



*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,

I hope you all enjoyed a restful half-term break and are feeling rejuvenated as we embark on the countdown to Christmas. This is a busy and exciting time of year for our school community, and I am thrilled to share some important events happening in the coming weeks.

Next week, we will focus on Anti-Bullying Week, a vital initiative that promotes kindness, respect, and understanding among our pupils. We will be engaging in various activities and discussions to empower our children to stand up against bullying and support one another.

Additionally, we will participate in Children in Need, a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to contribute to a worthy cause. I encourage everyone to get involved and show their support, whether through fundraising activities or simply spreading awareness.

As we navigate this busy season, let us remember the words from Matthew 5:14-16: "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house." Let us shine brightly by fostering a caring and supportive environment for all.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to an inspiring and productive few weeks ahead.

Warm regards,

Rachel Mills  
 Executive Head

# Dinners for Week Commencing 11th November 2024

This week is: Week 2



## YOUR SCHOOL MENU NOVEMBER 2024

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

● Vegan  
● Vegetarian

### 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 11th November

- ◆ Remembrance Day– wear your poppies with Pride
- ◆ Anti Bullying Week
- ◆ PE
- ◆ Gymnastics after school club at St Andrews

## Tuesday 12th November

- ◆ Odd socks day

## Wednesday 13th November

## Thursday 14th November

## Friday 15th November

- ◆ Children in Need– non-uniform wear yellow or spots, bring trainers for PE - £1 donation
- ◆ Mary Howard-Cake donations for Bliss Cake Sale

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

## What's Happening This Week

# Dates to Note

## DATES TO NOTE

### November

- 18.11– Mary Howard Flu Jab– please complete online if flu vaccine is required
- 18.11- Mary Howard– Eliza's Cake sale for BLISS

### December

- 13.12– Mease Schools Christmas Day at St Andrews– pantomime in the afternoon (Mary Howard included in this)
- 18.12– Mease Schools trip to Statfold (St Andrews and Mary Howard)- MH will go after the Nativity,

### Upcoming Church Events:

#### Mary Howard

- Christingle - Tuesday 10th December at 6pm.
- Nativity - Wednesday 18th December at 9:15am.

#### St Andrews

- Christingle - Wednesday 11th December at 6pm.
- Nativity - Tuesday 17th December at 9:15am.

#### Holy Trinity Church

- Blue Christmas service 10.15am -Sunday 1st December
- Christmas Activity Service 10.15am -Sunday 15th December.



## Mary Howard Flu Jab

Please complete the online consent form (please only submit 1 form for each child)

using the following link: <https://forms.mpft.nhs.uk/>

Choose the following from the dropdown list:

Mary Howard Church of England Primary School – 18 Nov 2024 - Flu

Your school code is: SS124249-24

Consent forms must be submitted by- 10am on Friday 15th November 2024

NOTE, the consent form must be completed by someone with Parental Responsibility

or Delegated Authority\* – please see the explanations of these terms at end of this

letter.

, help us plan and improve the service. A non-return of the consent form does not mean

a non-consent.

For further information see: [www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)

If you have any queries, please contact the Immunisation Service on 0300 124 0366.

<https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/school-ageimmunisation>

## Christmas Trip



We are excited to announce a special treat for all our pupils! On Wednesday, 18th December 2024, we will be taking the children to the **Statfold Christmas Special**. The cost of this trip is **£14.50**, which can be paid through Parent Pay.

To help keep expenses manageable, we are grateful to the PTFA for generously funding the coach transportation to and from Statfold. The children will depart just after **10:00 AM** and are expected to return by **3:00 PM**.

Please ensure your child brings a **packed lunch** for the day. Additionally, we recommend that they wear a **jumper** (preferably a Christmas jumper) and warm clothing to stay comfortable during the trip.

On the day of the trip, the school will provide a cold lunch option consisting of sandwiches. Alternatively, you may choose to send your child with their own packed lunch.

To secure your child's place on this exciting trip, please complete the consent form below by **Monday, 2nd December**. All payments should also be made via Parent Pay by this date.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to a wonderful day!

<https://forms.gle/PPGzFsBM7BMpT1848>



# Spelling Bee

## TSSMAT Spelling Bee: Getting a 'BUZZ' about Spelling!

The TSSMAT is thrilled to announce the launch of our exciting new Spelling Bee competition, designed to promote high standards in spelling across our schools. This termly event will not only enhance children's spelling skills but also foster a sense of community and friendly competition among peers.

### Aims of the Spelling Bee

The School Spelling Bee is set to take place at the end of each term, encouraging children to learn their key spelling words in a supportive and engaging environment. The initiative aims to:

- **Promote High Standards:** By focusing on key spelling words, we aim to elevate spelling proficiency across the school.
- **Encourage Participation:** Every child is invited to take part, regardless of their current spelling abilities. We believe that all children can achieve and aspire to be their best.
- **Celebrate Achievements:** All participants will be celebrated, with each child receiving a Spelling Bee certificate during our Achievement Assembly.

