### Grow and Flourish

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#### Mary Howard & St Andrew's Primary Schools

Spring Term 1

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 embark on another week of learning and growth, I want to take a moment to reflect on our journey together and share some inspirational thoughts from both schools. Our commitment to nurturing each child to "Grow and Flourish" remains at the forefront of our mission.

This week, let us be reminded of the words from Proverbs 22:6:

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."

This verse encourages us to invest in our children's education and character development, ensuring they are equipped for a bright future.

We understand the importance of collaboration between home and school in supporting our children's learning. To facilitate this, we encourage you to explore our class pages, which contain overviews and knowledge organisers designed to support learning at home. These resources will inform you of key knowledge and learning objectives for each subject.

Additionally, our blogs provide a glimpse into the learning happening in our classrooms. They showcase the activities and projects our children are engaged in, allowing you to see their progress and celebrate their achievements.

As we continue our work, I encourage all families to engage with our schools actively. Your involvement is vital to the success of our community. Please remember that our doors are always open for discussions, suggestions, and support.

Let us keep in mind the parable of the mustard seed from Matthew 13:31-32:

"Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches." May we nurture our children's potential, allowing them to grow into remarkable individuals.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our schools. Together, we can achieve great things!

Warm regards,

#### **Rachel Mills**

Executive Head Mary Howard and St Andrews Primary Schools

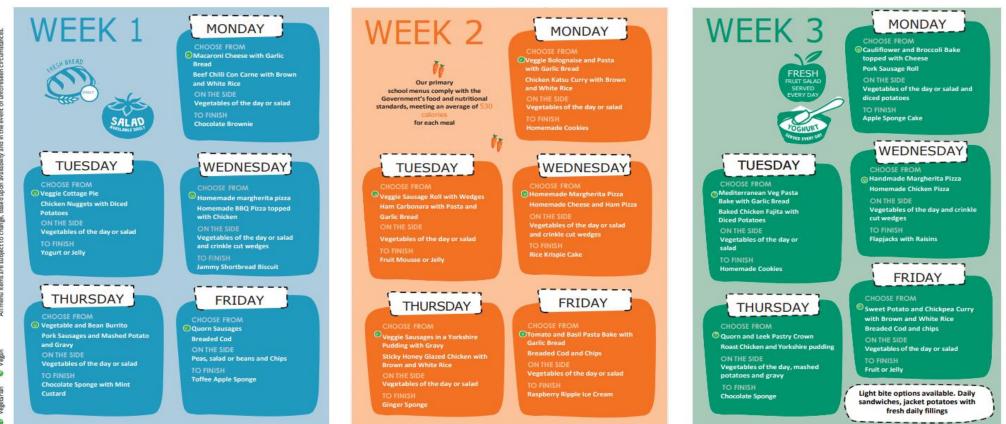
Philippians 4:13 - I can do all things through him who strengthens me

# Dinners for Week Commencing 20th January 2025

Week 3



### **YOUR SCHOOL MENU NOVEMBER 2024**



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What's Coming Up This Week	Dates to Note
Monday 20th January PE Kits Afterwaheed Dedies Dedie St. Andrews 2:20, 4:20	DATES TO NOTE         2025         ◆       28th January 3.10 to 4.30 Year 3 / 4 Athletics at Rawlett-TBC         ◆       WC 3rd February-Children's Mental Health Week
Afterschool Dodge Ball Club-St Andrews-3:30-4:30 This Week Wednesday 22nd January Thursday 23rd January	<ul> <li>7th February 8.45 to 9.15am-Rock Up &amp; Read</li> <li>11th February Safer Internet Day</li> <li>13th February 3.40 to 4.40-KS2 Swimming Heats @ Belgrave</li> <li>13th February Living out school Vaklues-3pm St Andrews</li> <li>14th February Living out school Values-9am Mary Howard</li> </ul>
Friday 24th January PE kits	<ul> <li>WC 17th Feb-21st Feb-Half Term</li> <li>24th February-Children return to school</li> <li>12th March Class 1 Mothers Day Lunch-further information to follow</li> <li>19th March Class 2 Mothers Day Lunch-further information to follow</li> <li>26th March Class 3 Mothers Day Lunch-further information to follow</li> <li>21st March Red Nose Day</li> <li>26th March-Non Uniform Day-Chocolate Donations please MH</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><u>Church Dates -St Andrews</u></li> <li>25th March 9.15 to 9.45 Mothers Day Service</li> <li>10th April 9.15 to 9.45 Easter Worship &amp; Let your Light Shine</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>31st March &amp; 1st April Bikeability MH-further information to follow</li> <li>3rd April-Non Uniform-Easter Egg donations please MH</li> <li>8th April-5pm to 7pm (approx.) Easter Bingo MH</li> <li>7th/8th/9th April Bikeability SA-further information to follow</li> <li>10th April 6pm to 8pm Swimming Final @ Snowdome</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Church Dates—Mary Howard</li> <li>27th March- 9.15 to 9.45 Mothers Day Service</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>11th April-Let your Light Shine-9am Mary Howard</li> <li>14th April-25th April-Easter Holidays</li> <li>28th April-Children return to school</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>8th April- 9.15 to 9.45 — Easter Service</li> </ul>	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 for your diary

# FRIENDS OF MARY HOWARD





## St Andrews- After School Club- Mondays

After School Dodgeball Club St Andrew's CofE (C) Primary School 13th January 2025 - 10th February 2025 Course starts on Mon 13th January 2025

Times: 15:30 - 16:30

Age Range: Reception (4/5 Years old) - Year 6 (10/11 Years old)

Year Group: R-Y6

Online Price: £30.00

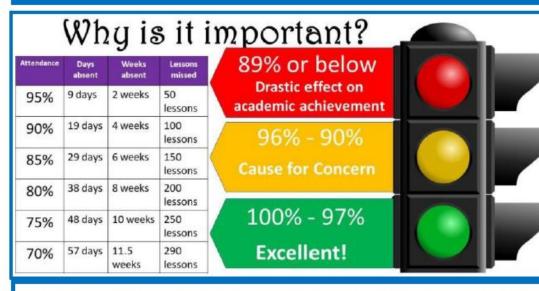
Book this Activity



## After School Dodgeball Club – Premier Education

### Attendance

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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.

<u>Medical Appointments</u> 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.

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/attendanceabsence

#### Spring Term 2025

Inset: Monday 6 January

Term Starts: Tuesday 7th January

Holiday: Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February

Term Ends: Friday 11 April

Holiday: Monday 14 April – Friday 25 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 20 April

#### Summer Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 28 April

May Day: Monday 5 May

Holiday: Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May

Inset: Monday 2nd June

Term Ends: Friday 18th July

Inset-Monday 21 July

Holiday: Monday 21 July – Friday 29 August