

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 Mease families,

It is such a joy to be back with you all on my first day back. Thank you to Mrs Orgill, Mrs Porter and the rest of my amazing team for ensuring it was 'business as usual' during my absence. The staffs' calm, care and professionalism meant our children returned to a settled, happy start which is obvious to see.

I am incredibly proud of both St Andrew's and Mary Howard. This week we welcomed TSSMAT reviewers who saw, first hand, how our teaching, learning and school environment reflect the love and expertise adults show our children. It was wonderful to hear praise for the way our pupils learn and grow in a place where they truly flourish.

Sporting life is already in full swing too-we had a strong turn-out at the MAT cross-country and it's brilliant to see children taking part with such enthusiasm and resilience.

Let us embrace being back together as one school family. I am excited to see what we will achieve this year as we live out our values of koinonia, wisdom, love and perseverance.

"With faith as small as a mustard seed... nothing will be impossible for you." — Matthew 17:20 (NIV)

With thanks and best wishes,

Rachel Mills

Executive Headteacher

What's coming up this week...

Monday 21st September

Please note sandwiches available only for this day to order due to repairs taking place in the kitchen.

Tuesday 22nd September

Wednesday 23rd September

PE Kit - Whole School

Willow and Oak please bring in your swimming kit

Ukulele lessons for Willow and Oak - please bring in your instrument

Thursday 24th September

PE Kit - Maple

Violin lessons - please bring in your instrument if you have these

Friday 25th September

PE Kit - Willow & Oak

MacMillan Coffee Morning @8.45-9.30 with a french twist. All Welcome! Cake donations night before/or the morning

Rawlett are here visiting our year 6 children.

Please access the Schools' website for key events -

St Andrew's- [Upcoming Events](#) | [St. Andrew's CE Primary School](#)

st-andrews-cliftoncampville.staffs.sch.uk

Dates to note...

September

- Fri 25th - MacMillan Coffee Morning - All Welcome!

October

- Thu 1st Oct - Harvest Worship in Church 9:15am
- Thu 1st Oct - Census Day - Please order a meal if you can.
- Fri 2nd Oct - Rock up & Read 8:45am-9:15am
- Fri 2nd Oct - The library bus is here!
- 5th-9th Oct - NSPCC kindness challenge week
- Fri 9th Oct - World Mental Health Day
- Tue 13th Oct - Parents Forum - 2:45pm
- Tue 13th Oct - Parents Evening - 3-6pm
- Fri 16th Oct - The library bus is here!
- Thu 22nd Oct - Let Your Light Shine celebration
- Fri 23rd Oct - Wear pink for breast cancer

Half Term - 26th-30th October

November

- Fri 6th November - Academy Photography is here please note this date has changed from September due to swimming.



Dinners for Week Commencing 2026 - 21st September Week 1

Please all can you preorder your children's meals on Arbor.



SUMMER MENU FROM JUNE 2026



V Vegetarian
VE Vegan
GF Gluten Free
DF Dairy Free

Week 1

Monday	Tuesday
Mains Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce (DF) Tomato and Herb Pasta Bake (V VE DF) Both options made with whole wheat pasta Sandwich option Ham or Cheese Desserts Fresh Fruit Salad with Unsweetened Cream Swirl	Mains All Day Breakfast Sausage, hashbrown, egg and beans Vegan Sausage All Day Breakfast (V VE) Sandwich option Ham or Cheese Desserts Sugar Free Jelly
Wednesday	Thursday
Mains Pepperoni topped Cheese and Tomato Pizza Sub Margherita Pizza Sub Both options served with Herby Diced Potatoes and Sweetcorn Sandwich Option Ham or Cheese Desserts Summer Fruit Baked Sponge Cake (v)	Mains BBO Chicken Served with brown rice and broccoli Tomato Pasta Bake Sandwich Option Tuna or Cheese Desserts Apple Crumble
Friday	Daily Options
Mains Cod Bites Breaded cod served with oven fried chips and peas Sweet Potato and Cauliflower Curry Sandwich Option Ham or Cheese Desserts Frozen yoghurt pot (Tofee or Strawberry flavour)	Jacket potatoes Freshly baked jacket potatoes. 1 filling from a choice of cheese or beans (v, ve, gf) Fresh fruit and salad bar available daily

