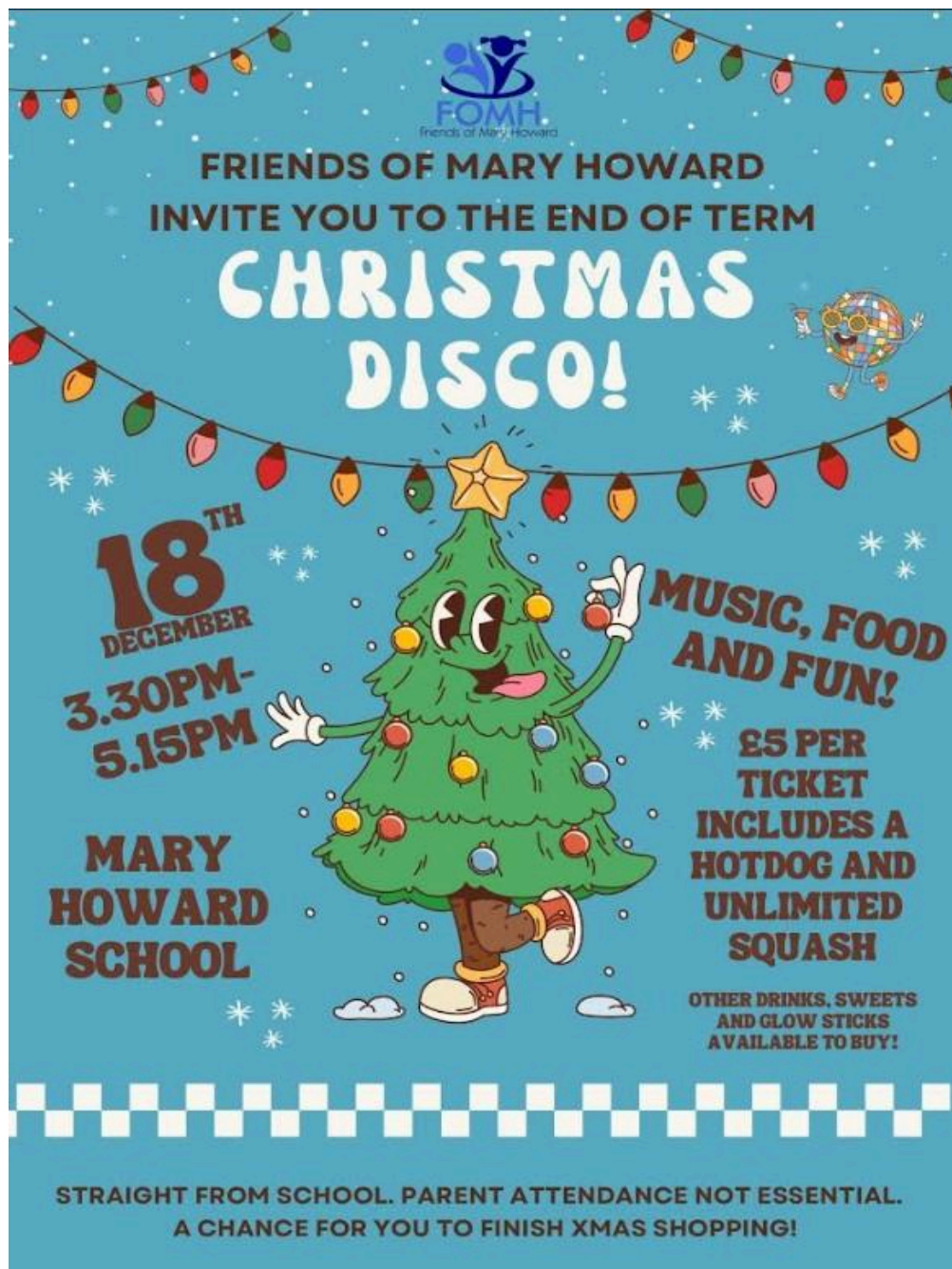
WINTER MENU FROM NOVEMBER 2025



V Vegetarian
VE Vegan
GF Gluten Free
DF Dairy Free

Week 1		Week 2		Week 3	
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	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	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	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	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
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	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	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	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	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
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	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	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

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

A festive poster for a Christmas Disco event. The background is blue with white snowflakes and strings of colorful Christmas lights. A cartoon Christmas tree with a face, arms, and legs is dancing. The FOMH logo is at the top.


FOMH
Friends of Mary Howard

**FRIENDS OF MARY HOWARD
INVITE YOU TO THE END OF TERM
CHRISTMAS
DISCO!**

**18TH
DECEMBER
3.30PM-
5.15PM**

**MUSIC, FOOD
AND FUN!**

**MARY
HOWARD
SCHOOL**

**£5 PER
TICKET
INCLUDES A
HOTDOG AND
UNLIMITED
SQUASH**

**OTHER DRINKS, SWEETS
AND GLOW STICKS
AVAILABLE TO BUY!**

**STRAIGHT FROM SCHOOL. PARENT ATTENDANCE NOT ESSENTIAL.
A CHANCE FOR YOU TO FINISH XMAS SHOPPING!**

A festive poster for a Christmas shopping event. The background is dark green with white snowflakes and various gingerbread cookies (ginger man, star, snowflake, holly, candy cane, Santa Claus, house). A cartoon Christmas tree is on the right. The FOMH logo is at the bottom.

