



*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 we approach the first of December and the official start of the Christmas celebrations, we take a moment to give thanks for the dedication and hard work of our children, staff, and parents during this busy time of year. Your commitment and support make our school community truly special.

This week has been Assessment Week for the children—a valuable opportunity to celebrate the progress they have made and to identify any gaps that we need to address to ensure every child reaches their full potential.

Today, Maple classes from both schools came together for a workshop session focused on the Great Fire of London, enriching their Historical learning. Thank you for supporting this workshop. Also a big thanks and congratulations to Mrs Aston-Wright who passed her mini-bus test. Today was her first trip transporting our children to St Andrews,

Looking ahead, don't forget the Afternoon Tea with Santa event at the village hall this Sunday. A huge thank you to our fantastic Friends of Mary Howard for organising this festive occasion that brings us all together.

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*"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Wishing you all a joyful and peaceful start to the festive season.

*Rachel Mills*

*Executive Headteacher*

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

### **Monday 1st December**

- PE Kit Oak Class

### **Tuesday 2nd December**

### **Wednesday 3rd December**

### **Thursday 4th December**

- PE Kit for all classes

### **Friday 5th December**

- 5th December - Rock up and Read
- PE Kit Maple & Willow Classes
- Music - Willow Class - Please remember Ukulele

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

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

## *Dates to note...*

### **December**

- 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. Non-uniform day - Christmas Jumpers!!
- 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**

### **January**

- **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.

### **Statfold's Magical Santa Express! - 19th December**

To secure your child's place on this exciting trip and any lunch orders, please complete the consent form below by Monday, 1st December.

All payments should also be made via Arbor by this date.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc18iQ\\_IWrOVcPYo8\\_XtyNbNoP9qv5JbS9leJf6vclUKqVQgA/viewform?usp=header](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc18iQ_IWrOVcPYo8_XtyNbNoP9qv5JbS9leJf6vclUKqVQgA/viewform?usp=header)

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to a wonderful day!

