



*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

What a fabulous sunshine week we have had at Mary Howard Primary! As we approach the final weeks of the school year, there is so much to celebrate and reflect upon.

On Tuesday, our talented children participated in the Tamworth Athletics Tournament, where they showcased their incredible skills and sportsmanship. We are thrilled to announce that our team secured second place! They represented The Mease Family with pride and enthusiasm, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements.

The excitement continued on Wednesday with the TSSMAT Spelling Bee, where our students truly shone. We are delighted to share that we won both trophies for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2! The children were buzzing with energy and enthusiasm, and their hard work and dedication truly paid off.

These remarkable achievements could not have happened without the unwavering support of our parents and community. Thank you for your encouragement and involvement; it makes a world of difference in our children's experiences.

We are also eagerly awaiting our Ofsted report. Thank you for your continued support during this process. We are proud to share that 100% of children feel happy and safe in school, and 100% of parents would recommend our school. This is a testament to the wonderful community we have built together.

As we look ahead, we have four weeks left in the school year, and they are packed with exciting events! Please check the dates listed in this newsletter or visit our school website for more information.

As we head into the weekend, I wish you all a glorious time together. Don't forget to apply your sunscreen and enjoy the sunshine!

"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 23rd June**

PE Kits

**Please note that the French Cafe has been postponed to link with our French Day in the Autumn Term.**

### **Tuesday 24th June**

### **Wednesday 25th June**

### **Thursday 26th June**

### **Friday 27th June**

Non uniform day -Rainbow Raffle Donations

Please access the Schools' website for key events -

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

## *Dates to note...*

### **July**

- 4th July Rock up & Read 8:45 to 9:15am
- 4th July - MH Colour Run & Summer Fayre (see events)
- 5th July - Tamworth Arts Festival-2pm dance performance and 4:30 singing performance
- 7th July - MH Sports day 9:15am
- 9th - 11th July - Year 5&6 Residential to Laches Wood - please ensure all payments are made by Monday 30th June and permission forms complete
- 16th July 9.15am MH Leavers Service
- 18th July - Break up for Summer Holiday!

# Dinners for Week Commencing 23rd June 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

## *Price Increase's*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to inform you of a necessary adjustment to the price of school lunches and care clubs, effective from 01st September 2025. The new cost per school lunch will be £2.95.

We understand that household budgets are increasingly stretched, and we have not taken this decision lightly. In fact, we deliberately did not increase our lunch prices last year despite rising costs. However, we are now facing significant pressures that necessitate this change to ensure we can continue to provide meals for our students.

Several factors have contributed to this unavoidable increase. Food costs, as you may be aware, have risen considerably, exceeding the current inflation rate of 3%. Additionally, we have experienced increases in energy and staffing costs, which are essential for the smooth operation of our kitchen and the delivery of this important service. For context, the current cost of a primary school lunch in Staffordshire is between £2.70 - £3.20.

Our intention is to keep the cost of a school lunch under £3.00 for as long as possible, and this adjustment to £2.95 is a direct result of striving to balance the increasing costs with the financial pressures faced by our families. We want to assure you that the school does not make a profit on school lunches; the price is set solely to get as close to covering the costs of providing this service as possible. Our lunches abide by the School Food Guidelines, offer the recommended calorie intake for children, and pupils always have the option of a full salad bar in addition to their main meal, and fresh fruit or yoghurt as dessert options.

We appreciate your understanding in this matter. We remain committed to providing healthy and appealing meals for our pupils and will continue to look for efficiencies wherever possible.

The new care club prices will be as follows:

**Breakfast club:**

**7.45 - 8.45am £5.20**

**Afterschool club:**

**3.30 - 4.30pm £5.20**

**3.30 - 5.15pm £9.05**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Best wishes

Mary Howard primary school

# Mary Howard Events



Friends of Mary Howard

The Friends of Mary Howard would like to invite you to our very first...

## COLOUR RUN

...and Summer Fayre!

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July  
Mary Howard School  
3pm-6pm

Tickets available at [www.fomh.co.uk](http://www.fomh.co.uk)

Runner ticket - £5 each - includes a colour run T-shirt and sunglasses

Powder thrower ticket - £2 each

Free entry to Summer Fayre - no ticket required

Games

Food and drink  
and much more!!



Friends of Mary Howard

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June  
Non-uniform day



Friends of Mary Howard

School are kindly hosting a non-uniform day and FOMH are asking please for raffle prize donations! Please see the rainbow for colours of prizes  
Thank you for your support!



Ideas for raffle donations...



## *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**

### **Year 5 & 6 Residential**

Just a quicker reminder that the balance's for the year 5 & 6 residential taking place on July 9th - 11th  
are due by Monday 30th June on parent pay.

### **Parentpay**

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

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