



*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*

## What's coming up this week...

### Monday 26th January

PE Kit - Willow

### Tuesday 27th January

### Wednesday 28th January

PE Kit - Maple & Oak

### Thursday 29th January

PE Kit - Maple & Oak

### Friday 30th January

PE Kit - Willow

Ukulele lessons Willow - Please bring in your instrument

**Please note: due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to postpone Parent Forum- a new date will be arranged.**

**Please access the Schools' website for key events -**

St Andrew's- [Upcoming Events | St. Andrew's CE Primary School](http://st-andrews-cliftoncampville.staffs.sch.uk)  
([st-andrews-cliftoncampville.staffs.sch.uk](http://st-andrews-cliftoncampville.staffs.sch.uk))

## Dates to note...

### February

- 2nd February - Parents Evening Maple and Oak 3-6pm
- 5th February - Egyptian Day - Willow class both schools at St Andrews
- 6th February - The Library Bus is here!
- 6th February - Rock up & Read
- 9th February - Parents Evening Willow 3-6pm
- 9th - 13th February - Children's Mental Health Week
- 10th February - Oak Class Netball at Richard Crosse 4pm
- 10th February - Safer Internet Day
- 12th February - Tamworth Swimming Heats @ Belgrave - parents of those attending have been sent details on Dojo.
- 13th February - Let your light shine worship 9am
- 16th - 20th February - Half Term Break!
- 17th February - Pancake Day
- 23rd February - Return to School

### March

- 3rd March - Academy Photos- groups and leavers
- 6th March - The Library Bus is here!
- 6th March - Rock up & Read
- 11th March - Boccia event @ The Howard 3-5pm
- 12th March - Mothering Sunday in Church 9:15am
- 20th March - Red Nose Day
- 20th March - The Library Bus is here!
- 26th March - Easter Worship in Church 9:15am
- 27th March - Living out our school vision worship - 9am in school

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

Please all can you preorder your childrens meals on Arbor



## WINTER MENU FROM NOVEMBER 2025



V Vegetarian  
VE Vegan  
GF Gluten Free  
DF Dairy Free

### Week 1

#### Monday

##### Mains

Beef Bolognese  
100% beef bolognese with sliced garlic bread

##### Sides

Seasonal vegetables of the day and  
Homemade fresh salad bar

##### Desserts

Homemade Apple Cake (v) or  
Fresh Fruit

#### Tuesday

##### Mains

Tuna and Cheese Pasta Bake  
Served with diced herby potatoes

##### Sides

Seasonal vegetables of the day and  
Homemade fresh salad bar

##### Desserts

Natural Yoghurt (v) or  
Fresh Fruit

#### Wednesday

##### Mains

Cheese and Tomato Pizza  
Homemade Pizza Dough topped with  
Cheese and Tomato. Served with Potato  
Croquettes

##### Sides

Seasonal vegetables of the day and  
Homemade fresh salad bar

##### Desserts

Freshly Baked Oat and Raisin  
Cookies (v) or  
Fresh Fruit

#### Thursday

##### Mains

Roast Chicken  
100% Chicken breast, served with roast  
potatoes, yorkshire pudding and gravy

##### Sides

Seasonal Vegetables of the day and  
homemade fresh salad bar

##### Desserts

Apple and Berry Crumble (v)  
Fresh Fruit

#### Friday

##### Mains

Fish Fingers  
Breaded cod served with oven fried chips

##### Sides

Seasonal vegetables of the day and  
Homemade fresh salad bar

##### Desserts

Ice Cream (v, ve, gf) or  
Fresh Fruit

#### Daily Options

##### Jacket Potatoes

Freshly baked jacket potatoes. 1 filling from a  
choice of Tuna, Cheese or Beans (v, ve, gf)

##### Tomato Pasta Bake

Wholemeal pasta in a tomato sauce (v, ve, gf)

##### Homemade Toasties

50/50 bread, with filling options of Tuna,  
Cheese or Ham

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.

All options are served with seasonal  
vegetables, potato option of the day  
and fresh salad bar

### Week 2

#### Monday

##### Mains

BBQ Chicken  
100% chicken breast, topped with BBQ  
sauce and sliced peppers

##### Sides

Seasonal Vegetables of the day and  
Homemade fresh salad bar

##### Desserts

Chocolate and Caramel Cake  
Cocoa chocolate and sugar free condensed  
milk caramel cake (v)  
Fresh Fruit

#### Wednesday

##### Mains

Cottage Pie  
100% beef. Topped with sliced potatoes and  
gravy.