### **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.

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



**The Christmas postbox will be open from Monday 1st December.**

**All envelopes need a name and class.**

**The School Council will be making the deliveries.**



# Dinners for Week Commencing 1st December 2025 - Week 2

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



## WINTER MENU FROM NOVEMBER 2025

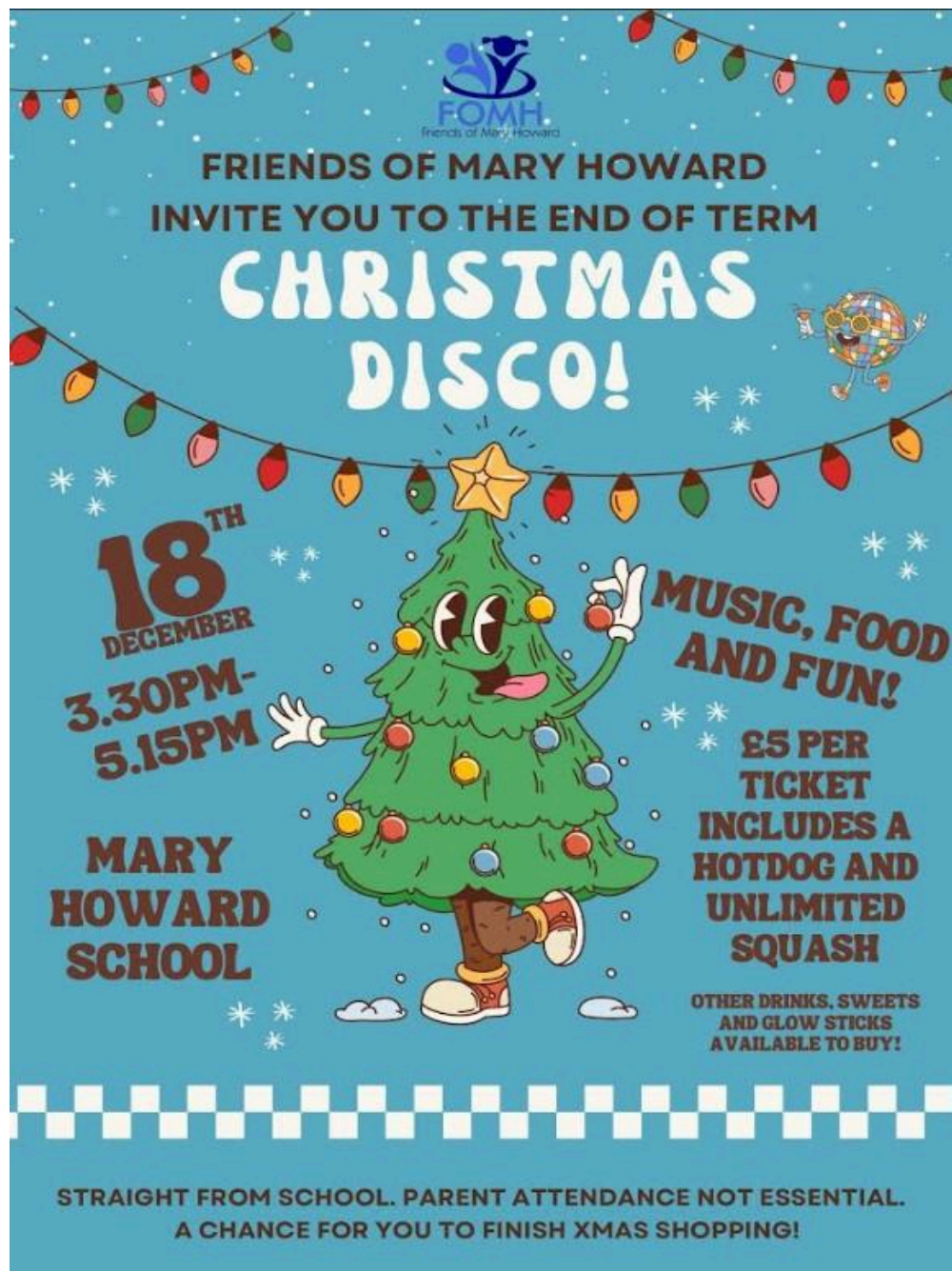



V Vegetarian  
VE Vegan  
GF Gluten Free  
DF Dairy Free

Week 1		Week 2		Week 3	
<p><b>Monday</b></p> <p><b>Mains</b></p> <p>Beef Bolognese 100% beef bolognese with sliced garlic bread</p> <p><b>Sides</b></p> <p>Seasonal vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar</p> <p><b>Desserts</b></p> <p>Homemade Apple Cake (v) or Fresh Fruit</p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b></p> <p><b>Mains</b></p> <p>Tuna and Cheese Pasta Bake Served with diced herby potatoes</p> <p><b>Sides</b></p> <p>Seasonal vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar</p> <p><b>Desserts</b></p> <p>Natural Yoghurt (v) or Fresh Fruit</p>	<p><b>Monday</b></p> <p><b>Mains</b></p> <p>BBQ Chicken 100% chicken breast, topped with BBQ sauce and sliced peppers</p> <p><b>Sides</b></p> <p>Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar</p> <p><b>Desserts</b></p> <p>Chocolate and Caramel Cake Cocoa chocolate and sugar free condensed milk caramel cake (v) Fresh Fruit</p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b></p> <p><b>Mains</b></p> <p>All day breakfast 100% Pork sausage, beans, hash brown and an egg omelette</p> <p><b>Sides</b></p> <p>Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar</p> <p><b>Desserts</b></p> <p>Homemade Raisin Flapjack (v, ve) or Fresh Fruit</p>	<p><b>Monday</b></p> <p><b>Mains</b></p> <p>Pork Meatballs Pork meatballs served in a tomato and basil sauce with wholemeal pasta and Garlic Bread</p> <p><b>Sides</b></p> <p>Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar</p> <p><b>Desserts</b></p> <p>Natural Yoghurt (v) or Fresh Fruit</p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b></p> <p><b>Mains</b></p> <p>Sausage and Bean Casserole Pork sausage in a baked bean casserole sauce topped with sliced potatoes</p> <p><b>Sides</b></p> <p>Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar</p> <p><b>Desserts</b></p> <p>Lemon Cake (v) or Fresh Fruit</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b></p> <p><b>Mains</b></p> <p>Cheese and Tomato Pizza Homemade Pizza Dough topped with Cheese and Tomato. Served with Potato Croquettes</p> <p><b>Sides</b></p> <p>Seasonal vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar</p> <p><b>Desserts</b></p> <p>Freshly Baked Oat and Raisin Cookies (v) or Fresh Fruit</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p><b>Mains</b></p> <p>Roast Chicken 100% Chicken breast, served with roast potatoes, yorkshire pudding and gravy</p> <p><b>Sides</b></p> <p>Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar</p> <p><b>Desserts</b></p> <p>Apple and Berry Crumble (v) Fresh Fruit</p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b></p> <p><b>Mains</b></p> <p>Cottage Pie 100% beef. Topped with sliced potatoes and gravy.</p> <p><b>Sides</b></p> <p>Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar</p> <p><b>Desserts</b></p> <p>Apple Crumble (v) or Fresh Fruit</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p><b>Mains</b></p> <p>Roast Ham 100% pork, served with roast potatoes, yorkshire pudding and gravy or cheese sauce</p> <p><b>Sides</b></p> <p>Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar</p> <p><b>Desserts</b></p> <p>Homemade Chocolate Brownie (v) Cocoa chocolate brownie Fresh Fruit</p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b></p> <p><b>Mains</b></p> <p>Cheese and Tomato Pizza Homemade Pizza Dough topped with Cheese and Tomato. Served with Potato Croquettes</p> <p><b>Sides</b></p> <p>Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar</p> <p><b>Desserts</b></p> <p>Pancakes and fresh fruit (v) or Natural Yoghurt</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p><b>Mains</b></p> <p>Roast Chicken 100% Chicken breast, served with roast potatoes, yorkshire pudding and gravy</p> <p><b>Sides</b></p> <p>Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar</p> <p><b>Desserts</b></p> <p>Fresh Berry Sponge Cake (v) or Fresh Fruit</p>