**FRIENDS OF MARY HOWARD INVITE ALL THE CHILDREN TO
VISIT OUR VERY OWN CHRISTMAS SHOP...**

ELFRIDGES

**JOIN US TO CHOOSE A GIFT FROM YOU
FOR A SPECIAL PERSON AT HOME!**

DECEMBER 15TH

£5 PER GIFT

**THIS IS A CHILD-ONLY ACTIVITY WHICH WILL TAKE
PLACE DURING SCHOOL TIME. PLEASE SEE LETTER FOR
FURTHER DETAILS.**


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AFTERNOON TEA

With Santa & raffle!

draw at 5pm!

SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER | 3PM-5.30PM | EDINGALE VILLAGE HALL

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FESTIVE FUN!
CRAFTS, MEETING SANTA AND RECEIVING A GIFT, GINGERBREAD
DECORATING, REINDEER FOOD MAKING AND MORE!

TICKET OPTIONS - AVAILABLE AT WWW.FOMH.CO.UK
CHILD'S (UNDER 16) CRAFT WITH SANTA TICKET- £5
CHILD'S FOOD BOX (SANDWICH, CRISPS, CAKE) - £5
ADULTS NO CHARGE FOR ACCOMPANYING ON A CHILD'S CRAFT
TICKET. ADULTS FOOD TICKET (CREAM TEA WITH HOT DRINK)- £5
ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT



www.fomh.co.uk

Christmas Fayre
Sunday 23 November 10am-2pm
*Festive kitchen ~ mulled wine
craft stalls*



If you would like to book a stall contact
clarekeey@gmail.com

NEW



Sewing & Craft Group

For new & experienced crafters. Join us
during the coffee morning in the Dale room on
Thursday 20 Nov at 10.00am

Learn how to use a sewing machine,
knit & crochet as well as other crafts.
Bring your own project or join in with new ones.
£3.00 per person refreshments provided

Contact Lisa Thorpe on ljt2009@live.co.uk
01827 383183 / 07467 339079 or
edingalevillagehall.com

QUIZ

Festive Quiz
Fri 5 Dec 7.00pm

fish, sausage or veg pie & chips
£10.00

ticket sales:

www.edingalevillagehall.com or
wegottickets.com/event/668404/
£4 on the door with no food

Bar open ~ Raffle

Santa Claus is coming to town!

Santa will be driving around Edingale Village
on Sunday 21st December *
He'll be leaving the village hall car park at
6.00pm and making his way around.

Pop out and say hello, he'd love to see you!



* date is weather dependant, but Santa will come!
Watch www.edingalevillagehall.com and Facebook

www.edingalevillagehall.com

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING

Thurs 20 Nov - 9.00 am - 12.30pm

Join us for your breakfast or cake.

Meet for coffee & a chat. All welcome !
Also Thurs 8 Jan & 22 Jan, then fortnightly



CHAPS' NIGHTS

An evening
with friends &
real ale.

Thurs 27 Nov
7.30pm



NEW

The village hall has a new website!

Find all the information you need
about the village hall:

how to hire and hire fees, check out the booking
diary, information about our regular groups and
plans for new ones and our full range of fabulous
upcoming events. You can book any event tickets
direct through our website too. Visit us at

www.edingalevillagehall.com

**ONLY
£10**

SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER
7.00pm - late

BACK TO WWII - FANCY DRESS OPTIONAL
LIVE SINGER LYDIA RAY
BAR OPEN

HOT MEAL - SAUSAGE & MASH (VEG OPTION AVAILABLE)

Box office: www.edingalevillagehall.com or
www.wegottickets.com/event/668399/

Edingale Village Hall & Holy Trinity Church

Prize BINGO night (over 18's only)

Saturday 15 Nov 7.00pm

Bring your own drinks & snacks

**5 games bingo
£5 per book
or 3 for £10**



Thank you to everyone who kindly donated



**BBC
CHILDREN
IN NEED**

**Mease Schools's fundraiser for
BBC Children in Need**

 Mease Schools Mary Howard and St
Andrews is raising money for BBC
Children in Need

 **£174**
raised of £100 target by
28 supporters

Safeguarding



Term Dates 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025

Term Ends: Friday 19 December

Holiday: Monday 22 December – Friday 2 January

Spring Term 2026

Inset Day: Monday 5 January

Term Starts: Tuesday 6 January

Holiday: Monday 16 February – Friday 20 February

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