



*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

This week, our Oak class children have been developing an important life skill—biking safely on the road. We are proud to see them learning how to navigate traffic with confidence and care, ensuring they stay safe while enjoying their rides.

Please be aware that there has been a spate of chickenpox cases in school. We kindly ask parents to be vigilant for symptoms, which include a red, itchy rash that usually starts on the chest, back, and face, along with fever and tiredness. For detailed care advice, please refer to the NHS guidance on chickenpox:

- Keep your child at home until all spots have crusted over (usually 5 days from the rash appearing).
- Use calamine lotion or antihistamines to relieve itching.
- Ensure your child stays hydrated and rests well.

If you suspect your child has chickenpox, please inform the school and seek medical advice as needed.

Our after-school clubs are thriving! Miss Hemmings, who has a passion for the outdoors and creativity, has been leading wonderful activities. Recently, children have been making fragrant lavender bags, a delightful craft that combines nature and creativity.

We are inspired by the words from Philippians 2:4: *"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."* This reminds us of the importance of caring and sharing within our community.

Wishing everyone a restful and joyful weekend!

Warm regards,

*Rachel Mills*

*Executive Headteacher*

<i>What's coming up this week...</i>	<i>Dates to note...</i>
<p><b><u>Monday 26th January</u></b> PE Kit - Willow</p>	<p><b>February</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2nd February - Parents Evening Maple and Oak 3-6pm</li> <li>● 5th February - Egyptian Day - Willow class both schools at St Andrews</li> <li>● 6th February - The Library Bus is here!</li> <li>● 6th February - Rock up &amp; Read</li> <li>● 9th February - Parents Evening Willow 3-6pm</li> <li>● 9th - 13th February - Children's Mental Health Week</li> <li>● 10th February - Oak Class Netball at Richard Crosse 4pm</li> <li>● 10th February - Safer Internet Day</li> <li>● 12th February - Tamworth Swimming Heats @ Belgrave - parents of those attending have been sent details on Dojo.</li> <li>● 13th February - Let your light shine worship 9am</li> <li>● <b>16th - 20th February - Half Term Break!</b></li> <li>● 17th February - Pancake Day</li> <li>● 23rd February - Return to School</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Tuesday 27th January</u></b></p>	
<p><b><u>Wednesday 28th January</u></b> PE Kit - Maple &amp; Oak</p>	
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<p><b>Please note: due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to postpone Parent Forum- a new date will be arranged.</b></p> <p>Please access the Schools' website for key events - St Andrew's- <a href="#">Upcoming Events   St. Andrew's CE Primary School</a> <a href="http://st-andrews-cliftoncampville.staffs.sch.uk">st-andrews-cliftoncampville.staffs.sch.uk</a></p>	

# Dinners for Week Commencing 26th January 2026 - Week 1

Please all can you preorder your childrens meals on Arbor



**Week 1**

<b>Mains</b> Beef Bolognese 100% beef bolognese with sliced garlic bread	<b>Mains</b> Tuna and Cheese Pasta Bake Served with diced herb potatoes
<b>Sides</b> Seasonal vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar	<b>Sides</b> Seasonal vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar
<b>Desserts</b> Homemade Apple Cake (v) or Fresh Fruit	<b>Desserts</b> Natural Yoghurt (v) or Fresh Fruit

  

<b>Mains</b> Cheese and Tomato Pizza Homemade Pizza Dough topped with Cheese and Tomato. Served with Potato Croquettes	<b>Mains</b> Roast Chicken 100% Chicken breast, served with roast potatoes, yorkshire pudding and gravy
<b>Sides</b> Seasonal vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar	<b>Sides</b> Seasonal Vegetables of the day and homemade fresh salad bar
<b>Desserts</b> Freshly Baked Oat and Raisin Cookies (v) or Fresh Fruit	<b>Desserts</b> Apple and Berry Crumble (v) Fresh Fruit

  

<b>Mains</b> Fish Fingers Breaded cod served with oven fried chips	<b>Daily Options</b> <b>Jacket Potatoes</b> Freshly baked jacket potatoes. 1 filling from a choice of Tuna, Cheese or Beans (v, ve, gf)
<b>Sides</b> Seasonal vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar	<b>Tomato Pasta Bake</b> Wholemeal pasta in a tomato sauce (v, ve, gf)
<b>Desserts</b> Ice Cream (v, ve, gf) or Fresh Fruit	<b>Homemade Toasties</b> 50/50 bread, with filling options of Tuna, Cheese or Ham.

