

Koinonia- Wisdom-Love- Perseverance



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

The festive spirit is truly alive in our school! Our cheeky elves have been making mischievous appearances around the corridors, and the sound of Christmas songs fills the air as we begin our performance practises.

Our Reverse Advent Calendar is going wonderfully, and I want to extend a heartfelt thank you for all your generous donations to the Tamworth Foodbank. Your kindness will make a real difference to local families this Christmas.

I'm delighted to celebrate some wonderful moments from recent weeks. Our Stay and Play sessions - the last of this year - have been magical. It's been incredible to see our potential new children already feeling part of our school family, settling in with such confidence and joy.

A massive thank you to our brilliant SASA who spent the weekend hosting Breakfast with Santa. Your hard work and dedication in organising these events truly embody the community spirit we cherish. I'm grateful to all the families who supported the event and those who helped run the breakfasts. A special thanks to SANTA too- he was amazing!

With the festive season in full swing, it's a busy time of year. I encourage everyone to keep an eye out for upcoming events and make sure you don't miss anything special.



"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." - Isaiah 9:6

Warmest wishes,

Rachel Mills

Executive Headteacher

What's coming up this week...

Monday 8th December

PE Kit - Willow

Singing at the village hall coffee shop - 10-10:30am

Please can everyone bring in a large orange today to decorate for the Christingle!

Tuesday 9th December

Wednesday 10th December

PE Kit - Maple & Oak

Thursday 11th December

PE Kit - Maple & Oak Class

Christingle Service 6pm in church - Donations to be made to the link below instead of cash donations on the day:

[The Children's Society | Christingle Donations](#)

Friday 12th December

PE Kit - Willow

Rick Whittington Panto Performance at SA Church 1.45pm to 3pm

The Library Bus is here!

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...

December

- 8th December - Singing at the village hall coffee shop - 10-10:30am
- 11th December - Christingle Service 6pm in church
- 12th December - Rick Whittington Panto Performance at SA Church 1.45pm to 3pm
- 12th December - The Library Bus is here!
- 15th December - Singing at the village hall coffee shop - 10-10:30am
- 17th December - Christmas dinner at school
- 17th December - The Reindeer Races 2pm - Dress festive! - See SASA events
- 18th December - Nativity in Church - followed by living out our school vision worship 9:15am
- 18th December - Christmas parties
- 19th December - Christmas Jumper Day!
- 19th December - Christmas trip to Statfold- TBC
- **22nd December - 2nd January - Christmas Holiday**

January

- **5th January - Inset Day**
- **6th January - Return to School**
- 9th January - The Library Bus is here!
- 21st - 23rd January - Oak Class Bikeability - Children need to have their own suitable bike and helmet bought into school. Please let us know if this is not possible.
- 23rd January - The Library Bus is here!