<p><b>Friday</b></p> <p><b>Mains</b></p> <p>Fish Fingers Breaded cod served with oven fried chips</p> <p><b>Sides</b></p> <p>Seasonal vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar</p> <p><b>Desserts</b></p> <p>Ice Cream (v, ve, gf) or Fresh Fruit</p>	<p><b>Daily Options</b></p> <p><b>Jacket Potatoes</b> Freshly baked jacket potatoes. 1 filling from a choice of Tuna, Cheese or Beans (v, ve, gf)</p> <p><b>Tomato Pasta Bake</b> Wholemeal pasta in a tomato sauce (v, ve, gf)</p> <p><b>Homemade Toasties</b> 50/50 bread, with filling options of Tuna, Cheese or Ham.</p> <p><b>Homemade Soup and Sandwich</b> 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.</p> <p>All options are served with seasonal vegetables, potato option of the day and fresh salad bar</p>	<p><b>Friday</b></p> <p><b>Mains</b></p> <p>Fish Fingers Breaded cod served with oven fried chips</p> <p><b>Sides</b></p> <p>Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar</p> <p><b>Desserts</b></p> <p>Ice Cream (v, ve, gf) or Fresh Fruit</p>	<p><b>Daily Options</b></p> <p><b>Jacket Potatoes</b> Freshly baked jacket potatoes. 1 filling from a choice of Tuna, Cheese or Beans (v, ve, gf)</p> <p><b>Tomato Pasta Bake</b> Wholemeal pasta in a tomato sauce (v, ve, gf)</p> <p><b>Homemade Toasties</b> 50/50 bread, with filling options of Tuna, Cheese or Ham.</p> <p><b>Homemade Soup and Sandwich</b> 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.</p> <p>All options are served with seasonal vegetables, potato option of the day and fresh salad bar</p>		

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 in the center. The text is in various fonts and colors, including red, white, and yellow.

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

**18<sup>TH</sup> 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 shop event. The background is dark green with white snowflakes and various Christmas cookies (gingerbread man, stars, snowflakes, holly leaves, candy canes, Santa Claus, and a gingerbread house) around the edges. The text is in red, white, and green. A cartoon Christmas tree is on the right side.

**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 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**£5 PER GIFT**

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

  
**FOMH**  
Friends of Mary Howard



*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](mailto: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](mailto:ljt2009@live.co.uk)  
01827 383183 / 07467 339079 or  
[edingalevillagehall.com](http://edingalevillagehall.com)

# QUIZ

**Festive Quiz**  
**Fri 5 Dec 7.00pm**

fish, sausage or veg pie & chips  
£10.00

**ticket sales:**

[www.edingalevillagehall.com](http://www.edingalevillagehall.com) or  
[wegottickets.com/event/668404/](http://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](http://www.edingalevillagehall.com) and Facebook

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## 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](http://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](http://www.edingalevillagehall.com) or  
[www.wegottickets.com/event/668399/](http://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**





## 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