



*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

Week Five of a Busy Summer Term

Dear families

As we approach the end of another exciting week at Mary Howard Primary, I am thrilled to share some wonderful events happening in our school community.

This evening, we look forward to the much-anticipated Colour Run and Summer Fair after school. These events not only promise to be a lot of fun but also play a crucial role in raising funds to enhance and enrich our children's experiences at school. Your support and participation are greatly appreciated!

I am also delighted to announce that we have received an additional 10 books for our Recommended Read Challenge, generously funded by the Friends of Mary Howard (FOMH). Encouraging our children to read is vital, and these new additions will help spark their interest and imagination.

On Saturday, I am excited to see many of you at the Kaleidoscope of Dreams, held on the beautiful grounds of Tamworth Castle. It promises to be a fantastic day filled with creativity and community spirit.

Looking ahead, next week brings even more excitement with Sports Day and the much-awaited residential trip for Class 3 to Laches Wood. We are committed to providing our children with memorable experiences that foster their growth and development.

As we embrace all these activities, let us remember the words of Matthew 19:14: "Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.'"

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Warm regards,

Rachel Mills

Executive Headteacher

What's coming up this week...

Monday 07 July

Sports Day

PE Kits

Tuesday 8th July

Wednesday 9th July

Class 3 at Residential

Thursday 10th July

Class 3 at Residential

Friday 11th July

Annual Reports sent out to parents

Year 5&6 return from residential Laches Wood

- **11th July - NO SWIMMING - Apologies for any inconvenience**

Please access the Schools' website for key events -

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

Dates to note...

July

- 7th July - MH Sports day 9:15am (Grass area next to the Village Hall)
- 9th - 11th July - Year 5&6 Residential to Laches Wood
- 11th July - NO SWIMMING - Apologies for any inconvenience
- 16th July 9.15am MH Leavers Service
- 18th July - Non-Uniform Day!
- 18th July - Break up for Summer Holiday!

September

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

Dinners for Week Commencing 7th July 2025 - Week 3

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you to Ikon Fostering, Informal Parents Evening & Classes in September



Huge thank you to Ikon Fostering, who have donated £400 towards our new Bose speaker system. We are so excited to have this speaker system which should make any event extra special with great sound quality. Thank you to Sue Keeley for organising this donation.

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!

Mary Howard Events & Information

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

Edingale Village Show- Saturday 13th September

We will be supporting the Village Show in September. **We invite our children to attend to perform our Bhangra dance and sing the songs from the 'Kaleidoscope of Dreams Festival'. We will also be running the annual Olympics too-** time to be confirmed nearer the time.

Please also have a look at the competitions- School will be entering our posters under the theme of 'Mary Howard's Vision and Values in Action'

Here is just a taster of the other competitions

Edingale Village Show 2025 – List of competition classes

ENTRIES TO BE DROPPED OFF AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON FRIDAY 12 th 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