



*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,

What a fantastic few weeks it's been! The school is absolutely buzzing with activity, and it's a pleasure to see all the learning and excitement taking place.

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for the wonderful Grand Opening of our school gardens this past Sunday, September 21st. The weather was kind, and it was a genuinely joyous occasion. Your attendance and efforts in helping us plant the numerous, generous donations made a difference, and the gardens are already looking incredible. A special note of gratitude must go to our dedicated Friends of Mary Howard. Their unwavering hard work and commitment to the gardens, as well as their excellent organisation of the opening event, were truly appreciated. We also extend a sincere thank you to Lieutenant Peter for joining us. His fascinating insights into the various plants were educational for all, and his substantial donation of hardy plants will give our gardens a brilliant start for years to come!

If you hear me humming a certain tune as I walk around school, it's because the Young Voices rehearsals are well underway! "The Power in Me" is definitely on a loop in my head, and the children's enthusiasm is infectious.

Our Key Stage 2 (KS2) children are making great progress with their swimming lessons, developing vital life skills in the water. Meanwhile, in Willow Class, the sounds of music are travelling home as the ukuleles have started to go out for practice! We look forward to hearing the progress they make.

Finally, thank you to all who supported today's coffee morning. Your generosity has helped us raise **£135.80** for a very worthwhile cause.

I hope you all have a wonderful and restorative 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

Headteacher

Warm regards,
Rachel Mills,
Executive Headteacher

What's coming up this week...

Monday 29th September

PE Kit Oak & Willow

Swimming - Willow & Oak (please arrive prompt 8.45 and swim ready- we will leave at 8:50)

Tuesday 30th September

Harvest Rehearsal at Church 1.20

Wednesday 1st October

Harvest Service at Church 9.15am

Thursday 2nd October

PE Kit Maple

Friday 3rd October

PE Kit Willow Class & Maple Class

Music - Willow Class

8.45 Rock up & read

Library Bus

Please access the Schools' website for key events -

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

Dates to note...

October

- 1st October-Harvest at Church 9.15am
- 2nd October-9.30 to 10.30 Stay & Play for children starting school Sept 2026
- 2nd October Cross Country for Willow - Rawletts - link for form sent via Dojo
- 3rd October-Rock up and read 8:45 - 9:15am
- 3rd October-Library Bus
- 6th October - Parents Evening 3-6pm
- 7th October - Arboretum Trip for Oak (Class 3) **complete consent form & payments on Arbor**
- 9th October Cross Country for Oak - Rawletts - link for form sent via dojo
- 14th October - Whittington Barracks trip - Willow (Class 2)**complete consent form & payments on Arbor**
- 16th October - Parent Forum 2:45pm
- 16th October- PJs and Movie Night- 5:30pm-7:30pm
- 17th October- Lego Workshops
- 22nd October - Mental Health & Wellbeing day
- 23th October - Let your light shine worship 9am

November

- 7th November - Rock up and read 8:45 - 9:15am
- 10th November - Odd Socks day
- 13th November - KS2 Derby Faith Trail
- 14th November - Children in need - non uniform day (wear spotty clothes)
- 14th November - Anti bullying show and share
- 17th November - Flu Vaccination Programme

Dinners for Week Commencing 29th September 2025 - Week 2

Parents can now start ordering meals for their children on Arbor -
Option A will always be the Meat option and Option B will always be the veggie option
Please start giving this a go and let the office know if you are having any troubles with this.
We will still be checking meals ordered with the children in the mornings.