Dinners for Week Commencing 8th December 2025 - Week 3

The New Menu is now on Arbor - Please all can you preorder your childrens meals



WINTER MENU

FROM NOVEMBER 2025



V Vegetarian
VE Vegan
GF Gluten Free
DF Dairy Free

Week 1		Week 2		Week 3	
<p>Monday</p> <p>Mains</p> <p>Beef Bolognese 100% beef bolognese with sliced garlic bread</p> <p>Sides</p> <p>Seasonal vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar</p> <p>Desserts</p> <p>Homemade Apple Cake (v) or Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>Tuesday</p> <p>Mains</p> <p>Tuna and Cheese Pasta Bake Served with diced herby potatoes</p> <p>Sides</p> <p>Seasonal vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar</p> <p>Desserts</p> <p>Natural Yoghurt (v) or Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>Monday</p> <p>Mains</p> <p>BBQ Chicken 100% chicken breast, topped with BBQ sauce and sliced peppers</p> <p>Sides</p> <p>Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar</p> <p>Desserts</p> <p>Chocolate and Caramel Cake Cocoa chocolate and sugar free condensed milk caramel cake (v) Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>Tuesday</p> <p>Mains</p> <p>All day breakfast 100% Pork sausage, beans, hash brown and an egg omelette</p> <p>Sides</p> <p>Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar</p> <p>Desserts</p> <p>Homemade Raisin Flapjack (v, ve) or Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>Monday</p> <p>Mains</p> <p>Pork Meatballs Pork meatballs served in a tomato and basil sauce with wholemeal pasta and Garlic Bread</p> <p>Sides</p> <p>Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar</p> <p>Desserts</p> <p>Natural Yoghurt (v) or Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>Tuesday</p> <p>Mains</p> <p>Sausage and Bean Casserole Pork sausage in a baked bean casserole sauce topped with sliced potatoes</p> <p>Sides</p> <p>Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar</p> <p>Desserts</p> <p>Lemon Cake (v) or Fresh Fruit</p>
<p>Wednesday</p> <p>Mains</p> <p>Cheese and Tomato Pizza Homemade Pizza Dough topped with Cheese and Tomato. Served with Potato Croquettes</p> <p>Sides</p> <p>Seasonal vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar</p> <p>Desserts</p> <p>Freshly Baked Oat and Raisin Cookies (v) or Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>Thursday</p> <p>Mains</p> <p>Roast Chicken 100% Chicken breast, served with roast potatoes, yorkshire pudding and gravy</p> <p>Sides</p> <p>Seasonal Vegetables of the day and homemade fresh salad bar</p> <p>Desserts</p> <p>Apple Crumble (v) Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>Wednesday</p> <p>Mains</p> <p>Cottage Pie 100% beef. Topped with sliced potatoes and gravy.</p> <p>Sides</p> <p>Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar</p> <p>Desserts</p> <p>Apple Crumble (v) or Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>Thursday</p> <p>Mains</p> <p>Roast Ham 100% pork, served with roast potatoes, yorkshire pudding and gravy or cheese sauce</p> <p>Sides</p> <p>Seasonal Vegetables of the day and homemade fresh salad bar</p> <p>Desserts</p> <p>Homemade Chocolate Brownie (v) Cocoa chocolate brownie Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>Wednesday</p> <p>Mains</p> <p>Cheese and Tomato Pizza Homemade Pizza Dough topped with Cheese and Tomato. Served with Potato Croquettes</p> <p>Sides</p> <p>Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar</p> <p>Desserts</p> <p>Pancakes and fresh fruit (v) or Natural Yoghurt</p>	<p>Thursday</p> <p>Mains</p> <p>Roast Chicken 100% Chicken breast, served with roast potatoes, yorkshire pudding and gravy</p> <p>Sides</p> <p>Seasonal Vegetables of the day and homemade fresh salad bar</p> <p>Desserts</p> <p>Fresh Berry Sponge Cake (v) or Fresh Fruit</p>
<p>Friday</p> <p>Mains</p> <p>Fish Fingers Breaded cod served with oven fried chips</p> <p>Sides</p> <p>Seasonal vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar</p> <p>Desserts</p> <p>Ice Cream (v, ve, gf) or Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>Daily Options</p> <p>Jacket Potatoes Freshly baked jacket potatoes. 1 filling from a choice of Tuna, Cheese or Beans (v, ve, gf)</p> <p>Tomato Pasta Bake Wholemeal pasta in a tomato sauce (v, ve, gf)</p> <p>Homemade Toasties 50/50 bread, with filling options of Tuna, Cheese or Ham.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>All options are served with seasonal vegetables, potato option of the day and fresh salad bar</p>	<p>Friday</p> <p>Mains</p> <p>Fish Fingers Breaded cod served with oven fried chips</p> <p>Sides</p> <p>Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar</p> <p>Desserts</p> <p>Ice Cream (v, ve, gf) or Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>Daily Options</p> <p>Jacket Potatoes Freshly baked jacket potatoes. 1 filling from a choice of Tuna, Cheese or Beans (v, ve, gf)</p> <p>Tomato Pasta Bake Wholemeal pasta in a tomato sauce (v, ve, gf)</p> <p>Homemade Toasties 50/50 bread, with filling options of Tuna, Cheese or Ham.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>All options are served with seasonal vegetables, potato option of the day and fresh salad bar</p>	<p>Friday</p> <p>Mains</p> <p>Fish Fingers Breaded cod served with oven fried chips</p> <p>Sides</p> <p>Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar</p> <p>Desserts</p> <p>Ice Cream (v, ve, gf) or Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>Daily Options</p> <p>Jacket Potatoes Freshly baked jacket potatoes. 1 filling from a choice of Tuna, Cheese or Beans (v, ve, gf)</p> <p>Tomato Pasta Bake Wholemeal pasta in a tomato sauce (v, ve, gf)</p> <p>Homemade Toasties 50/50 bread, with filling options of Tuna, Cheese or Ham.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>All options are served with seasonal vegetables, potato option of the day and fresh salad bar</p>

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

Christingle Donations

If you wish to make a donation for the Christingle this year to the Children's society instead of cash donations on the night
Please do so via the following link: [The Children's Society | Christingle Donations](#)



Christingle donations

Not making a Christingle donation?
Please use this [donation form](#) instead.

