

*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

All menu items are subject to change, based upon availability and in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

Vegetarian  
Vegan

### WEEK 1

**MONDAY**

CHOOSE FROM

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- Handmade Margherita Pizza
- Homemade Chicken Pizza

ON THE SIDE

Vegetables of the day and crinkle cut wedges

TO FINISH

Flapjacks with Raisins

**THURSDAY**

CHOOSE FROM

- 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

**FRIDAY**

CHOOSE FROM

- 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

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

# What's Coming Up This Week

## Monday 20th January

PE Kits

Afterschool Dodge Ball Club-St Andrews-3:30-4:30

## Tuesday 21st January

## Wednesday 22nd January

## Thursday 23rd January

## Friday 24th January

PE kits

## Church Dates -St Andrews

- ◆ 25th March 9.15 to 9.45 Mothers Day Service
- ◆ 10th April 9.15 to 9.45 Easter Worship & Let your Light Shine

## Church Dates—Mary Howard

- ◆ 27th March- 9.15 to 9.45 Mothers Day Service
- ◆ 8th April- 9.15 to 9.45 — Easter Service

## What's Happening This Week

# Dates to Note

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### 2025

- ◆ 28th January 3.10 to 4.30 Year 3 / 4 Athletics at Rawlett-TBC
- ◆ WC 3rd February-Children's Mental Health Week
- ◆ 7th February 8.45 to 9.15am-Rock Up & Read
- ◆ 11th February Safer Internet Day
- ◆ 13th February 3.40 to 4.40-KS2 Swimming Heats @ Belgrave
- ◆ 13th February Living out school Values-3pm St Andrews
- ◆ 14th February Living out school Values-9am Mary Howard
- ◆ WC 17th Feb-21st Feb-Half Term
- ◆ 24th February-Children return to school
- ◆ 12th March Class 1 Mothers Day Lunch-further information to follow
- ◆ 19th March Class 2 Mothers Day Lunch-further information to follow
- ◆ 26th March Class 3 Mothers Day Lunch-further information to follow
- ◆ 21st March Red Nose Day
- ◆ 26th March-Non Uniform Day-Chocolate Donations please **MH**
- ◆ 31st March & 1st April Bikeability **MH**-further information to follow
- ◆ 3rd April-Non Uniform-Easter Egg donations please **MH**
- ◆ 8th April-5pm to 7pm (approx.) Easter Bingo **MH**
- ◆ 7th/8th/9th April Bikeability **SA**-further information to follow
- ◆ 10th April 6pm to 8pm Swimming Final @ Snowdome
- ◆ 11th April-Let your Light Shine-9am Mary Howard
- ◆ 14th April-25th April-Easter Holidays
- ◆ 28th April-Children return to school

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 \(st-andrews-cliftoncampville.staffs.sch.uk\)](#)





# FRIENDS OF MARY HOWARD

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## 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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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](http://WWW.FOMH.CO.UK) FOR TICKETS!

## 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](#)

**20**  
places  
remaining

[After School Dodgeball Club – Premier Education](#)





## 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://www.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**

**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