



*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

As we embark on another exciting term at Mary Howard and St Andrews, I feel incredibly fortunate to witness the learning and enthusiasm that radiates from our children each and every day. Their curiosity and passion for knowledge are truly inspiring and remind us of the potential that lies within each individual, much like the mustard seed we cherish in our school vision.

I am pleased to share that we have had a successful governors' meeting this week. During this meeting, we discussed important matters concerning our schools' development and the continuous improvement of our educational offerings. Your support and involvement in our school community are invaluable, and I look forward to sharing updates and insights from these discussions.

In addition, I am busy organising our upcoming sporting events, which promise to be filled with fun, teamwork, and the opportunity for our children to showcase their talents. These events not only promote physical well-being but also foster a sense of community and collaboration among our students.

As we continue to nurture our children's growth, let us remember the words from the Bible: "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." (Matthew 13:32). This reminds us that from small beginnings, great things can flourish.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our schools. Together, we will help our children grow and flourish.

Warm regards,

Rachel Mills

Executive Head

Mary Howard and St Andrews Primary Schools

Dinners for Week Commencing 27th January 2025- Week 1

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

THURSDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 1 Vegetable and Bean Borneo
 Pork Sausages and Mashed Potato and Gravy
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day or salad
 TO FINISH
 Chocolate Sponge with Mint Custard

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

FRIDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 1 Quorn Sausages
 Breaded Cod
 ON THE SIDE
 Peas, salad or beans and Chips
 TO FINISH
 Toffee Apple Sponges

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

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 Sponges

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

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 Apple 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

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 Sponges

WEDNESDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 1 Homemade Margherita Pizza
 Homemade Chicken Pizzas
 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

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

What's coming up this week...

Monday 27th January

PE Kits

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

Tuesday 28th January

Year 3 / 4 Athletics at Rawlett 3:10-4:30pm selected children to be picked up from school by parents in plenty of time and collected by parents after the event.

Wednesday 22nd January

Thursday 23rd January

Friday 24th January

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...

Spring 2025

January

- 28th Jan 3:10 to 4:30pm Year 3 / 4 Athletics at Rawlett

February

- WC 3rd Feb - Children's Mental Health Week
- 4th Feb 2:45pm Parent Forum SA
- 5th Feb Class 1 trip to Tamworth Castle
- 7th Feb 8:45 to 9:15am Rock up & Read
- 11th Feb Safer Internet Day
- 12th Feb Valentines Disco 3:30-5pm SA
- 12th Feb Non uniform day SA £1 donation
- 13th Feb 3:30 to 5:45pm - KS2 Swimming Heats at Belgrave
- 13th Feb 3pm St Andrew's - Living out our school values
- 14th Feb 9am Mary Howard - Living out our school values
- Half term 17th -21st Feb - Return to school - Mon 24th Feb
- 27th Feb 2:45pm Parent Forum MH

March

- 6th Mar - 8:45 to 9:15am Rock up & Read - World Book Day!
- 12th Mar Class 1 Mothers Day Lunch - Please book your place by Feb 24th!
- 19th Mar Class 2 Mothers Day Lunch - Please book your place by Feb 24th!
- 26th Mar Class 3 Mothers Day Lunch - Please book your place by Feb 24th!
- 21st Mar - Red Nose Day
- 26th Mar-Non Uniform Day-Chocolate Donations please MH
- 31st Mar - 1st Apr - Bikeability MH - Further Info to follow

April

- 3rd Apr - Non Uniform-Easter Egg donations please MH
- 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

St Andrew's Events

ST ANDREWS
SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION

Valentines Disco!

