Grow and Flourish



Mary Howard & St Andrew's Primary Schools Spring Term Friday 4th April 2025

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

As we approach the final week of the spring term and look forward to Easter, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the parents who have supported our "Rock Up and Read" initiative. The children truly love reading with you, and this engagement is a wonderful way to foster positive attitudes towards reading and instill a lifelong love of books.

Today, we also had the pleasure of welcoming the library bus at both schools. The children thoroughly enjoy the opportunity to explore and select a good book, enriching their reading experience.

A special highlight at St. Andrews today was the visit from Bishop Michael, who is on his pilgrimage across the Lichfield Diocese. The children warmly welcomed him with a tour and a few songs. We were delighted that he added his handprint to our Koinonia tree, symbolising our shared values and community spirit.

Next week promises to be a busy and exciting final week of term, filled with Easter services, our "Let Your Light Shine" celebrations, and the swimming finals at the Snowdome.

As we reflect on this season of renewal and hope, let us remember the words from Matthew 5:16: "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend filled with joy and family time.

Warm regards,

Rachel Mills

Executive Headteacher

Koinonia-Wisdom-Love-Perseverance

What's coming up this week...

Monday 7th April

PE Kits

National Child measurement programme - opt out forms available After School Club Gymnastics - St Andrew's 3:30 - 4:30pm

Tuesday 8th April

5pm to 7pm (approx.) Easter Bingo **MH** 9:15 to 9:45am Easter Service **MH**

Wednesday 9th April

Bikeability **SA** - Years 5&6 please bring in your bikes and helmets After School Club Archery - St Andrew's 3:30 - 4:30pm

Thursday 10th April

9:15 to 9:45am Easter Service & Let Your Light Shine SABikeability SA - Years 5&6 please bring in your bikes and helmets6-8pm KS2 Swimming Gala Final at Snowdome

Friday 11th April

Bikeability **SA** - Years 3&4 please bring in your bikes and helmets PE Kits

Break up for Easter

Please access the Schools' website for key events -

Mary Howard- Upcoming Events | Mary Howard CE Primary School

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

Dates to note...

April

• Easter Holidays 14th - 25th Apr - Return to School Mon 28th April

May

- 2nd May Class 2 & 3 start their Swimming lessons MH
- 5th May May Day Bank Holiday
- 12-15th May Year 6 SATs
- 20th May Both schools trip to the Think Tank please complete forms sent on Dojo and payments on parent pay by 2nd May
- Half Term 26th 30th May

