

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

16th September 2024



Message from Miss Mills

Dear families,

Welcome back to our first full week of the new school year! It has been wonderful to see everyone settling in and establishing routines. We appreciate your patience as we work to improve our office processes; your understanding is invaluable during this transition.

Our core values are being beautifully evidenced throughout the school, and we are delighted to witness the spirit of koinonia—community and fellowship—thriving across both schools. As we nurture our pupils and staff to grow and flourish, we are reminded of the importance of unity and support within our community.

Next Tuesday, we will welcome a SIAMS inspector to St. Andrew's, who will assess how we live out our Christian vision each and every day. Thank you to the parents who will be sharing their thoughts and experiences with the inspector as part of our parent voice. Your insights are crucial in demonstrating the strength of our community.

As we continue this journey together, let us reflect on the words from the Bible: “For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” (Matthew 18:20). This verse beautifully encapsulates the essence of koinonia, reminding us of the power of community and shared faith.

Thank you for your ongoing support. I will keep you updated on the inspector's visit and our progress. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Warm regards,

Miss Mills

Dinners for Week Commencing 9th September 2024

This week is: Week 3

YOUR SCHOOL MENU

WEEK 1



MONDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ① 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
 ① Tomato pasta
 Italian style chicken goujons with diced potatoes

ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day

TO FINISH
 Chocolate brownie

WEDNESDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ① 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
 ① 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
 ① 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 500 calories for each meal

MONDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ① 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
 ① Roasted vegetable lasagne
 Chicken nuggets with diced potatoes

ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day

TO FINISH
 Apple flapjack

WEDNESDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ① 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
 ① 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
 ① Somerset cheddar cheese and potato fritata
 Baked battered fish and chips

ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day

TO FINISH
 Homemade cookies

WEEK 3



MONDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ① 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
 ① 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
 ① Handmade margherita pizza
 Bubble salmon

ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day and crinkle cut wedges

TO FINISH
 Fruit and jelly

THURSDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ① Somerset cheddar cheese and tomato puff
 Roast chicken and Yorkshire pudding

ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day, roast potatoes and gravy

TO FINISH
 Chocolate orange sponge

FRIDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ① Vegetable and bean burrito
 Baked fish fingers and chips

ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day

TO FINISH
 Freshly baked marble shortbread biscuit

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

What's Coming Up This Week

Monday 16th September

- PE Kits

Tuesday 17th September

- SIAMS inspection at St. Andrews- all day

Wednesday 18th September

Thursday 19th September

- Guitar lessons at Mary Howard- we are awaiting confirmation for St Andrew's.

Friday 20th September

- PE kits

What's
Happening
This Week

Dates to Note

DATES TO NOTE

September

- 25.09 School Photographs-
Mary Howard am- families, siblings and individual photos
St Andrew's PM- families, siblings and individual photos
- 27.09 Macmillan Coffee morning (both schools)
- 27.09 Pep the Poet visit (both schools)

October

- 04.10 Rock up and Read- 8:45-9:15
- WC 14.10- Harvest Festival- dates TBC
- 15.10-St Andrews Parent Forum- 2:45pm-3:30pm
- 17.10-Mary Howard Parent Forum 2:45pm-3:30pm
- 25.10- Let your Light Shine- Values Assembly-
Mary Howard 9am and St Andrew's 3pm

Please note that we have a TSSMAT Staff training day

(INSET) on Monday 4th November 2024



For Information

Office Unmanned During the Day

Please be advised that our school office will be unmanned during the day. To ensure your queries are promptly addressed, we encourage you to use the following methods:

Email: office@maryhoward.staffs.sch.uk

office@st-andrews-cliftoncampville.staffs.sch.uk

Dojo: Send a message through the Dojo app

In Person: Speak to a member of staff at the school gate

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Thank you for your understanding.

A Big Thank You to Reverend John!

We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Reverend John for his time and effort in taking and processing the new photos for our school website. His beautiful shots have captured the essence of St Andrews and have made our website even more inviting.

St Andrews is nearing completion, and we couldn't be more excited! Mary Howard will be next in line to have her photos taken after next week's SIAMS.

Be sure to take a look at our website to see the progress we've made so far!

<https://st-andrews-cliftoncampville.staffs.sch.uk/>

Academic Term Dates 2024/2025

Autumn Term 2024

Inset day: Monday 2 September & Tuesday 3 September

Term Starts: Wednesday 4 September

Holiday: Monday 28 October – Tuesday 5th November

TSSMAT Staff Training Day: 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

Term Ends: Friday 18th July

Inset-Monday 21 July

For Information

IMPORTANT—Nut Allergy Update

As we have now joined TSSMAT, we will be adopting their directive on the management of nuts and nut based products in school which will now be extended to include products that may contain nuts/ traces of nuts.

It is important that you check the labelling of food products before sending your child into school with them - it is not always apparent that products contain nuts or traces of nuts but the consequences may be fatal.

If children require snacks at break-time, these **should only be fresh or dried fruit and healthy snack bars** that have been checked carefully. Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 pupils will continue to be provided with a piece of fruit, daily.

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding in the matter.



Healthy Break Time Snacks

At our school, we are committed to promoting healthy eating habits and ensuring our children have the energy and nutrition they need to learn and thrive throughout the school day.

To support this, we kindly ask that parents/carers do not send the following items for pupils to consume during break times:

- Crisps
- Biscuits
- Sweets
- Chocolate bars
- Cakes/cake bars

These types of snacks are high in sugar, fat and salt, which can negatively impact children's health and energy levels. Instead, we encourage pupils to bring in healthy, nutritious snacks such as:

- Fresh fruit
- Vegetable sticks (e.g. carrot, cucumber, pepper)
- Unsweetened dried fruit
 - Plain yoghurt
 - Wholegrain crackers
 - Cheese cubes

Providing healthy break time snacks helps our pupils develop good eating habits that will benefit them now and in the future. We appreciate your support in sending in nourishing options that will fuel our pupils' bodies and minds.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to speak with your child's teacher.

Together, we can ensure all our pupils have a happy and productive school day.



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](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>