### How Will It Work?

To prepare for the competition, we encourage parents and guardians to support their children in learning the key spelling words. A downloadable list of these words is available below. Here's how the competition will unfold:

1. **Class Heats:** At the end of each term, class teachers will hold heats within their classes to identify the year group winners.
2. **MAT Spelling Bee Competition:** In the summer term, the excitement will culminate in a MAT Spelling Bee Competition, where our school will compete against other schools in the academy for the coveted MAT Spelling Bee trophy.
3. **Finals and Celebrations:** The final event will determine which school will take home the title of Spelling Bee Champion.

Join the Buzz!

We encourage all children across every year group and ability level to participate. Remember, "You've got to be in it to win it!" Let's rally together and aim to bring the trophy home to the Mease Schools in 2025!

Together, let's make spelling a fun and rewarding experience for all our children, fostering a love for words and language that will last a lifetime.

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For further details and to download the key spelling words, please check the websites .

St Andrews: <https://st-andrews-cliftoncampville.staffs.sch.uk/children/spelling-bee>

Mary Howard: <https://maryhoward.staffs.sch.uk/children/spelling-bee>

# St Andrews – SASA events

## CRAFTERNOONS

COME AND JOIN US FOR  
CREATIVE, SEASONAL  
CRAFTING FUN OR MAYBE  
WATCH A FILM WITH A  
SNACK AND YOUR MATES!

**3:30 - 5pm**  
**St. Andrew's**  
**Includes snack & squash**

**16th Oct**



AUTUMNAL CRAFT  
AND MAYBE A  
SPOOKY, SILLY FILM!

**27th Nov 4th Dec 11th Dec**



JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND  
FESTIVE FILMS!

*Parents, use the extra time for shopping, baking, wrapping!*

**£5 each session**

**(Business)**

We are really excited for our new Crafternoon sessions! If you would like to book on one or more of the sessions, please use the reference code below for a BACS transfer.

Child name + class + CRAFT + date(s) of session

Example: Olivia1craft1627 or Olivia1craft4 or Olivia1craftALL

If you want to confirm, clarify or discuss your booking please text Katie @ 077159 66802 or [sasa.charitypta@gmail.com](mailto:sasa.charitypta@gmail.com)"



ST ANDREWS SCHOOL  
ASSOCIATION

BREAKFAST WITH

# Santa Claus

SAT | 30 | 10.00AM  
NOV | NOV | UNTIL  
12.00PM

Santa approved crafts at every table

Personalised keepsake included with all child and under 1's tickets

CHILD £9.50  
ADULT £8.50  
UNDER 1'S £3

CLIFTON CAMPVILLE VILLAGE HALL

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A TICKETED, PAY IN ADVANCE EVENT.

**TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS CONTACT:**  
**[SASA.CHARITYPTA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SASA.CHARITYPTA@GMAIL.COM)**

Spaces are limited, so don't delay!





# Mary Howard – FOMH events



Join us!

## FESTIVE FRIDAY AND RAFFLE!

JOIN US FOR SANTA'S GROTTO, CRAFTS,  
ELF-RIDGES, DRINKS, DELICIOUS  
TREATS AND MUCH MORE!

NOVEMBER 29TH • 3.30-5.30PM

RAFFLE DRAWN AT 5PM

MARY HOWARD SCHOOL, EDINGALE

FREE ENTRY. CHARGEABLE ACTIVITIES



FOMH  
Friends of Mary Howard

The poster features a dark green background with white and gold snowflakes. It includes illustrations of Santa Claus, a red bow, a red and white striped candy cane, a red and white striped Christmas ornament, a red and white striped Christmas sweater, and several wrapped gifts at the bottom.



YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

# CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS DISGLOW

AVAILABLE AT  
[WWW.FOMH.CO.IK](http://WWW.FOMH.CO.IK)

£7.50 A TICKET

INCLUDES ENTRY, REFILLABLE SQUASH,  
UNLIMITED PIZZA, AND GLOW PACK!

3.30PM- 5.30PM | 20TH DECEMBER  
EDINGALE VILLAGE HALL  
ADULT SUPERVISION REQUIRED

BAR OPEN AND FOOD AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE



FOMH  
Friends of Mary Howard

The poster has a vibrant, colorful background with a purple and blue gradient. It features a glowing Santa hat, a glowing candy cane, and a string of colorful Christmas lights. The text is in a mix of white and glowing colors. At the bottom, there is a colorful checkered floor pattern.





## 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 possi-

ble.  
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://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>



## **Autumn Term 2024**

**Inset day:** Monday 2 September & Tuesday 3 September

**Term Starts:** Wednesday 4 September

**Holiday:** Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

**Inset: TSSMAT training day for staff- Monday 4th November**

**Term Ends:** Friday 20 December

**Holiday:** Monday 23 December – Friday 3 January

## **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