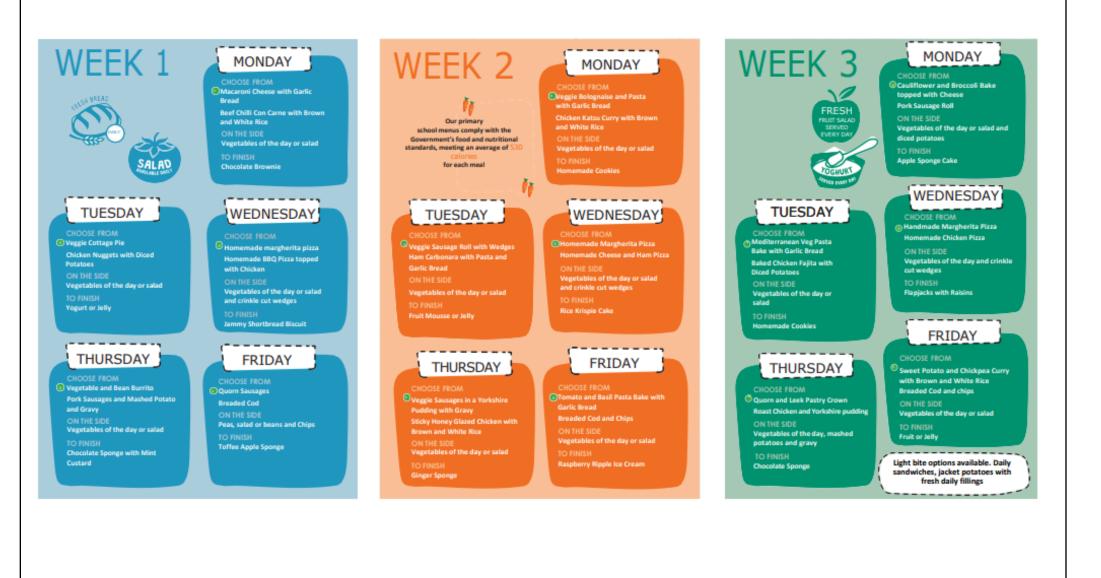
June

- 2nd Jun Inset Day Return to school Tue 3rd June
- 12th Jun Cross Country KS2 @ Richard Crosse
- 13th Jun Yrs 3/4/5&6 start their Swimming lessons SA
- 16-20th Jun Sports week all pupils to wear PE kit everyday
- 17th Jun KS2 Athletics competition Tamworth Sports Stadium

July

- 9th 11th July Year 5&6 Residential to Laches Wood please ensure all payments are made by Monday 30th June and permission forms complete.
- 12th July St Andrew's Summer Fete! On school grounds 11am 3pm
- 18th Jul Break up for Summer Holidays
- 21st Jul Inset day

Dinners for Week Commencing 7th April 2025 - Week 1



Values Certificates for Mary Howard & St Andrews

Parents are invited to watch their child receive their value award

St Andrews - Thurs 10th April 9:15am st Andrew's Church St Andrew's Class 1 Year 1 Year 2 Charlotte - Wisdom Olivia W Emma, Josh Class 2 George Hugo, Kaj Lily - Love, Josh - Wisdom Year 3/4 Year 5/6 Roman - Koinonia, Lois - Perseverance Fdwin - Perseverance Rosa, Alexandra Louisa, Ona Arthur, Bear Albert, Leo Class 3 Dylan W - Wisdom Ona - Love Mary Howard Mary Howard on Friday 11th April at 9am Class 1 Year 2 Year 3/4 Adalie, Holly Luke, Myra Finley - Perseverance Isla Evangeline Evangeline - Wisdom Class 2 Year 5/6 Henry, Alfie Piper - Love Elodie Kye - Perseverance Congratulations! * Class 3 Max - Perseverance Ocean - Wisdom

Spelling Bee Champions!

Letter to Parents Regarding Punctuality

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to discuss an important aspect of our school day that significantly impacts our children's learning experience: punctuality.

As you know, our school gates open at 8:45 AM, and registration is conducted until 8:59 AM. This allows us to ensure that all children are settled and ready to start lessons promptly at 9:00 AM.

However, we have noticed an increasing number of children arriving after 9:00 AM. When children walk into school at this time, they miss the calm and structured start of the day, which is crucial for setting a positive tone for their learning. Arriving late can disrupt not only their own focus but also that of their classmates.

The Importance of Punctuality

- Calm Start: The first few minutes of the school day are designed to help children transition into their learning environment, allowing them to prepare mentally for the day ahead.
- Learning Opportunities: Arriving on time ensures that children do not miss out on important instructions and activities that take place at the beginning of lessons.
- Building Good Habits: Regular punctuality helps children develop a sense of responsibility and respect for their own education and the time of others.

How You Can Help

We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that your child arrives at school on time. Here are a few suggestions to help with this:

- Plan Ahead: Consider leaving home a little earlier to avoid any last-minute rush.
- Set a Routine: Establish a morning routine that allows enough time for your child to get ready and arrive at school by 8:45 AM.
- Communicate: If there are specific challenges affecting your child's punctuality, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to support you and your child.

We appreciate your cooperation and commitment to helping your child start their day positively. Together, we can ensure that every child has the opportunity to grow and flourish in a supportive and focused learning environment.