Thank you for spreading the message of hope at your Christingle celebration this year. By supporting The Children's Society, you're helping to build a future of hope and happiness for young people.

Use this form if you are:

- paying in donations from a Christingle event
- making a Christingle donation on behalf of an organisation
- donating for a Christingle event you attended
- donating to Christingle as an individual

Don't want to donate online? [Here](#) are some offline ways you can pay in your Christingle donations.



£20



£45



£90



Other



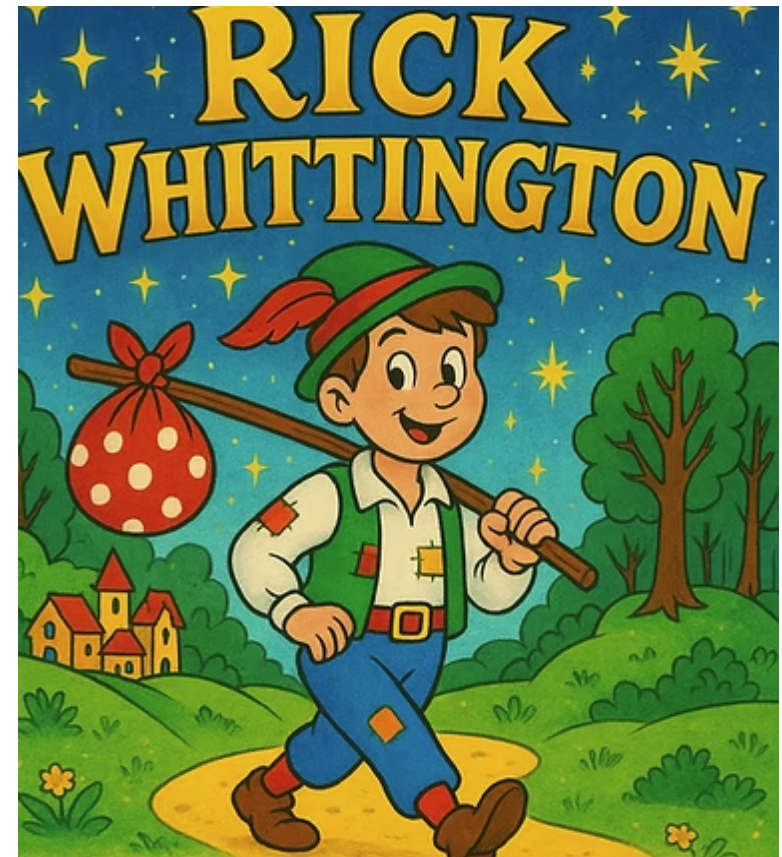
Panto Day! - Friday 12th December

On Friday, both schools will be based at St Andrews all day. Miss Brownhill will be available from 7:45 am for morning breakfast club at St Andrews - this includes breakfast.

- Parents of St Andrews children can book the paid care club (£5.20) starting at 7:45am that day, if anyone wishes to book this it has been added to clubs on Arbor.
- Mary Howard children can be dropped off at St Andrews and use the paid care club facility from 7:45 am.
- Mary Howard children not using the St Andrews before-school club should be dropped off at St Andrews at 9:00 am.
- We kindly ask that St Andrews children arrive by 8:50 am to help ease congestion.

Collection times are as follows:

- Mary Howard children will be collected at 3:15 pm.
- St Andrews children will be collected at 3:30 pm.
- Care club will be available at St Andrews after school bookable on Arbor



SASA Events

ARE YOU READY FOR

The Reindeer Races

Dress festive! Wednesday 17th December

Can you get through Santa's obstacle course in time to deliver the presents...

Simply donate any amount in advance, on the day, or purchase a raffle for the Christmas Cash Grab and you're in the race!