##### Sides

Seasonal Vegetables of the day and  
Homemade fresh salad bar

##### Desserts

Apple Crumble (v) or  
Fresh Fruit

#### Friday

##### Mains

Fish Fingers  
Breaded cod served with oven fried chips

##### Sides

Seasonal Vegetables of the day and  
Homemade fresh salad bar

##### Desserts

Ice Cream (v, ve, gf) or  
Fresh Fruit

#### Tuesday

##### Mains

All day breakfast  
100% Pork sausage, beans, hash brown  
and an egg omelette

##### Sides

Seasonal Vegetables of the day and  
Homemade fresh salad bar

##### Desserts

Homemade Raisin Flapjack (v, ve) or  
Fresh Fruit

#### Thursday

##### Mains

Roast Ham  
100% pork, served with roast potatoes,  
yorkshire pudding and gravy or cheese  
sauce

##### Sides

Seasonal Vegetables of the day and  
homemade fresh salad bar

##### Desserts

Homemade Chocolate Brownie (v)  
Cocoa chocolate brownie  
Fresh Fruit

#### Daily Options

##### Jacket Potatoes

Freshly baked jacket potatoes. 1 filling from a  
choice of Tuna, Cheese or Beans (v, ve, gf)

##### Tomato Pasta Bake

Wholemeal pasta in a tomato sauce (v, ve, gf)

##### Homemade Toasties

50/50 bread, with filling options of Tuna,  
Cheese or Ham

Homemade Soup and Sandwich  
Soup made using fresh seasonal vegetables.  
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with filling options of Tuna, Cheese or Ham.

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vegetables, potato option of the day  
and fresh salad bar

### Week 3

#### Monday

##### Mains

Pork Meatballs  
Pork meatballs served in a tomato and basil  
sauce with wholemeal pasta and Garlic  
Bread

##### Sides

Seasonal Vegetables of the day and  
Homemade fresh salad bar

##### Desserts

Natural Yoghurt (v) or  
Fresh Fruit

#### Wednesday

##### Mains

Cheese and Tomato Pizza  
Homemade Pizza Dough topped with  
Cheese and Tomato. Served with Potato  
Croquettes

##### Sides

Seasonal Vegetables of the day and  
Homemade fresh salad bar

##### Desserts

Pancakes and fresh fruit (v) or  
Natural Yoghurt

#### Friday

##### Mains

Fish Fingers  
Breaded cod served with oven fried chips

##### Sides

Seasonal Vegetables of the day and  
Homemade fresh salad bar

##### Desserts

Ice Cream (v, ve, gf) or  
Fresh Fruit

#### Tuesday

##### Mains

Sausage and Bean Casserole  
Pork sausage in a baked bean casserole  
sauce topped with sliced potatoes

##### Sides

Seasonal Vegetables of the day and  
Homemade fresh salad bar

##### Desserts

Lemon Cake (v) or  
Fresh Fruit

#### Thursday

##### Mains

Roast Chicken  
100% Chicken breast, served with roast  
potatoes, yorkshire pudding and gravy

##### Sides

Seasonal Vegetables of the day and  
homemade fresh salad bar

##### Desserts

Fresh Berry Sponge Cake (v) or  
Fresh Fruit

#### Daily Options

##### Jacket Potatoes

Freshly baked jacket potatoes. 1 filling from a  
choice of Tuna, Cheese or Beans (v, ve, gf)

##### Tomato Pasta Bake

Wholemeal pasta in a tomato sauce (v, ve, gf)

##### Homemade Toasties

50/50 bread, with filling options of Tuna,  
Cheese or Ham

Homemade Soup and Sandwich  
Soup made using fresh seasonal vegetables.  
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and fresh salad bar

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

- 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!



**Wrap  
Around  
Care**

**After School Club (Everyday)**

- ✓ Lego
- ✓ Crafts/Arts
- ✓ Board Games
- ✓ ICT
- ✓ Outdoor Activities

After school club session 1 (3.30 – 4.30 pm): £5.20  
After school club Session 2 (3.30 – 5.15 pm): £9.05 Includes a drink and a snack  
Fruit and water are available to all children throughout the sessions

**BOOKABLE VIA ARBOR AND COMPLETE ALL  
FORMS AND SIGN POLICY AVAILABLE ON  
WEBSITE**

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](#)

# SASA



## THANK YOU!!

Last term we raised £2,229.87!

### FUNDRAISED (PROFIT)

Reading Shed Opening  
£36.87  
Break The Rules Day £63  
Rocket & Roll Disco £164.32  
Breakfast With Santa  
£824.26  
Christingle £133.33  
SASA School Lottery  
£887.20  
Christmas Cards £36.50  
Reindeer Races & Crimbo  
Cash Grab £84.39

Total £2,229.87

### FUNDED

Zactiv Gladiator Visit (&  
foam fingers) £430.84  
Christmas Gifts £105.13  
Pantomime £280  
Coach for Statfold trip £40

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

