



*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

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Friends of Mary Howard (FOMH) for their incredible support in making our recent Colour Run a huge success. The enthusiasm and spirit shown by our children were truly inspiring, and it was wonderful to see our school community come together for such a fun event.

This week, we kicked off with a traditional school sports day, which was a fabulous celebration of teamwork and athleticism. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Orgill for her hard work in organising the event. It was a joy to see our children participating and enjoying the day.

Additionally, I hope you all enjoyed the delicious food provided by FOMH during breakfast. Their efforts in raising funds for our school are greatly appreciated, and it makes a significant difference in enhancing our children's experiences.

I am excited to share that we have been working on implementing a new communication and finance app called Arbor. This app will serve as a one-stop shop for all communication, including letters, messages, trips and visits, meals and snacks. You will also be able to monitor attendance and behaviour through this platform! Once fully operational, Arbor should be a brilliant tool that simplifies communication for you. However, as with any new app or approach, we will be rolling this out slowly to ensure everyone is comfortable. All we need you to do is download and log into the parent app, and we will guide you through the process starting in September.

I would also like to take a moment to highlight the fantastic experiences our Year 5 and 6 children had during their recent residential trip to Laches Wood. The children had an amazing time engaging in various outdoor activities, building teamwork skills, and creating lasting memories.

A huge thank you to Miss Warner and Mr. Buckley for their dedication and effort in enabling this wonderful opportunity for our children.

Thank you for your continued support, and I wish you all a wonderful final week ahead!

"Let all that you do be done in love." - 1 Corinthians 16:14

Warm regards,

Rachel Mills

Executive Headteacher

What's coming up this week...

Monday 14th July

Our Open Evening/Informal Parents' Evening- 3:30pm-5pm

Tuesday 15th July

Wednesday 16th July

16th July 9.15am MH Leavers Service & Living out our School Vision Certificates

Thursday 17th July

Friday 18th July

Non Uniform Day!

Break up for Summer Holiday!

Please access the Schools' website for key events -

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

Dates to note...

September

- 3rd September- Children return to school
- 29th September Academy Photography

Dinners for Week Commencing 14 July 2025 - Week 1

WEEK 1



CHEEKY MONDAY

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

CHICKEN THURSDAY

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

PIZZA WEDNESDAY

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

FISH FRIDAY

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

WEEK 2

Our primary school menus comply with the Government's food and nutritional standards, meeting an average of 530 calories for each meal

CHEEKY MONDAY

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

PASTA TUESDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 🍝 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

CHICKEN THURSDAY

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

PIZZA WEDNESDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 🍕 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

FISH FRIDAY

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

PIZZA WEDNESDAY

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

FISH FRIDAY

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

PASTA TUESDAY

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

CHICKEN THURSDAY

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

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

Mary Howard



Thanks so much for all your effort everyone !

£32 was raised by bracelet sales completely independently setup, resourced, run and managed by a few Mary Howard children 🌟 thank you to those children for contributing to this amazing amount which we all raised! Team effort 🤝 *Thank you to Rhea, Sienna, Myra, Clara, Olivia B and Darci for their fundraising efforts.

Subject: Invitation to Our Open Evening/Informal Parents' Evening - Monday, 14th

We are delighted to invite you to our Open Evening/Informal Parents' Evening on Monday, 14th, from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to drop in, view your child's books, and have a chat with their teacher.

No appointment is necessary, so please feel free to come by at your convenience during the event. We look forward to seeing you and sharing in your child's educational journey.

Thank you for your continued support!

Classes in September

We are delighted to announce that the class teachers will remain as they are in September:

Class 1: Reception/Year 1- Mrs Orgill

Class 2: Years 3 & 4- Miss Arrowsmith

Class 3: Years 5& 6- Miss Warner

Mary Howard - Living out Our School Vision Certificates

Class 1

Eva
Adalie
George

Class 2

Theo
Isaac

Parents of the children who are receiving the certificates are welcome to attend on Wednesday 16th 9.15 at the church.
All Dojo and Attendance certificates will be presented by Miss Mills in a school assembly (children & Staff only)

Mary Howard - Arbor

Important Information: Introducing the Arbor App

We are excited to announce the upcoming introduction of a new school app, **Arbor**, which will significantly enhance our communication and administrative processes.

You should have recently received an email with your login details for Arbor. If you have not received this, please check your spam/junk folder in the first instance.

Arbor is designed to replace many of our current systems, including **ParentPay**, and will become the central hub for various school-related activities. To ensure a smooth transition, please make sure all outstanding payments on our current systems are up to date.

We understand that adopting a new system takes time, and this will be a gradual process. We are committed to supporting you through this change and look forward to a smooth transition that will lead to a more streamlined and efficient approach to communications and school management for everyone.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Edingale Village Show 2025 – List of competition classes

ENTRIES TO BE DROPPED OFF AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON FRIDAY 12th SEPTEMBER BETWEEN 16:00 AND 19:00

£1.00 PER ENTRY OR £2.00 IF YOU WANT YOUR ENTRY RETURNED TO YOU

Class Section 1: Children's competition – open to under 12's (£5 sponsored prize for section winner Tamworth & Lichfield Mobile Foot Health Clinic)

- 1 You made it...let's see it - make a character with a wooden spoon
- 2 A poster on Mary Howard Primary – CHECK WHAT TOPIC THE CHILDREN ARE WORKING ON
- 3 A limerick with the first line "There was once a fly on the wall" (Winner to be published in the Mease Valley Parish Magazine)

Class Section 2: Handicrafts (£5 sponsored prize for section winner Harlaston WI)

- 4 A garment for adult or child (e.g. hat, apron, dress, socks, scarf etc) any craft medium may be used.
- 5 A toy - any craft medium may be used.
- 6 An item for the home (e.g. cushion, rug, coaster, quilt, vase, bag) - any craft medium may be used.
- 7 An upcycled item - any craft medium may be used.
- 8 A greeting card - any craft medium may be used.

Class Section 3: Floral arrangement (£5 sponsored prize for section winner Margaret Cliffe)

- 9 6 fresh flower stems (any arrangement, any container. Foliage allowed and not counted in the 6 stems)
- 10 A single rose

Class Section 4: Art (£5 special sponsored prize for section winner Corporate Connections)

- 11 Photograph taken in the Mease valley. Max 8" x 6". No drones to be used
- 12 Photograph of a village event in Edingale
- 13 A picture in any medium
- 14 Short story (500 words) or poem (10 lines)

Reminders

A polite reminder that children should not be walking between staff cars at any time for health and safety reasons.

Parents should also not be parking within the school gates to drop children off, due to safety of the children and congestion.

Thank You

****Parentpay - Outstanding Payments****

Please could you check your Parentpay accounts for any outstanding payments.

All outstanding payments will need to be cleared by 11am on 18th July. In September all meals will be processed through Arbor and we will no longer have Parentpay. Further information regarding the Parent App for Arbor will be available shortly.

Thank you for your continued support.

Term Dates 2024-2025

Summer Term 2025

Term Ends: Friday 18th July

Inset: Monday 21st July

Holiday Monday 21st July - Friday 29th August



Term Dates 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025

Inset days: Monday 1 September and Tuesday 2 September

Term Starts: Wednesday 3 September

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