



### Mary Howard Primary School Autumn Term Friday 26 Sept 2025

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...

### Dates to note...

### **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

### October

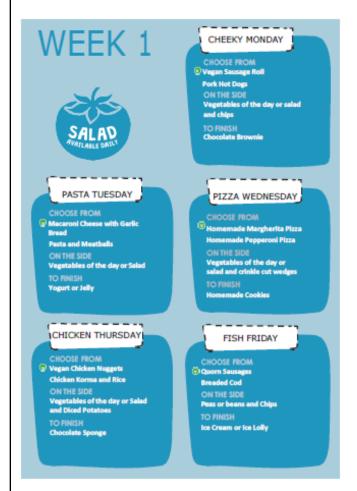
- 1st October-Harvest at Church 9.15am
- 2nd October-9.30 to 10.30 Stay & Play for children starting school Sept 2026
- 2nd October Cross Country for Willow Rawletts link for form sent via Dojo
- 3rd October-Rock up and read 8:45 9:15am
- 3rd October-Library Bus
- 6th October Parents Evening 3-6pm
- 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.







## Friends of Mary Howard

## 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



office-maryhoward@tssmat.staffs.sch.uk

School Lane, Edingale, B79 9JJ nhttps://maryhoward.staffs.sch.uk/

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

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 17<sup>TH</sup> 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.ul





## 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 \notharpoonup donated and planted.

We can't wait to see the gardens bloom!

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















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

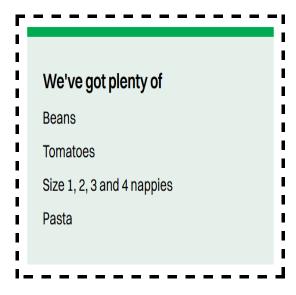
Tinned meat - stew, curry, chilli, chicken, meatballs, hotdogs

Small jars of coffee

Tinned fruit

Toilet rolls

Custard



## 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

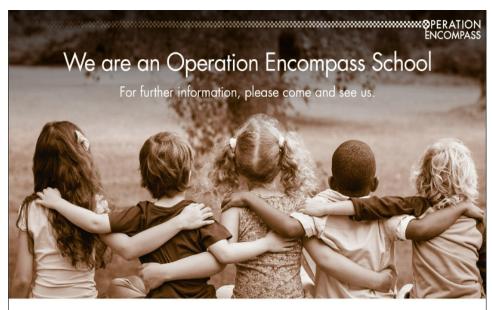
This group is for parent/carers of diagnosed and nondiagnosed children & young people.

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





**⊗**PERATION





### **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