**12
FEB**

**3.30-
5.00PM**

**CHILDREN
STAY &
PARTAAY!**

**SQUASH &
BISCUITS
INCL.**

**STUDENTS
ONLY**

£4 ENTRY £2 SIBLING

Includes non-uniform for the day

Hot dogs £2 Cakes £1 Sweets £50p-£1.50

Drinks £1 Glitter tattoos £2

Lucky Dip £1 Glow Sticks 50p

pre-pay
Reference code: child first
name+class+disco
e.g. Lily2disco
St Andrew's School Association
20-08-64
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**£1 Non-uniform day
for students NOT attending disco**

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!

FREE ENTRY

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

berry

honey

PRE-LOVED BOOKS AND CHILDRENS CHARACTER COSTUME STALLS

AT EDINGALE VILLAGE HALL

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



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!



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

This is a friendly reminder for those attending the Tamworth Castle Trip on February 5th (Class 1 and some Year 2 students at St. Andrews):

Permission Forms: Please ensure you complete the permission form that was sent out via Dojo this week as soon as possible.

Payment: Kindly make the payment on ParentPay at your earliest convenience, but no later than Friday, January 31st.

Additionally, we have sent out forms on Dojo for our Mother's Day lunches.

If you wish to attend, please follow these steps:

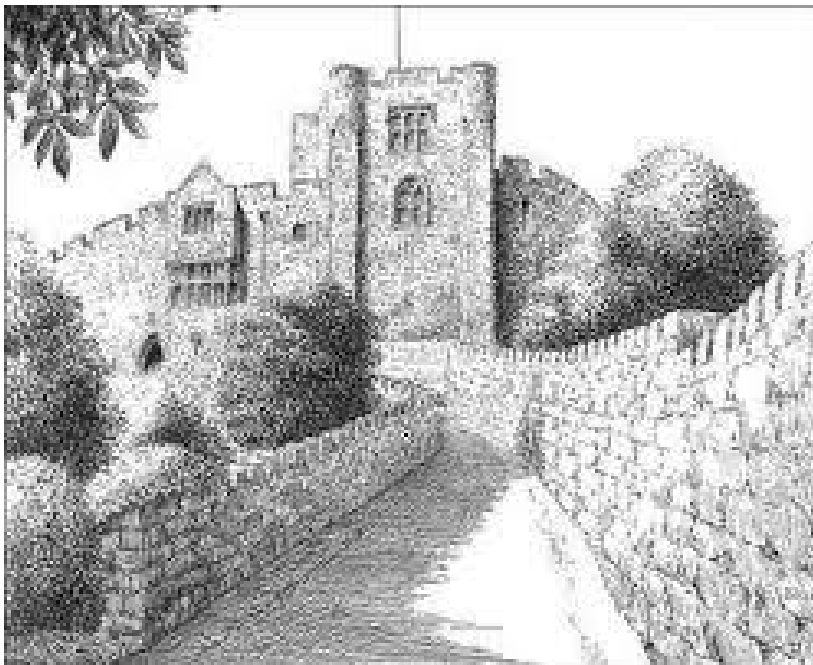
Complete the Form: Fill out the form for the specific date you wish to attend.

Payment: Make your payment on ParentPay by Monday, February 24th. Please note that we will not be able to accept further orders after this date.

If you have children in different classes and wish to attend only one lunch, please indicate on the form that you would like your other children to join you for that lunch.

Forms have also been sent out for the KS2 swimming heats for selected children. Please can these be returned by Jan 31st.

Thank you for your understanding and support!



Attendance



HERE EVERYDAY READY ON TIME



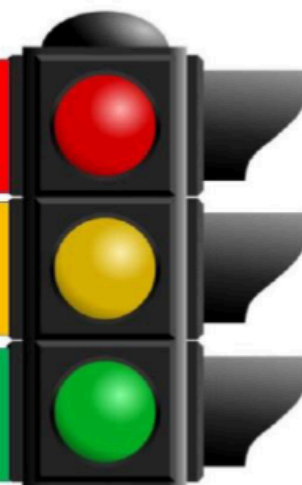
Why is it important?

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.

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 6th January

Term Starts: Tuesday 7th January

Holiday: Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February

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