<https://sasapta.charityhive.co.uk/raffle/1/crimbo-cash-catch>

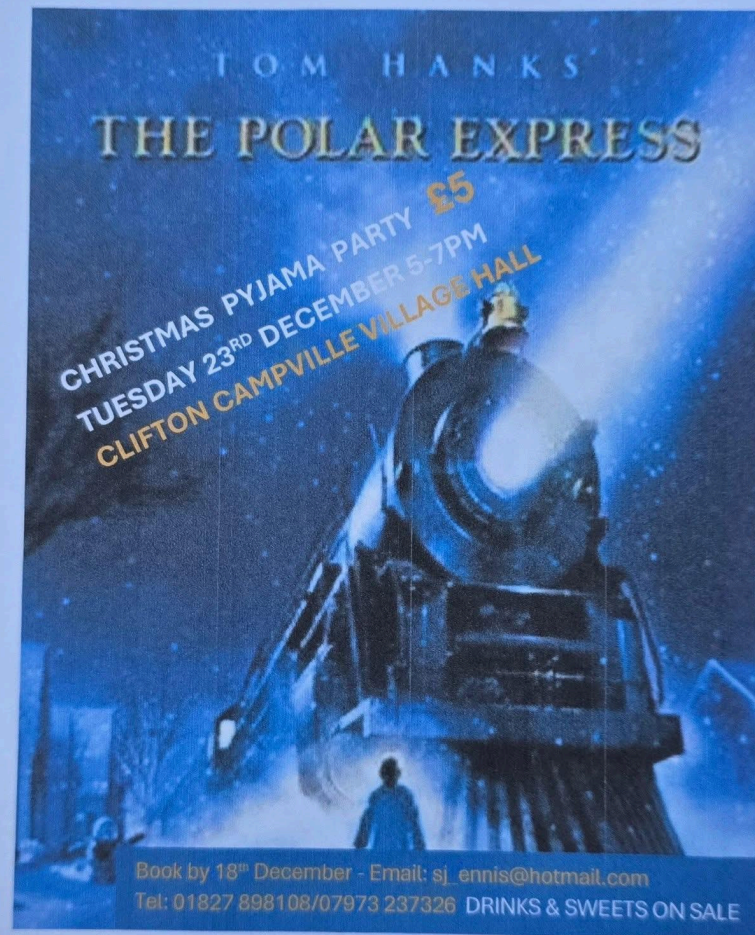


POLAR EXPRESS PJ PARTY – TUESDAY 23rd DECEMBER 5-7PM

In the week before Christmas why not 'get in the mood', come in your PJ's and Onesies for a 'Polar Express' party in the Village Hall. You can bring your favourite bean bag or cushion to lounge on as you enjoy the evening. Take home a souvenir 'I Believe' Bell.

Booking essential – tickets £5 to include hot food + hot chocolate. Drinks and sweets on sale.

NB. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an Adult



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

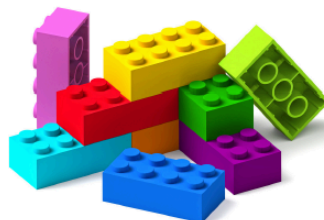
Fruit and water are available to all children throughout the sessions

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

Lego Club

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Lego Club Session- £5.20
Bookable via Arbor



**Starting after half term
between 3.30pm till 4.30pm**

Build, Play & Connect

CRAFT CLUB

EVERY THURSDAY

CRAFT, COLOURING & MORE

STARTING AFTER HALF TERM
BETWEEN 3.30PM TO 4.30PM

CRAFT CLUB SESSION- £5.20

BOOKABLE VIA ARBOR

Please go onto the website for booking, 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

Reminders

Please could each child bring in a large orange on Monday 8th December in preparation for making our chringles ahead of the services that week.

Statfold's Magical Santa Express! - 19th December

All payments are now due on Arbor

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to a wonderful day!

Young Voices Payment of £19.50 is now on Arbor also to pay for those attending.

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.

Advice and Helplines over the Christmas period

Staffordshire Families Integrated Front Door (SFIFD) if you have concerns or are worried for a child and wish to make a referral: **0300 111 8007**

NSPCC Helpline Call **0808 800 5000** or email help@nspcc.org.uk if you're worried about a child.
[NSPCC Christmas Support](#) [\[nspcc.org.uk\]](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)

Childline Free, confidential support for children and young people: **0800 1111** or [childline.org.uk](https://www.childline.org.uk)

Samaritans
116 123 [samaritans.org](https://www.samaritans.org)

Citizens Advice Staffordshire – Debt, benefits, budgeting
0808 278 7874

StepChange Debt Charity – Free debt advice
0800 138 1111

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