  

<b>Mains</b> Homemade Soup and Sandwich Soup made using fresh seasonal vegetables. Some vegetables are grown in the school allotments at selected schools. 50/50 bread, with filling options of Tuna, Cheese or Ham.	<b>Daily Options</b> <b>Jacket Potatoes</b> Freshly baked jacket potatoes. 1 filling from a choice of Tuna, Cheese or Beans (v, ve, gf)
<b>Sides</b> All options are served with seasonal vegetables, potato option of the day and fresh salad bar	<b>Tomato Pasta Bake</b> Wholemeal pasta in a tomato sauce (v, ve, gf)
<b>Desserts</b> All options are served with seasonal vegetables, potato option of the day and fresh salad bar	<b>Homemade Toasties</b> 50/50 bread, with filling options of Tuna, Cheese or Ham.

**WINTER MENU  
FROM NOVEMBER 2025**

**Week 2**

<b>Mains</b> BBQ Chicken 100% chicken breast, topped with BBQ sauce and sliced peppers	<b>Mains</b> All day breakfast 100% Pork sausage, beans, hash brown and an egg omelette
<b>Sides</b> Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar	<b>Sides</b> Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar
<b>Desserts</b> Chocolate and Caramel Cake Cocoa chocolate and sugar free condensed milk caramel cake (v) Fresh Fruit	<b>Desserts</b> Homemade Raisin Flapjack (v, ve) or Fresh Fruit

  

<b>Mains</b> Cottage Pie 100% beef. Topped with sliced potatoes and gravy.	<b>Mains</b> Roast Ham 100% pork, served with roast potatoes, yorkshire pudding and gravy or cheese sauce
<b>Sides</b> Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar	<b>Sides</b> Seasonal Vegetables of the day and homemade fresh salad bar
<b>Desserts</b> Apple Crumble (v) or Fresh Fruit	<b>Desserts</b> Homemade Chocolate Brownie (v) Cocoa chocolate brownie Fresh Fruit

  

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<b>Desserts</b> Ice Cream (v, ve, gf) or Fresh Fruit	<b>Homemade Toasties</b> 50/50 bread, with filling options of Tuna, Cheese or Ham.

**Week 3**

<b>Mains</b> Pork Meatballs Pork meatballs served in a tomato and basil sauce with wholemeal pasta and Garlic Bread	<b>Mains</b> Sausage and Bean Casserole Pork sausage in a baked bean casserole sauce topped with sliced potatoes
<b>Sides</b> Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar	<b>Sides</b> Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar
<b>Desserts</b> Natural Yoghurt (v) or Fresh Fruit	<b>Desserts</b> Lemon Cake (v) or Fresh Fruit

  

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<b>Sides</b> Seasonal Vegetables of the day and homemade fresh salad bar	<b>Sides</b> Seasonal Vegetables of the day and homemade fresh salad bar
<b>Desserts</b> Fresh Berry Sponge Cake (v) or Fresh Fruit	<b>Desserts</b> Pancakes and fresh fruit (v) or Natural Yoghurt

  

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



**SALAD  
AVAILABLE DAILY**

<b>V</b> Vegetarian	<b>VE</b> Vegan
<b>GF</b> Gluten Free	<b>DF</b> Dairy Free

- The RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch 2026 takes place over the weekend 23rd – 25th January 2026.
- To take part, you need to sign up at the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch website. [Big Schools' Birdwatch 2026](#)
- It is the UK's biggest citizen science wildlife survey. By taking part, you can help develop an understanding of how garden birds are doing right now.

## Taking part is as easy as 1, 2, 3

### 1. Register today

Sign up (it's free!) and you'll get all the information, links and downloadable resources you'll need for running your Big Schools' Birdwatch. This year, all resources are available digitally, which provides thousands more teachers with a range of quality materials to use with their pupils.

- Register and download our resources straight away.

All our resources support curriculum learning, including providing you with historical records of Big Schools' Birdwatch, so you can compare what you see. All resources are available bilingually for schools in Wales. We have activities you can do before, during and after your Birdwatch, including ones to help your pupils to consider how being in nature impacts their mental health and wellbeing.

### 2. Get counting

Get counting in your school grounds at any time between 6 January and 13 February 2026.

Why not make your Big Schools' Birdwatch count towards an RSPB Wild Challenge Award? This free scheme encourages pupils to discover more wildlife and help the nature in your school grounds.

### 3. Submit your results

Submit your results online. It's easy to do with your class interactively on the whiteboard. We really want to know what you see, even if you see nothing at all.

You'll receive certificates to print out for your class. You'll also get links to more resources including additional historical data, which you can use to compare your sightings with national results from previous years. In addition, you'll receive follow-up lessons specially produced by Archives IT, in collaboration with the RSPB.

You need to submit your results by 23 February 2026.



# Weekly Talk Task - Helping our children find their voices, one conversation at a time.

Welcome to the second Mease Talk Task. We are on a mission to turn every home into a "Talk-Rich Zone." Oracy isn't just about speaking; it's about the confidence to own your ideas and the empathy to hear others.

