

*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

Koinonia- Wisdom-Love- Perseverance



Message from Miss Mills

Dear families

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term! I hope you all had a restful break and are ready for an exciting few weeks ahead. I am thrilled to share some of the wonderful achievements and activities that have already taken place this week at both Mary Howard and St. Andrews.

Our teachers have introduced new topics across the curriculum, sparking curiosity and enthusiasm among our children. It's always inspiring to see their eagerness to learn! Today, Class 2 had an enriching experience visiting the Birmingham Museum, where they consolidated their learning about the Romans. This hands-on exploration allowed them to connect their classroom knowledge with real-world artefacts, enhancing their understanding of this fascinating period in history.

This week, we welcomed Entrust Music into our schools. The children had the opportunity to experience live music, which not only entertained but also inspired them to appreciate the beauty of musical expression. We also conducted an English review in both schools, attended by Heads from our Multi-Academy Trust (TSSMAT), our CEO, and governors. I am pleased to report that the review showcased the exceptional skills of our staff and the remarkable love of learning demonstrated by our children. The calm and purposeful learning environment was highly commended, and I could not be prouder of our school community.

Next week, we will celebrate our love for reading with World Book Day! This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to immerse themselves in literature and share their favourite stories with one another. We encourage everyone to participate in the festivities by dressing up as their favourite book character and engaging in reading for pleasure.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." — Jeremiah 29:11 This quote serves as a reminder of the bright futures that await our children and our commitment to guiding them on their journey of growth and learning.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. I look forward to another successful week ahead!

With warmest regards,

Rachel Mills

*Thank you to our Governors Kevin Higginson, Russell Kilgallon and John Grice
with our English Review!*



Another Massive thank you to Emma's Dad and Archie & Avamays Dad (Approved Developments Ltd) for building our new Reading Hub this week!



How do you eat your pancakes? This Shrove Tuesday, Tues the 4th March (Pancake day) Starting straight after school, come and have a pancake or two, and race to the finish line with our traditional pancake race at St. Andrew's church Clifton Campville!!

You know you want to.

Primary & secondary school ages welcome of course!

If that wasn't enough, the following Sunday is our Slow Sunday café church' and we'll be hitting the pancakes hard as we compete for our Great Bethlehem Bake off.



Slow Sunday... @ St. Andrew's

March 9th 10.15am

Take it slow and give your soul a chance
to 'Catch Up' with your body



Menu: **Everyone Welcome !**

10.15 am — Self-service tea, coffee and breakfast snacks.

10.45 am — **The Great Bethlehem Bake off** Pancakes , pancake race and what's it all for ?

11.30pm — Closing Prayer and heading home.





PANCAKE

4TH OF MARCH

Pancakes for pudding



Dinners for Week Commencing 3rd March 2025- Week 2

Due to staff member attending a funeral, we have altered Dinners for Thursday 6th & Friday 7th:

-Thursday - Option 2 will be Fish & Chips instead of Sticky Chicken

-Friday - Sandwich Options only - Tuna, Ham or Cheese.

Sorry for any inconvenience. Thank you for your understanding

WEEK 1



MONDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ① Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread
 Beef Chilli Con Carne with Brown and White Rice

ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day or salad

TO FINISH
 Chocolate Brownie

TUESDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ① Veggie Cottage Pie
 Chicken Nuggets with Diced Potatoes

ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day or salad

TO FINISH
 Yogurt or Jelly

WEDNESDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ① Homemade margherita pizza
 Homemade BBQ Pizza topped with Chicken

ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day or salad and crinkle cut wedges

TO FINISH
 Jammy Shortbread Biscuit

THURSDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ① Vegetable and Bean Burrito
 Pork Sausages and Mashed Potato and Gravy

ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day or salad

TO FINISH
 Chocolate Sponge with Mint Custard

FRIDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ① Quorn Sausages
 Breaded Cod

ON THE SIDE
 Peas, salad or beans and Chips

TO FINISH
 Toffee Apple Sponge

WEEK 2



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

MONDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ① Veggie Bolognese and Pasta with Garlic Bread
 Chicken Katsu Curry with Brown and White Rice

ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day or salad

TO FINISH
 Homemade Cookies

TUESDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ① Veggie Sausage Roll with Wedges
 Ham Carbonara with Pasta and Garlic Bread

ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day or salad

TO FINISH
 Fruit Mousse or Jelly

WEDNESDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ① Homemade Margherita Pizza
 Homemade Cheese and Ham Pizza

ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day or salad and crinkle cut wedges

TO FINISH
 Rice Krispie Cake

THURSDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ① Veggie Sausages in a Yorkshire Pudding with Gravy
 Sticky Honey Glazed Chicken with Brown and White Rice

ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day or salad

TO FINISH
 Ginger Sponge

FRIDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ① Tomato and Basil Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread
 Breaded Cod and Chips

ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day or salad

TO FINISH
 Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream

WEEK 3



MONDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ① Cauliflower and Broccoli Bake topped with Cheese
 Pork Sausage Roll

ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day or salad and diced potatoes

TO FINISH
 Apple Sponge Cake

TUESDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ① Mediterranean Veg Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread
 Baked Chicken Fajita with Diced Potatoes

ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day or salad

TO FINISH
 Homemade Cookies

WEDNESDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ① Handmade Margherita Pizza
 Homemade Chicken Pizza

ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day and crinkle cut wedges

TO FINISH
 Flapjacks with Raisins

FRIDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ① Sweet Potato and Chickpea Curry with Brown and White Rice
 Breaded Cod and chips

ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day or salad

TO FINISH
 Fruit or Jelly

THURSDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ① Quorn and Leek Pastry Crown
 Roast Chicken and Yorkshire pudding

ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day, mashed potatoes and gravy

TO FINISH
 Chocolate Sponge

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

What's coming up this week...

Monday 3rd March

PE Kits

After School Club Gymnastics - St Andrew's 3:30 - 4:30pm

Tuesday 4th March

School photographs - class groups, Reception & Leavers

Pancakes for Pudding

Wednesday 5th March

After School Club Archery - St Andrew's 3:30 - 4:30pm

Thursday 6th March

8:45 to 9:15am Rock up & Read - World Book Day! Mary Howard

Netball Yr 5/6 Richard Crosse 3:30pm

Friday 7th March

PE Kits - MH

8:45 to 9:15am Rock up & Read - World Book Day! St Andrew's

Fancy Dress or PE Kits

Church Dates - St Andrew's

- 25th Mar 9:15 to 9:45am Mothers Day Service
- 10th Apr 9:15 to 9:45am Easter Service & Let Your Light Shine

Church Dates - Mary Howard

- 27th Mar 9:15 to 9:45am Mothers Day Service
- 8th Apr 9:15 to 9:45am Easter Service

Please access the Schools' website for key events -

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

St Andrew's- [Upcoming Events | St. Andrew's CE Primary School](#)
(st-andrews-cliftoncampville.staffs.sch.uk)

Dates to note...

March

- 2nd Mar - Pancake Race - to register for tickets - www.fomh.co.uk
- 4th Mar - School photographs - class groups, Reception & Leavers
- 6th Mar - Netball Yr 5/6 Richard Crosse 3:30pm
- 6th Mar - 8:45 to 9:15am Rock up & Read - World Book Day! MH
- 7th Mar - 8:45 to 9:15am Rock up & Read - World Book Day! SA

There will be a fancy dress competition for World Book Day - one winner per class and organised by the School Council

- 12th Mar Class 1 Mothers Day Lunch - Bookings now closed.
- 19th Mar Class 2 Mothers Day Lunch - Bookings now closed.
- 26th Mar Class 3 Mothers Day Lunch - Bookings now closed.
- 19th Mar - Momazon - Pop up Mothers day shop in SA school - see poster
- 21st Mar - Red Nose Day! Non uniform Day £1 Donation more details to follow
- 25th Mar - Parents Evening St Andrews
- 26th Mar - Non Uniform Day-Chocolate Donations please MH
- 27th Mar - Parents Evening Mary Howard
- 28th Mar - Momissons
- 31st Mar - 1st/2nd April - Bikeability MH - Further Info to follow

April

- 3rd Apr - Non Uniform-Easter Egg donations please MH
- 4th Apr - 8:45 to 9:15am Rock up & Read
- 8th Apr - 5pm to 7pm (approx.) Easter Bingo MH
- 7th - 9th Apr - Bikeability SA - Further Info to follow
- 10th April - 6-8pm KS2 Swimming Gala Final at Snowdome
- 11th Apr - 9am MH Let your light shine
- Easter Holidays 14th - 25th Apr - Return to School Mon 28th Feb

May/June

- 5th May - May Day Bank Holiday
- Half Term - 26th - 30th May
- Inset Day - Mon 2nd June Return to school Tue 3rd June

St Andrew's Events

*Archery After School Club - Wednesdays 3:30-4:30pm
5th March - 9th April must book in advance!*



EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

@ St Andrew's CE Primary School

Premier are pleased to announce that will be hosting the following Extra Curricular activities at St Andrew's CE Primary School :-

R-Y6

Monday- AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

3:30pm - 4:30pm

Gymnastics

24th February- 7th April (7 sessions)

Available to children in R-Y6

Cost = £38.50

Gymnastics: As one of the most popular sports across the planet, it's no wonder that boys and girls love to take part in gymnastics. Our classes are designed specially to ensure kids have fun, learn the fundamentals of movement, and leave with a smile on their faces.

While gymnastics is a fun, exciting activity for kids to participate in, it is also important to maintain proper safety measures. This will include things like laying out appropriate mats to provide a soft surface, and performing a good warm-up and stretching before beginning a class.