WEEK 1



CHEEKY MONDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ② Vegan Sausage Roll
 Pork Hot Dogs
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day or salad and chips
 TO FINISH
 Chocolate Brownie

PASTA TUESDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ② Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread
 Pasta and Meatballs
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day or Salad
 TO FINISH
 Yogurt or Jelly

PIZZA WEDNESDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ② Homemade Margherita Pizza
 Homemade Pepperoni Pizza
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day or salad and crinkle cut wedges
 TO FINISH
 Homemade Cookies

CHICKEN THURSDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ② Vegan Chicken Nuggets
 Chicken Korma and Rice
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day or Salad and Diced Potatoes
 TO FINISH
 Chocolate Sponge

FISH FRIDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ② Quorn Sausages
 Breaded Cod
 ON THE SIDE
 Peas or beans and Chips
 TO FINISH
 Ice Cream or Ice Lolly

WEEK 2



CHEEKY MONDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ② Cheese and Onion Pasty
 Chicken Nuggets
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day or Salad and Chips
 TO FINISH
 Croissants

PASTA TUESDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ② Tomato and Basil Pasta Bake
 Ham Carbonara with Pasta and Garlic Bread
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day or Salad
 TO FINISH
 Banana Sponge or Yoghurt

PIZZA WEDNESDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ② Homemade Margherita Pizza
 Homemade Cheese and Ham Pizza
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day or salad and crinkle cut wedges
 TO FINISH
 Jelly or Yoghurt


CHICKEN THURSDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ② Vegan Chicken Nuggets
 Chicken Burger
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day or Salad and Diced Potatoes
 TO FINISH
 Toffee Sponge

FISH FRIDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ② Vegan Sausage Roll
 Breaded Cod
 ON THE SIDE
 Peas or beans and Chips
 TO FINISH
 Ice Cream or Ice Lolly

WEEK 3



CHEEKY MONDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ② Vegan Sausage Roll
 Beef Burger
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day or Salad and Chips
 TO FINISH
 Raisin Sponge

PASTA TUESDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ② Mediterranean Veg Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread
 Spaghetti Bolognese
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day or Salad
 TO FINISH
 Homemade Cookies

PIZZA WEDNESDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ② Handmade Margherita Pizza
 Homemade Ham and Sweetcorn Pizza
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day and crinkle cut wedges
 TO FINISH
 Chocolate Sponge

CHICKEN THURSDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ② Vegan Chicken Nuggets
 Italian Chicken
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day or Salad and Diced Potatoes
 TO FINISH
 Jelly and Yoghurt

FISH FRIDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ② Quorn Hot Dogs
 Breaded Cod
 ON THE SIDE
 Peas or beans and Chips
 TO FINISH
 Ice Cream or Ice Lolly

Light bite options available. Daily sandwiches, jacket potatoes with fresh daily fillings

IS YOUR CHILD STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER?

Join us in a place of joy and flourishing!

'Mary Howard is a small school with a big heart'
- Ofsted 2025

**JOIN US ON THE
FOLLOWING DATES...**

Wednesday 17th September

Thursday 25th September

Thursday 2nd October

Thursday 11th December

From 09:30 – 10:30



Stay
and
Play!

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Well-being day with **ZACTIV!** (a.k.a. STEEL from Gladiators!)

Wednesday 22nd October 2025
Mary Howard and St Andrews

Zactiv is a workshop to help promote Healthy
balanced eating, Hydration, Exercise, Confidence and
Mind set.

We are so excited to
announce our schools'
coming together for a well-
being day in the Autumn
term with a very special
guest - the one and only
STEEL from Gladiators!
More details to follow closer
to the time!





The Build Barn are coming to Mary Howard!



WE ARE SO EXCITED TO BE WELCOMING THE FANTASTIC JAMES FROM THE BUILD BARN TO OUR SCHOOL FOR A DAY OF LEGO FUN ON FRIDAY 17TH OF OCTOBER!

Throughout the day, James will run 3 different sessions across the 3 classes, tailoring the sessions appropriately to the needs of the children. Concentrating on and developing team building, creativity, problem solving, social skills and more!

<https://www.thebuildbarn.co.uk>



PJ & MOVIE NIGHT

Thursday 16th October
at Mary Howard School
5.30pm - 7.30pm

Tickets £5 each Non-school-attending siblings welcome - ticket needed

Ticket price includes pizza, popcorn and squash
Ticket letters will be sent home and have a slip to return to the office.





