



*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,

What a busy and exciting week we have had at Mary Howard Primary and St. Andrews!

This week, we had the pleasure of capturing treasured moments with our school photos. It's always wonderful to see our children smiling and showcasing their unique personalities. These photographs will serve as cherished memories for years to come.

We also held our Macmillan Coffee Morning, which was a fantastic success! Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to this worthy cause. Your generosity and support make a significant difference in the lives of those affected by cancer.

Additionally, we were thrilled to welcome Pep the Poet to our schools. Our children had a fantastic time exploring their creativity and expressing themselves through rap. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to engage with poetry in a fun and dynamic way!

As we reflect on the week, I am reminded of the biblical quote from Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." This serves as a powerful reminder of the potential within each of our children and the support we provide to help them achieve their goals.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to more exciting events in the coming weeks!

Warm regards, Miss Mills

# Dinners for Week Commencing 9th September 2024

This week is: Week 2

## YOUR SCHOOL MENU

### 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  
 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  
 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  
 Vegetables of the day  
 TO FINISH  
 Freshly baked marble shortbread biscuit

#### THURSDAY

CHOOSE FROM  
 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

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

Vegan  
 Vegetarian

## What's Coming Up This Week

### Monday 30th September

- ♦ Restart Little Heroes Initiative- pupils get stickers each day they attend and arrive on time!
- ♦ PE kits

### Tuesday 1st October

- ♦ Mary Howard- One more step finish line-3pm
- ♦ St Andrew's Quiz Night at The Green Man-6pm

### Wednesday 2nd October

- ♦ Mary Howard- bag2school final donation day

### Thursday 3rd October

### Friday 4th October

- ♦ PE Kits
- ♦ Rock up and Read- 8:45-9:15- all welcome

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## Dates to Note

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### 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

### Upcoming Church Events:

#### Mary Howard

- Harvest - Wednesday 16th October at 9:15am.
- Christingle - Tuesday 10th December at 6pm.
- Nativity - Wednesday 18th December at 9:15am.

#### St Andrews

- Harvest - Thursday 17th October at 9:40am.
- Christingle - Wednesday 11th December at 6pm.
- Nativity - Tuesday 17th December at 9:15am.

# For Information



## 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 Holy Trinity 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.

Mary Howard

**ONE MORE STEP**  
ALONG THE MEASE I GO

**FOMH**  
Friends of Mary Howard

**FINISH**

YOU'RE INVITED

**FINISH LINE CELEBRATION!**

Families/carers and friends of all the school children and members of the local community are invited to join us to celebrate all the childrens' fabulous achievements on their final steps of the Mease walk. We'll have a free drink waiting for all who attend and cakes for sale to enjoy - again all profits going towards the school!

**SEE YOU THERE!**  
TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER  
3PM ON THE PLAYGROUND

SPONSORSHIP LINK  
<https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/p/mary-howard-growing-garden>

ST ANDREWS SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

**"BACK TO SCHOOL" PUB QUIZ**

Raising funds for a new school PA system!

Fun Prizes! Pick 'n' Mix! Pizza! Pints!

Free pizza for 1st round winner!

**OCTOBER 1ST** | 6PM (6:30 START) - 8:30PM  
The Green Man  
Clifton Campville

Maths? English? Science? Join us for an epic family pub quiz that takes everyone *back to school!* But with a pint this time! **TEAMS OF 6 OR LESS!**  
**£5 ADULT, £2 CHILD**  
Entry payable on evening

Sever's Pizza available on the night!



## 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