



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

What a lovely week it has been at our schools! It was truly delightful to see our children enjoying their recent trip to Tamworth Castle, where they experienced history come alive. Such trips are invaluable as they enrich our children's learning and provide them with memorable experiences.

Looking ahead, Class 2 has an exciting Roman trip to look forward to, which promises to be another fantastic opportunity for our children to engage with history in a hands-on way. Additionally, we have arranged a whole school visit to the Think Tank to enhance our Science Week, further enriching our curriculum and sparking curiosity in our young learners.

Next Thursday, we will also be holding our swimming heats, which is always an exciting event for our children. Furthermore, I am pleased to share that staff in Class 1 will be attending training to learn how to effectively teach the use of balance bikes. Thanks to funding, each school will receive a set of balance bikes and helmets, promoting physical activity and developing essential balance skills among our children.

Next week, I am looking forward to hearing about the children who have been awarded our "Living Out Our School Vision" certificates. These recognitions highlight the wonderful ways our children embody our values and vision.

As we reflect on the importance of growth and learning, I am reminded of the biblical quote: "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 beautifully encapsulates our vision of nurturing each child's potential to grow and flourish.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education.

Warm regards,

Rachel Mills

Executive Head

Mary Howard and St Andrews Primary Schools

Dinners for Week Commencing 10th February 2025- Week 3

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 Bolognaise 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

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

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

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

What's coming up this week...

Monday 10th February

PE Kits

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

Tuesday 11th February

Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 12th February

Valentines Disco 3:30-5pm SA

Non uniform day SA £1 donation

Thursday 13th February

Worship Assembly SA - 3pm

3:30 to 5:45pm - KS2 Swimming Heats at Belgrave

Friday 14th February

PE Kits

Worship Assembly MH - 9am

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...

February

- 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 vision
- 14th Feb 9am Mary Howard - Living out our school vision
- Half term 17th -21st Feb - Return to school - Mon 24th Feb
- 24th Feb - 3:30 to 4:30pm Gymnastics after school club every Monday until Apr 7th
- 27th Feb 2:45pm Parent Forum MH
- 28th Feb Class 2 - both schools to Birmingham Museum Ancient Roman Workshop (except those who went to Tamworth castle)

March

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

*Mary Howard - Nominations -
Friday 14th February - 9am*

*St Andrews - Nominations - Values
Thursday 13th February - 3pm*



Class 1

*Rory
Betty*

Class 2

*Isla M
Sienna*

Class 3

*Olivia B
Henry*

Class 1

Dollie Welsby Jones

Class 2

*Hugo Williams
Robyn Marsh
Freyja Field*

Class 3

*Ona Light
Albert Moore*

Parents of those nominated are invited to watch their children receive the award

St Andrew's Events



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

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 Andrews School Association
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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!

Friends of Mary Howard

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

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 now also been sent out on Dojo for our Class 2 Roman Trip to Birmingham Museum on February 28th and the year 5&6 residential to Laches Wood 9-11th July. Please can you complete these forms: Roman Trip - by February 24th, The residential by February 28th. With payments to be made on parent pay by the same dates (£50 deposit for the residential to secure your child's place)

Thank you for your understanding and support!



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



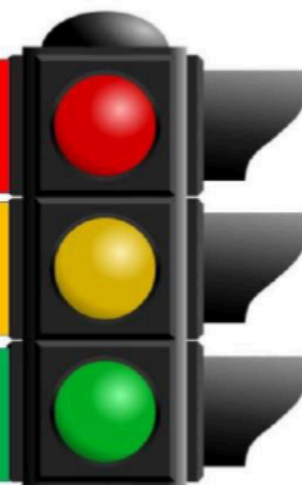
Why is it important?

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.

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