## ACTIVE LISTENING FOCUS

- ⦿ Make eye contact with the speaker
- ☒ Wait for a pause before responding
- 💬 Ask a follow-up question- e.g., "How would we keep a dragon in the garage?"

## 💬 WEEKLY TALK PROMPT

"If you could have any animal in the world (real or mythical) as a ride-to-school companion, which would it be?"

Challenge: Can you persuade your family that your chosen animal is the best mode of transport?

## VOCABULARY SPOTLIGHT

**Unique:** One of a kind.

**Practical:** Effective/useful.

**Efficient:** Fast without wasting energy.

## Sentence Stems

Use these to help build your argument:

- "I believe a [animal] would be the best choice because..."
- "In addition to that, it would also help us by..."
- "I understand your point, but have you considered...?"

EYFS/KS1: Focus on sensory details. What colour is the animal? Is the fur soft or are the scales bumpy? What sound does it make when it arrives at the school gate?

KS2: Try to 'sell' the benefits! Why is this animal better than a car or a bus? Is it better for the environment? Does it save time?

## Wraparound Care!



**Please go onto the website for registration, medical and policy forms - download and complete and give to the office.**

<https://st-andrews-cliftoncampville.staffs.sch.uk/our-school/care-club>

**Please also book your place via Arbor**

## Job Vacancies

Contract: Cook Permanent

Salary: G3 £25,185 FTE Actual £11,761

Closing date for applications: 22 February 2026, 5.00pm

Interview Date: 27 February 2026

We're looking for an enthusiastic cook, with a love for providing healthy delicious food to our pupils to join our friendly team at All Saints Primary School, Ranton.

You will cook and serve a pre-set menu to between 30-50 children, and be expected to clean the kitchen to the required standard afterwards. You will be responsible for ordering and stock control, as well as hygiene and cleanliness in the kitchen. You should take pride in the presentation of your food, and aim to increase the number of children taking school meals. The role is term time only, and subject to a 6 month probation period.

The role is based at All Saints CE Primary & Nursery School, Bourne Avenue, Ranton, Stafford. The role is 20 hours per week, and hours worked are 10am - 2pm, Monday to Friday, term time only.

Interviews will be held on Friday 27th February for an asap start date.

[Cook | The Staffordshire Schools Multi Academy Trust](#)

Contract: Casual Cook Permanent

Salary: Grade 3 FTE £25,185 Actual Salary £3,234

Closing date for applications: 17 February 2026, 5.00pm

We are looking for a casual cook to cover release time in our Richard Crosse kitchen. You will fill in while our Catering Supervisor is out, preparing and serving food from a preset menu, and cleaning the kitchen to a high standard. Average 68 covers in the kitchen per day, depending on menu choice.

The role is 5.5 hours per week, to cover 1 day in the kitchen. Days will be discussed with the successful candidate and the Catering Supervisor. Additional hours may be offered on an adhoc basis. The role is permanent and term time only. Link to the job is below

[Casual Cook | The Staffordshire Schools Multi Academy Trust](#)



# THANK YOU!!

Last term we raised £2,229.87!

FUNDRAISED (PROFIT)	FUNDED
Reading Shed Opening £36.87	Zactiv Gladiator Visit (& foam fingers) £430.84
Break The Rules Day £63	Christmas Gifts £105.13
Rocket & Roll Disco £164.32	Pantomime £280
Breakfast With Santa £824.26	Coach for Statfold trip £40
Christingle £133.33	
SASA School Lottery £887.20	
Christmas Cards £36.50	
Reindeer Races & Crimbo	
Cash Grab £84.39	
Total £2,229.87	Total £855.97

## *Reminders*

### **Parents Evening - 2nd February**

Parents Evening slots are now available to book on Arbor 3pm - 6pm - slots are going fast so please log on to book! Once booked this is your confirmed time. Please note that we are only able to offer one 10-minute slot per child.

### **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.

Thank you for your understanding.

## *Term Dates 2025-2026*

### **Autumn Term 2025**

**Term Ends:** Friday 19 December

**Holiday:** Monday 22 December – Friday 2 January

### **Spring Term 2026**

**Inset Day:** Monday 5 January

**Term Starts:** Tuesday 6 January

**Holiday:** Monday 16 February – Friday 20 February

**Term Ends:** Friday 27 March

**Holiday:** Monday 30 March – Friday 10 April

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday 5 April

### **Summer Term 2026**

**Term Starts:** Monday 13 April

**May Day:** Monday 4 May

**Holiday:** Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May

**Term Ends:** Friday 17 July

**Inset:** Monday 20 July

**Holiday:** Monday 20 July – Monday 31 August

