



*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,

We are pleased to announce that we have received our SIAMS report for St. Andrews, and we are delighted with the outcomes of both inspections. Our commitment to living out our vision of "Grow and Flourish" has been recognised, and we are proud of the progress we are making together as a school community.

This week, we conducted a Maths review at Mary Howard, which was attended by our governors and fellow heads from the TSSMAT. We are looking forward to the upcoming review at St. Andrews next week, as we continue to enhance the quality of teaching and learning across our schools.

In addition to our academic focus, we have been working closely with our wonderful PTFA (SASA and FOMH) to plan exciting visits and experiences for our children. These opportunities will enrich their learning and help them grow into well-rounded individuals.

As we reflect on our journey and the importance of our values, let us remember 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."*

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in nurturing our children's growth and development.

Warm regards,

Miss Mills

# Dinners for Week Commencing 9th September 2024

This week is: Week 1

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

Vegetarian  
Vegan

## WEEK 1



### MONDAY

- CHOOSE FROM
- Plant-based burger in a bap with diced potatoes
- Spaghetti bolognese
- ON THE SIDE
- Vegetables of the day
- TO FINISH
- Yoghurt, fruit and freshly baked mini shortbread biscuit

### TUESDAY

- CHOOSE FROM
- Tomato pasta
- Italian style chicken goujons with diced potatoes
- ON THE SIDE
- Vegetables of the day
- TO FINISH
- Chocolate brownie

### WEDNESDAY

- CHOOSE FROM
- Handmade margherita pizza with crinkle cut wedges
- Chicken and oriental style vegetable rice
- ON THE SIDE
- Vegetables of the day
- TO FINISH
- Fruit and jelly

### THURSDAY

- CHOOSE FROM
- Quorn chicken pieces in a Yorkshire pudding
- Sliced beef and Yorkshire pudding
- ON THE SIDE
- Vegetables of the day, roast potatoes and gravy
- TO FINISH
- Lemon drizzle sponge

### FRIDAY

- CHOOSE FROM
- Sweet potato and lentil curry with a blend of brown and white rice
- Baked fish fingers and chips
- ON THE SIDE
- Vegetables of the day
- TO FINISH
- Ice cream topped with cream

## 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
- Meat-free hotdog with diced potatoes
- Cottage pie
- ON THE SIDE
- Vegetables of the day
- TO FINISH
- Yoghurt, fruit and freshly baked mini shortbread biscuit

### TUESDAY

- CHOOSE FROM
- Roasted vegetable lasagne
- Chicken nuggets with diced potatoes
- ON THE SIDE
- Vegetables of the day
- TO FINISH
- Apple flapjack

### WEDNESDAY

- CHOOSE FROM
- Handmade margherita pizza with crinkle cut wedges
- Ham carbonara with penne pasta
- ON THE SIDE
- Vegetables of the day
- TO FINISH
- Fruit and jelly

### THURSDAY

- CHOOSE FROM
- Vegetable pastry crown
- Roast chicken and Yorkshire pudding
- ON THE SIDE
- Vegetables of the day, roast potatoes and gravy
- TO FINISH
- Victoria sponge

### FRIDAY

CHOOSE FROM

## WEEK 3



### MONDAY

- CHOOSE FROM
- Somerset cheddar cheese and tomato quesadilla with diced potatoes
- Pork sausage roll with diced potatoes
- ON THE SIDE
- Vegetables of the day
- TO FINISH
- Yoghurt, fruit and freshly baked mini shortbread biscuit

### TUESDAY

- CHOOSE FROM
- Macaroni cheese with Somerset cheddar
- Chicken curry with a blend of brown and white rice
- ON THE SIDE
- Vegetables of the day
- TO FINISH
- Jam sponge

### WEDNESDAY

- CHOOSE FROM
- Handmade margherita pizza
- Bubble salmon
- ON THE SIDE
- Vegetables of the day and crinkle cut wedges
- TO FINISH
- Fruit and jelly

### FRIDAY

- CHOOSE FROM
- Vegetable and bean burrito
- Baked fish fingers and chips
- ON THE SIDE

### THURSDAY

CHOOSE FROM

## Notice to Parents

Dear Parents,

We would like to inform you that due to staffing issues during the week commencing 21st October 2024, St. Andrews will only be able to offer a packed lunch or jacket potato option for the children.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Please note that normal service will continue at Mary Howard.