After-school clubs are a fantastic way for your child to experience gym – whether they are a regular gymnast, or if it's their first time!

Why Premier?...

Attending our club will provide your child/children with a series of fun sessions to improve not just sports skills, but also many other important assets in the process; Social skills and key motor skills are the successful by-products of the clubs we host. Our qualified coaches deliver fun sessions, allowing your child/children to enhance their skills and techniques vital towards successful short and long term athletic development. Premier strives to ensure each club is a place for your child/children to find new friends, enjoy themselves, be rewarded for success, boost self-confidence and obtain an active and healthy lifestyle.

Book your place now!!!

www.premier-education.com

Full terms and conditions available on the website



Clubz4Kidz
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AFTER SCHOOL Programme

The activity club is an after-school programme designed to provide a safe and supportive environment for children to experience unique adventures and engage in fun, educational activities.

More: Scan QR code



Book Now!



Contact Us
07786746521



Visit Our Website
www.clubz4kidz.co.uk

momazon

Momazon is opening a pop-up ordering station at St. Andrew's for Mother's Day!

Order Date:
Wednesday 19th March
during school

Delivery Date:
Friday 28th
March



BEAUTIFUL,
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An order form will be sent home on Friday 14th March so students can share with another grown-up to help make an informed decision for their special loved ones! They should return it on the 19th to the Momazon ordering station!

Shhh! Don't tell mum!



If your child is absent on the 28th for delivery, the gift will be stored in reception for pickup on the following Monday.

Mary Howard Events

FRIENDS OF MARY HOWARD INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR THE...

EDINGALE PANCAKE RACE

Flippin' Fun for all the family!
Races for all ages
£1 race entry
Refreshments available
Fancy dress optional!

**SUNDAY
2ND MARCH
2PM-4PM**

FREE ENTRY

honey

berry

PRE-LOVED BOOKS AND CHILDRENS CHARACTER COSTUME STALLS

AT EDINGALE VILLAGE HALL

PLEASE REGISTER FOR TICKETS AT WWW.FOMH.CO.UK

 Friends of Mary Howard

PLEASE SUPPORT THE FRIENDS OF MARY HOWARD

NON-UNIFORM DAYS

Wednesday 26th March
CHOCOLATE RAFFLE DONATIONS PLEASE

Thursday 3rd April
EASTER EGGS DONATIONS PLEASE

Easter bingo Tuesday 8th April 5pm. See you there!

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JOIN THE FRIENDS OF MARY HOWARD FOR OUR ANNUAL

EASTER BINGO

EGG TRAIL
EASTER EGG PRIZES
BINGO GAMES INCLUDED
FOOD AND ALCOHOLIC/SOFT DRINKS

TUESDAY 8TH APRIL 5-7PM
MARY HOWARD SCHOOL, EDINGALE
ADULTS £5. CHILDREN £5. UNDER 2S £2

HEAD TO WWW.FOMH.CO.UK FOR TICKETS!



Reminders

St Andrew's Archery After School Club!

- **When:** Wednesdays, March 5th - April 9th
 - **Time:** 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
- **Booking:** Secure your child's place in advance!
 - Scan the QR code on the events page.
- Or visit: <https://www.clubz4kidz.co.uk/my-childs-school-portal-st-andrews-ce-primary-school>

- **Final Reminder due today! Year 5&6 residential to Laches Wood 9-11th July.**

Please can you complete forms by February 28th. With a £50 deposit to be made on parent pay by the same date to secure your child's place.

Bikeability

Links have now been sent out via Dojo requesting Parents/Carers consents.

Bikeability will be taking place on the following dates:

Mary Howard - Class 2 (yr 3 & 4) - Level 1 on Monday 31st March

Mary Howard - Class 3 (yr 5 & 6) Level 1 / 2 Combined on Tuesday 1st April & Wednesday 2nd April

St Andrew's - Class 2 (yr 3 & 4) - Level 1 on Monday 7th April

St Andrew's - Class 3 (yr 5 & 6) Level 1 / 2 Combined on Tuesday 8th April & Wednesday 9th April

What will my child need?

- The ability to ride a cycle unaided. This can be a two-wheeled bike with no stabilisers or an adapted cycle.
- A signed consent form. Please complete (see Dojo) and return to school at least one week before the first day of the course.
 - A cycle helmet.
- Appropriate clothing. It is important, especially during the cooler months, that children wear gloves and warm, dry clothing as they will be outside during their session. We recommend wearing a waterproof!
- A cycle that is ready to ride. Please follow the simple guide below to check whether your a child's cycle is suitable. See law on the use of e-bikes www.gov.uk/electric-bike-rules



Medicines

Important Medication Administration Information for Parents

Dear Parents,

We would like to remind you of our policy regarding the administration of medication at The Staffordshire Schools Multi Academy Trust.