Week 2

Monday	Tuesday
Mains Macaroni Cheese Bake Tomato Pasta Bake Both options made with whole wheat pasta, served with carrots Sandwich Option Tuna or Cheese Desserts Fruit Slices with Unsweetened Cream Swirl	Mains Chicken Korma Served with Brown Rice and Broccoli Cauliflower and Sweet Potato Korma (V VE DF) Sandwich Option Ham or Cheese Desserts Sugar Free Jelly
Wednesday	Thursday
Mains Pepperoni Topped Cheese and Tomato Pizza Sub Margherita Pizza Sub (V VE) Both options served with herby diced potatoes and sweetcorn Sandwich Option Ham or Cheese Desserts Apple baked sponge cake (v)	Mains Chicken Fajitas Vegetable Fajitas Both options served with brown rice and carrots Sandwich options Ham or Cheese Desserts Baked Fruit Crumble
Friday	Daily Options
Mains Cod Bites Breaded cod served with oven fried chips and peas Tomato Pasta Bake (V VE DF) Sandwich Option Ham or Cheese Desserts Frozen yoghurt pot (Tofee or Strawberry flavour)	Jacket potatoes Freshly baked jacket potatoes. 1 filling from a choice of cheese or beans (v, ve, gf) Fresh fruit and salad bar available daily

Week 3

Monday	Tuesday
Mains Pepperoni and Tomato Pasta Bake Served with carrots Tomato Pasta Bake Both made using whole wheat pasta Sandwich Options Ham or Cheese Desserts Homemade Fruit Salad - unsweetened cream optional	Mains Sweet and Sour Chicken Cheesy Bean Burrito Both served with brown rice Sandwich Option Ham or Cheese Desserts Sugar Free Jelly
Wednesday	Thursday
Mains Pepperoni Topped Cheese and Tomato Pizza Sub Margherita Pizza Sub (V VE) Both options served with herby diced potatoes and sweetcorn Sandwich Option Tuna or Cheese Desserts Chocolate sponge cake	Mains Roast Chicken Served with roast potatoes, yorkshire pudding, broccoli and gravy Vegetarian Sausage Roast Dinner Sandwich Option Ham or Cheese Desserts Fruit Crumble
Friday	Daily Options
Mains Cod Bites Breaded cod served with oven fried chips and peas Tomato Pasta Bake (V VE DF) Sandwich Option Ham or Cheese Desserts Frozen yoghurt pot (Tofee or Strawberry flavour)	Jacket potatoes Freshly baked jacket potatoes. 1 filling from a choice of cheese or beans (v, ve, gf) Fresh fruit and salad bar available daily

All of our food is made on site using the freshest ingredients and complies with all Government legislation for nutritional value for schools

Tax-free Childcare

Tax-Free Childcare can help with the cost of paying for childcare.

You'll need to set up a childcare account, which both you and the government will pay into. You can then use this money to pay your childcare provider.

For every £8 you pay into the account, the government will top it up by £2.

The total top up you can get for each child is £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year). This goes up to £1,000 every 3 months if your child is disabled (up to £4,000 a year).

You'll usually need to be working (or returning to work) and your child must be 11 or younger (16 or younger if they're disabled).

How it works

Once you have a childcare account, you can pay money into your account by Direct Debit, standing order or bank transfer.

Your payment will usually appear in your childcare account within one working day. The government's payment is added at the same time.

You can then pay your childcare provider.

You must sign in to your childcare account every 3 months to confirm you're still eligible. If you do not, your Tax-Free Childcare will stop.

For more information go to <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>.

Free School Meals

Dear all

If you think you may be eligible for Free school meals or would like to check please complete the form below:

<https://fsm.app.staffordshire.gov.uk/>

If it comes up with a green tick and tells you that you are entitled it will tell you if you are entitled to expanded or targeted FSM. Please then tell us in the office the result so we can put this on to Arbor for you.