Thank you for your understanding.

# What's Coming Up This Week

## Monday 14th October

- ◆ Children to bring in Harvest Donations for Trussell Trust
- ◆ PE kits

## Tuesday 15th October

- St Andrews Parent Forum– 2:45pm-3:30pm

## Wednesday 16th October

- Harvest - Wednesday 16th October at 9:15am.
- St Andrews only– Crafternoon– 3:30pm-5pm

## Thursday 17th October

- Harvest - Thursday 17th October at 9:40am.
- Mary Howard Parent Forum 2:45pm-3:30pm

## Friday 18th October

- ◆ PE Kits

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

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# Dates to Note

## DATES TO NOTE

### October

- 22.10– Open Days for parents of reception 2025– St Andrews– 9:00-10:30, Mary Howard 1:30-3:00
- 25.10– Let your Light Shine– Values Assembly– Mary Howard 9am and St Andrew's 3pm
- 25.10– Mary Howard-Non uniform day– donations for raffle prizes (no PE kit)

### November

- 4.11– TSSMAT Inset day– closed to children
- 5.11-St Andrews Parents evening– details to follow
- 7.11– Mary Howard's Parent's Evening– details to follow
- 8.11– Rock up and Read
- 11.11– Anti Bullying week
- 12.11– Odd socks day
- 15.11-Children in Need

### 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,

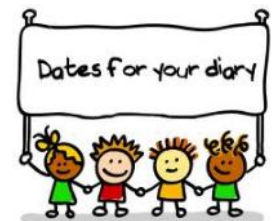
### Upcoming Church Events:

#### 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.



# For Information

## Office Update: New Role and Job Opportunities

I am writing to inform you that Zoe Bolton has secured a new role, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours. In light of this transition, we are currently advertising for two office positions, each offering 25 hours per week. We appreciate your patience as we work to resume our services as soon as possible.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Julie Jacks for stepping in after hours to help us maintain operations during this period of change. Your support has been invaluable, and we are grateful for your dedication.

Thank you for your understanding, and we look forward to welcoming new team members soon!

## FOMH- Mary Howard Events

- Autumn trail - 26th Oct - 1st Nov
- Festive Friday and raffle - 29th Nov
- Christmas Disglow - 20th Dec

## SASA- St Andrews

- Autumn Disco- 23.11.24- 3:30-5:30
- Crafternoons- 3:30-5pm- 16.10,27.11, 4.12, 11.12

## TSSMAT- Inset Consultation

The Staffordshire Schools Multi Academy Trust currently has 4 schools which plan their inset days in a block at the end of the summer closure period. This means staff return to work in the last week of August, a week earlier than pupils. This time is then taken back by adding a week on to the May half term.

Planning the inset days together enables staff to complete mandatory training, as well as collaborate early in the school year.

For pupils and parents, this means that there is less disruption during the school year with odd inset days, and cheaper holidays are available by using the additional week in May. For year 6 pupils, this also allows additional time to decompress after the SATs.

Generally, schools plan 5 individual inset days at different times across the school year. Dates are planned in the previous school year to ensure adequate notice is given. As a Trust, we have 6 Inset days available to us.

This consultation is to establish whether this arrangement is still fit for purpose, and if it is deemed so, whether schools new to the Trust would like to join this arrangement.

We would be grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to answer the following questions.

This consultation will close at 5pm on Monday 4th November.

<https://forms.gle/UbcnirRDzupKrPSd6>



# Free Eye Tests



University Hospitals of  
Derby and Burton  
NHS Foundation Trust

Dear Parent/Guardian

Vision Screening/Eye Tests **ARE NOT** provided within schools in Staffordshire.

We strongly recommend that all children have regular eye tests at an Optician once a year.

NHS Eye tests for all children are free at any Opticians.

It is important that even children with apparently normal vision should be tested. As children can often compensate very well for some eye problems which need to be identified and treated early to avoid lifelong visual loss.

The Eye test checks that your child's vision is developing normally. It is performed at this age so that any reduced vision or difference in vision between each eye can be picked up before the visual system is fully developed and any treatment can be started.

You do not need to do anything, if your child:

Is **currently** under the care of an Eye Specialist (Ophthalmologist / Orthoptist / Optometrist) at a Hospital Eye Clinic.

