



*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 St Andrews and Mary Howard Families,

As we approach the end of this spectacular half term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful progress we have made together at Mary Howard and St Andrews. It has been a busy and exciting time for our school community, and I am proud of the achievements we have celebrated.

This term, we also underwent a SIAMS inspection, which provided us with valuable insights into our strengths and areas for development. We are committed to ensuring that our schools continue to flourish in alignment with our Christian vision, and I look forward to sharing the outcomes with you soon.

Additionally, our TSSMAT reviews have been instrumental in supporting our ongoing school improvement efforts. These reviews allow us to reflect on our practises and ensure that we are providing the best possible education for our children.

We were also delighted to celebrate our brilliant Harvest Festivals in both of our churches. It was a joyous occasion that highlighted the importance of community and gratitude, and I thank everyone who contributed to making these events so special.

Furthermore, we have successfully held two Parent Forums this term. Your engagement and feedback are invaluable to us, and I appreciate your active participation in these discussions. Together, we can continue to enhance the educational experience for all our children.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated staff for their hard work and commitment. Their passion for teaching and nurturing our children is evident in everything they do. I also want to commend our children for their enthusiasm and for embodying our values in their daily lives.

As we head into the half term break, I wish you all a restful and enjoyable time with your families. In the spirit of our vision, I am reminded of the words from Matthew 13:31-32: "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." May we continue to nurture our children to grow and flourish in all that they do.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting term ahead.

Warm regards,  
 Rachel Mills  
 Executive Headteacher

# Dinners for Week Commencing 4th November 2024

This week is: Week 1

## WEEK 1



### MONDAY

CHOOSE FROM  
 ① Plant-based burger in a bap with diced potatoes  
 Spaghetti bolognaise  
 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 530 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 frittata  
 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

### 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

### 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

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

# What's Coming Up This Week

## Monday 4th November

- ◆ Inset Day– School Closed to Children

## Tuesday 5th November

- ◆ Children return to school
- St Andrews Parents Evening- 3pm-6pm (email office for a slot)
- ◆

## Wednesday 6th November

## Thursday 7th November

- ◆ Mary Howard's Parent's Evening– 3pm-6pm (email office for a slot)

## Friday 8th November

- ◆ Rock up and Read– 8:45-9:15
- ◆ PE kit

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

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### November

- 11.11– Anti Bullying week
- 12.11– Odd socks day
- 15.11-Children in Need
- 15.11– Mary Howard-Cake donations for Bliss Cake Sale
- 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,

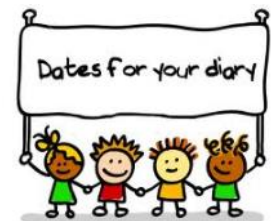
### Upcoming Church Events:

#### 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.



# TSSMAT Consultation

## 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>

# 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:** 3:00-6pm

**Booking:** email [standrewsoffice@tssmat.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:standrewsoffice@tssmat.staffs.sch.uk)

### **Mary Howard Primary Parents' Evening**

**Date:** Thursday 7th November

**Details:** 3:00-6pm

**Booking:** email [office-maryhoward@tssmat.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office-maryhoward@tssmat.staffs.sch.uk)

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.

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.



# 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)



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ASSOCIATION

BREAKFAST WITH

# Santa Claus

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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



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## Autumn VILLAGE TRAIL

HALF TERM FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

**26TH OCTOBER-1ST NOVEMBER**

EDINGALE, STAFFORDSHIRE

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## FESTIVE FRIDAY AND RAFFLE!

JOIN US FOR SANTA'S GROTTTO. CRAFTS. ELF-RIDDGES. DRINKS. DELICIOUS TREATS AND MUCH MORE!

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RAFFLE DRAWN AT 5PM

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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





## 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>



## **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