Thank you

CENSUS DAY MENU

Thursday 1st October



Pepperoni pizza sub
with vegetables and
herby diced potatoes

Margarita pizza sub
with vegetables and
herby diced potatoes



Jacket potatoes
with cheese or beans

Ham or cheese
sandwiches



Fresh fruit platter

Good
Food
=
Happy
Learners
😊

Chocolate cake

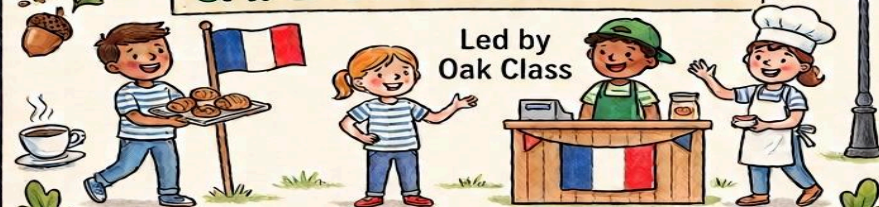


MARY HOWARD
PRIMARY SCHOOL

MACMILLAN
COFFEE MORNING

CELEBRATE
EUROPEAN DAY
OF LANGUAGES!

CAFÉ OAK: BONJOUR!



Led by
Oak Class

WHEN: FRIDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER

TIME: 8:45 AM – 9:30 AM

WHERE: SCHOOL HALL

WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS!

FRENCH-THEMED ITEMS WELCOME!

Breakfast Pastries (Croissants, Pain au Chocolat),
Crepes, Madeleines, French Apple Tarts, etc.
(Other items also greatly appreciated!)

All Proceeds go to

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT.

Cross Country

Well done to The Mease for participating in this year's cross country event. You all showed great perseverance when the distance became challenging along with a love for representing our schools.



This Weeks Attendance @ St Andrews

Government guidelines on attendance

Full attendance (100%) should be the standard expected.

Attendance of 97% or above is very good,

97-95% is good,

95-90% is poor

Below 90% is a serious cause for concern.

Reception 100.0%

Year 1 96.7%

Year 2 100%

Year 3 100%

Year 4 97.8%

Year 5 100%

Year 6 97.1%

Well done to Reception, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 this week's 100% attendance!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

ATTENDANCE DURING ONE SCHOOL YEAR	EQUALS APPROXIMATE DAYS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY WEEKS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY LESSONS MISSED
95%	9 days	2 weeks	40 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	80 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	120 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	160 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11 ½ weeks	230 lessons
65%	67 days	13 ½ weeks	270 lessons

GETTING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL REALLY DOES MATTER

DID YOU KNOW...?

In a school year, if your child is late every day by...

	Your child would have lost approximately...	or they would have missed approximately...
5 minutes	3 days from school	12 lessons
10 minutes	6 days from school	24 lessons
15 minutes	9 days from school	36 lessons
20 minutes	12 days from school	48 lessons
30 minutes	18 days from school	72 lessons

PLEASE ENCOURAGE PUNCTUALITY TO MAINTAIN ATTENDANCE

Reminders

Injury on arrival forms

If your child comes to school with an injury please can you inform the member of staff on the door who will get you to complete an injury on arrival form. Thank you

Arbor payments

Would you please check your Arbor Parental Portal for any outstanding payments. We would like to keep all accounts in credit or cleared of any debt.

Important: Urgent Safety Notice Regarding School Access

We are writing to ask for your urgent cooperation regarding morning drop-offs and afternoon pick-ups. To ensure the safety of all our pupils and to allow the school to function smoothly, please adhere to the following:

No Access to School Gates: Please do not drive into the school gates at any time. This area must remain clear for staff access and emergency vehicles. **Keep Zig-Zags Clear:** Do not park or pull over on the yellow zig-zag lines, or opposite the road from them. These are in place to provide a clear line of sight for children crossing the road.

We appreciate your support in keeping our school environment safe and accessible for everyone.

Term Dates 2026-2027

Autumn Term 2026

Please note there has been a change of inset days to include the 2nd of September instead of the 21st of July due to staff training.

Inset Day: Tuesday 1 September

Inset Day: Wednesday 2 September

Term Starts: Thursday 3 September

Holiday: Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October

Inset day: Monday 2 November

Term Ends: Friday 18 December

Holiday: Monday 21 December – Friday 1 January

Spring Term 2027

Inset day: Monday 4 January

Term starts: Tuesday 5th January

Holiday: Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February

Term Ends: Thursday 25 March

Holiday: Monday 29 March – Friday 9 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 28 March

Summer Term 2027

Term Starts: Monday 12 April

May Day: Monday 3 May

Holiday: Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June

Inset Day: Monday 7th June

Term Ends: Wednesday 21 July

Holiday: Thursday 22nd July – Friday 3 September