*Or*

Is **currently** under the care of a local Optometrist (Optician) or had a recent sight test.

If none of the above applies, please arrange with your local Opticians for your child to have a free NHS Eye Test.

# Parents Evening

We are excited to announce our upcoming Parents' Evenings, where you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teachers to discuss their progress and how we can work together to support their learning journey.

## St. Andrews Parents' Evening

**Date:** Tuesday 5th November

**Details:** To follow

## Mary Howard Primary Parents' Evening

**Date:** Thursday 7th November

**Details:** To follow

We encourage all parents to attend, as these evenings are a valuable opportunity to engage with your child's education and strengthen our partnership in their learning. Further details regarding appointment times and arrangements will be shared soon.

# Parents Forum

## Parent Forum Meetings

### St Andrews Parent Forum

**Date & Time:** Tuesday 15th October from 2:45 PM to 3:30 PM

**Location:** St Andrews School

- All parents are welcome to attend.
- Selection of parent representatives for each class.

### Mary Howard Parent Forum

**Date & Time:** Thursday 17th October from 2:45 PM to 3:30 PM

**Location:** Mary Howard School

#### Current Parent Representatives:

- **Class 1:** Mrs Boardman
- **Class 2:** Mrs Raybould
- **Class 3:** Mrs Keeley

**Representation:** This is an excellent opportunity for parents to voice their opinions and help select representatives who will advocate for their classes.

# For Action



## Grow and Flourish

At The Mease Federation, we empower our children to be agents of change; we want to help those in need! Nobody in our community should have to face hunger and so this year, we will be collecting donations ahead of our Harvest Festival ready to donate to Tamworth Foodbank. Tamworth Foodbank are supported by The Trussell Trust and work hard to combat poverty and hunger across the UK. Please could all donations be handed into the office by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024. A recent list of urgently needed food items along with items that the foodbank already has can be found below. Any donations will be greatly appreciated! Thank you!



### URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS IN SEPTEMBER

LONG-LIFE MILK

TOILETRIES -  
SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER/DEODORANT

SMALL BOTTLES OF SQUASH

TINNED VEGETABLES -  
CARROTS/SWEETCORN/PEAS

TINNED FISH

TINNED MEAT - STEW, CURRY, CHILLI, HOT  
DOGS, CHICKEN, MEATBALLS

SMALL JARS OF COFFEE

SIZE 6 NAPPIES

SOUP

SUGAR

TOILET ROLLS

### WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF

BEANS

TOMATOES

SIZE 1, 2, 3 AND 4 NAPPIES

PASTA

Miss Warner



# For Information

## Hatha Yoga

*By Keely*

### Local, Friendly Yoga Classes

**Suitable for all ages and abilities.  
Get fit and have fun!**

*Fully insured and qualified instructor.*

*Classes cost £6.00 per session*

*For more information contact*

*Keely on 07795 692 332*

#### **Classes available in-**

##### **Clifton Campville**

Monday 6.45pm - 7.45pm

Thursday 9.30am - 10.30am

##### **Elford**

Tuesday 7.15pm - 8.15pm

##### **Kings Bromley**

Wednesday 9.30am - 10.30am

Thursday 6.30pm - 7.30pm

##### **Edingale**

Wednesday 6.45pm - 7.45pm

**All Welcome**

Rev Nicky and Laura at Holy Trinity Church are hosting the following events over the Christmas period

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

Please see our Mental Health and well being section on the website:

[Mental Health & Well-Being | Mary Howard CE Primary School](#)

[Mental Health & Well-Being | St. Andrew's CE Primary School \(st-andrews-cliftoncampville.staffs.sch.uk\)](#)



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# 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!

**£5 each session**

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



JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND  
FESTIVE FILMS!

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

**(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)

## ★ Autumn Disco!

**23rd October: 3:30 - 5:00PM**

**School Hall**

**Squash & biscuits included!**

**Non-uniform day included!**

Bring pocketmoney for food, sweets, tattoos, goodies!



**£4 entry, £2 sibling**

**Pre-Pay by BACS**

Reference code: child first

name+class+'disco'

Example: LILY2disco

**(Business)**

**St Andrews School Association**

**20-08-64**

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## 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](http://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