Thank you for your understanding and support. Warm regards, Rachel Mills Headteacher

St Andrew's Events

We now have an Athletics club after school on Wednesday's starting on April 30th - book your place now! <u>https://www.clubz4kidz.co.uk/my-childs-school-portal-st-andrews-</u>

ce-primary-school.html#/



EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS @ St Andrew's

Premier are pleased to announce that will be hosting the following Extra Curricular activities at St Andrew's CofE Primary School -:



Football; All our after-school clubs are designed to be fun, no matter your child's age. Each week, parents can treat their children to an action-packed football session that will help them develop skills through both in-game play and coaching. After-school sports clubs give children the opportunity to have fun and burn energy after a day of classes. Football is a great sport for kids of any age. It helps children to develop a variety of core skills that will be useful throughout all aspects of their life – from other sports, school classes, and their future.

Why Premier?....

Attending our club will provide your child/children with a series of fun sessions to improve not just sports skills, but also many other important assets in the process; Social skills and key motor skills are the successful byproducts of the clubs we host. Our qualified coaches deliver fun sessions, allowing your child/children to enhance their skills and techniques vital towards successful short and long term athletic development. Premier strives to ensure each club is a place for your child/children to find new friends, enjoy themselves, be rewarded for success, boost self-confidence and obtain an active and healthy lifestyle.

Book your place now!!!

www.premier-education.com

Full terms and conditions available on the website

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The activity club is an after-school programme designed to provide a safe and supportive environment for children to experience unique adventures and engage in fun, educational activities.

More: Scan QR code



Book Now!

Visit Our Website

www.clubz4kidz.co.uk

Contact Us 07786746521

SATURDAY

12th July

@ St. Andrew's school grounds 11am till 3pm

• RAFFLES • GAMES • BBQ AND FOOD • • ICE CREAM • BOUNCY CASTLES • • AND MORE •

Mary Howard Events



Reminders

A polite reminder that children should not be walking between staff cars at any time for health and safety reasons.

Parents should also not be parking within the school gates to drop children off, due to safety of the children and congestion. Thank You

All Pupils from St Andrews and Mary Howard will be going to the Think Tank in Birmingham. The trip will take place on Tuesday 20th May.

We will be leaving school around 9:15am by coach and returning by 3:15pm. The cost of the trip is £13 per child. Please can you complete the following form and make payments on parent pay by the **2nd of May.** (apologies as this date has now changed from 9th May)

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf8jdfq-G2cBNCa2FROFKLhABACwgmwRFOP1M6vCngbKPFJrg/viewform?usp=header

Bikeability

Links have now been sent out via Dojo requesting Parents/Carers consents. Bikeability will be taking place on the following dates:

St Andrew's - Class 2 (yr 3 & 4) - Level 1 on Friday 11th April - please note the change of date St Andrew's - Class 3 (yr 5 & 6) Level 1 / 2 Combined on Wednesday 9th April & Thursday 10th April - please note the change of date! The class will be split into 2 groups one will take part on the 9th and one on the 10th you will be informed by Dojo which day your child is taking part.

What will my child need?

- •The ability to ride a cycle unaided. This can be a two-wheeled bike with no stabilisers or an adapted cycle.
- A signed consent form. Please complete (see Dojo) and return to school at least one week before the first day of the course.

• A cycle helmet.



- Appropriate clothing. It is important, especially during the cooler months, that children wear
- gloves and warm, dry clothing as they will be outside during their session. We recommend wearing a waterproof!
 - Your own cycle that is ready to ride. Please follow the simple guide below to check whether your
 - a child's cycle is suitable. See law on the use of e-bikes www.gov.uk/electric-bike-rules

Term Dates 2024-2025	Term Dates 2025-2026
Spring Term 2025 Term Ends: Friday 11th April Holiday: Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April Easter Sunday: Sunday 20th April Summer Term 2025	Autumn Term 2025 Inset day: Monday 1 September and Tuesday 2 September Term Starts: Wednesday 3 September Holiday: Monday 27 October – Friday 31 October TSSMAT Inset day: Monday 3 November Term Ends: Friday 19 December Holiday: Monday 22 December – Friday 2 January
Term Starts: Monday 28th April May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 5th May Holiday: Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May Inset: Monday 2nd June Term Ends: Friday 18th July Inset: Monday 21st July Holiday Monday 21st July - Friday 29th August	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