Grand Opening of our new growing garden

Super morning celebrating the grand opening of Mary Howard's growing gardens. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the event. Thank you for all the plants, seedlings 🌱 donated and planted.

We can't wait to see the gardens bloom!

See more pictures here: <https://maryhoward.staffs.sch.uk/news/2025-09-21-grand-opening-of-our-new-growing-garden>





At The Mease Federation, we empower our children to be agents of change; we want to help those in need! Nobody in our community should have to face hunger and so this year, we will be collecting donations ahead of our Harvest Festival ready to donate to Tamworth Foodbank. Tamworth Foodbank are supported by The Trussell Trust and work hard to combat poverty and hunger across the UK. Please could all donations be handed into the office by Tuesday 30th September 2025. A recent list of urgently needed food items along with items that the foodbank already has can be found below. Any donations will be greatly appreciated! Thank

you!

Miss Warner.

Urgently needed food items in July/August 2025

long-life Milk

Toiletries - deodorant, shampoo, conditioner

Tinned vegetables - Carrots/sweetcorn/peas/potatoes

Tinned fish

Tinned meat - stew, curry, chilli, chicken, meatballs, hotdogs

Small jars of coffee

Tinned fruit

Toilet rolls

Custard

We've got plenty of

Beans

Tomatoes

Size 1, 2, 3 and 4 nappies

Pasta

TSSMAT Spelling Bee: Getting a 'BUZZ' about Spelling!

The TSSMAT is thrilled to announce the second year of our exciting new Spelling Bee competition, designed to promote high standards in spelling across our schools. This termly event will not only enhance children's spelling skills but also foster a sense of community and friendly competition among peers.

Aims of the Spelling Bee

The School Spelling Bee is set to take place at the end of each term, encouraging children to learn their key spelling words in a supportive and engaging environment.

The initiative aims to:

- Promote High Standards: By focusing on key spelling words, we aim to elevate spelling proficiency across the school.
- Encourage Participation: Every child is invited to take part, regardless of their current spelling abilities. We believe that all children can achieve and aspire to be their best.
- Celebrate Achievements: All participants will be celebrated, with each child receiving a Spelling Bee certificate during our Achievement Assembly.

How does It Work?

To prepare for the competition, we encourage parents and guardians to support their children in learning the key spelling words. A downloadable list of these words is available below.

Here's how the competition will unfold:

1. Class Heats: At the end of each term, class teachers will hold heats within their classes to identify the year group winners.
2. MAT Spelling Bee Competition: In the summer term, the excitement will culminate in a MAT Spelling Bee Competition, where our school will compete against other schools in the academy for the coveted MAT Spelling Bee trophy.
3. Finals and Celebrations: The final event will determine which school will take home the title of Spelling Bee Champion.

Join the Buzz!

We encourage all children across every year group and ability level to participate.

Remember, "You've got to be in it to win it!"

Let's rally together and aim to bring the trophy home to the Mease Schools in 2025!

Together, let's make spelling a fun and rewarding experience for all our children, fostering a love for words and language that will last a lifetime. For further details and to download the key spelling words, please check the website.

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



PARENT/CARER SUPPORT GROUP
FOR PARENTS OF AUTISTIC CHILDREN

This group is for parent/carers of diagnosed and non-diagnosed children & young people.

Join the Autism Inclusion Team for coffee and conversation at Tamworth Family Hub – Basin Lane.
The group will meet on the last Tuesday of every month
between 1.00pm and 2.30pm.

No booking required just drop in. Look forward to
Seeing you at our first session on:

Tuesday 30th September 2025

Term Dates 2025-2026



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Autumn Term 2025

Holiday: Monday 27 October – Friday 31 October

TSSMAT Inset day: Monday 3 November

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