- **Prescription Requirement:** We can only administer medication that has been prescribed by a doctor, dentist, nurse, or pharmacist.
- **Medication Labelling:** All medication must have the prescription sticker attached, which should include your child's name, the date, the type of medicine, and the dosage.
- **Permission Form:** Before any medication can be administered, a signed Permission to Administer Medication form must be completed in advance at the school office.
- **Dosage Frequency:** Please note that we can only administer medication if your child requires a dose four times a day or more. For medications that need to be taken less frequently, we kindly ask that these be administered at home before school, immediately after school, and before bedtime.

INJURY ON ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL

As part of our Safeguarding Children Policy, we ask that all parents/carers whose children suffer an injury outside of school e.g. cut knee from falling off a bike, bruises from a football match etc., would need to fill out an Injury on Arrival Form. It is paramount that we have this form filled out.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the health and safety of all our children.



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Kaleidoscope of Colours Arts Festival

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are thrilled to share an exciting opportunity that your child/children will be engaging with this July 2025, and we hope that you will also participate fully.

We are delighted to announce that our school will be taking part in an Arts Festival called 'Kaleidoscope of Colours.' This vibrant project will take place during the week beginning the 7th of July. Twenty-two primary schools and several high schools will join together to participate in a week-long festival of art, music, and dance.

During this week, the children will have the unique opportunity to work with the Royal Ballet and Opera House. They will learn to sing and perform, as well as focus on producing art. The aim of this project is to celebrate Tamworth, its diversity, and its talent, while encouraging a wide range of community groups to connect with the children.

The festival will culminate in performances on the Tamworth Castle grounds on Saturday and Sunday, the 12th and 13th of July. The Sunday will also feature a Family Picnic, making it a wonderful day for the whole family to enjoy.

We kindly ask you to set these dates aside and join us in making this weekend a special community event, celebrating all the good in Tamworth. We are working closely with Tamworth Council and numerous community groups to ensure this weekend is memorable for everyone involved.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Attendance



HERE EVERYDAY READY ON TIME



Why is it important?

| Attendance | Days absent | Weeks absent | Lessons missed |
|------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| 95% | 9 days | 2 weeks | 50 lessons |
| 90% | 19 days | 4 weeks | 100 lessons |
| 85% | 29 days | 6 weeks | 150 lessons |
| 80% | 38 days | 8 weeks | 200 lessons |
| 75% | 48 days | 10 weeks | 250 lessons |
| 70% | 57 days | 11.5 weeks | 290 lessons |

89% or below
Drastic effect on academic achievement

96% - 90%
Cause for Concern

100% - 97%
Excellent!



Across the TSSMAT we expect good attendance to ensure that all pupils are able to take full advantage of the education available to them. Good attendance matters.

Pupils who have good attendance: **Get better jobs in the future, Achieve better results, Make better friendships, Have good self-esteem and confidence**

We strive for every child to achieve 96% attendance or higher. Please do not be offended if you are told that we are concerned about your child's attendance or if you receive a letter of concern. Attendance falls under the category of safeguarding and it is our duty of care to challenge and support attendance. If we can help in any way please contact Miss Mills or the office. Thank you.

Medical Appointments

Could we kindly remind

parents, to try and book medical appointments outside of school times. We do understand that there are occasions when this is not always possible.

Thank you!

Little Heroes Attendance

We are excited to announce the return of our Little Heroes Attendance Initiative for the current academic year. You will see posters and other promotional materials displayed throughout the school to raise awareness of this programme.

In each classroom, there is a sticker chart where pupils' names are displayed. Every day a pupil attends school and arrives on time, they will receive a sticker next to their name on the chart. The "Hero" acronym stands for "Here Everyday Ready and On Time" - the key pillars of this initiative.

The Little Heroes Attendance Initiative will run throughout the year. Pupils who maintain 100% attendance and punctuality each half term will be rewarded with a certificate.

For more detailed information about the programme, please visit the dedicated webpage at [Staffordshire.gov.uk/littleheroes](https://staffordshire.gov.uk/littleheroes).

We appreciate your continued support in encouraging strong attendance habits among our pupil community. Together, we can ensure all our pupils have the best possible start to their day and access the full benefits of their education.

For the TSSMAT Attendance policy, please click the link:

Mary Howard: <https://maryhoward.staffs.sch.uk/parents/attendance-absence>

Spring Term 2025

Term Ends: Friday 11th April

Holiday: Monday 14th April – Friday 25th April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 20th April

Summer Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 28th April

May Day: Monday 5th May

Holiday: Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May

Inset: Monday 2nd June

Term Ends: Friday 18th July

Inset: Monday 21st July

Holiday: Monday 21st July – Friday 29th August