



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 come to the close of this half term, I am delighted to reflect on what has been a truly wonderful and enriching period for both St. Andrews and Mary Howard. Our children have engaged in a range of activities that have brought their learning to life and provided fantastic opportunities for personal growth.

On Monday, Mr. Buckley and Miss Arrowsmith organised an inspiring Ancient Egyptian Day. The children took part in a variety of hands-on activities that not only consolidated their learning but also made history vibrant and exciting. It was a joy to see their enthusiasm and curiosity in action.

Sporting events have also been a highlight this term. Our Oak class children competed with great spirit in the netball tournament, demonstrating teamwork and perseverance. Additionally, children from both Oak and Willow classes participated in the swimming heats, and we eagerly await news of who will progress to the finals at The Snowdome. Their dedication and effort are truly commendable.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our staff. Their hard work, care, and willingness to go the extra mile ensure that our schools remain nurturing and rich learning environments. I am also incredibly grateful to you, our parents and carers, for your continued support with these events and our fundraising efforts.

As we break for the half term, I wish you all a restful and enjoyable holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back after the break, when the daffodils will be blooming, and we can look forward to brighter days ahead, hopefully leaving the challenging weather behind us.

“Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.” – Hebrews 12:1

Warmest regards,

Rachel Mills

Executive Headteacher

What's coming up this week...

Dates to note...

Monday 23rd February

PE Kit - Willow

Chaplaincy Service sessions 8am - 10am - Please complete the following form if you want to book a session:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScnd4XPkkjX_L2tqXomGWveuj5C8RlcS42c263IWA7KKydl_g/viewform?usp=header

Tuesday 24th February

Wednesday 25th February

PE Kit - Maple & Oak

Thursday 26th February

PE Kit - Maple & Oak

Friday 27th February

PE Kit - Willow

Ukulele lessons Willow - Please bring in your instrument

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

February

- 13th February - Pancake Party @ St Andrews Church - 3:30-4:30 see flyer
- [16th - 20th February - Half Term Break!](#)
- 17th February - Pancake Day
- 23rd February - Return to School
- 23rd February - Chaplaincy Service sessions 8am - 10am

March

- 3rd March - Academy Photos - groups and leavers
- 4th March - Spring Fling Disco 3:30-5:00pm - see SASA events page below
- 6th March - The Library Bus is here!
- 6th March - Rock up & Read 8:45 - 9:15am
- 11th March - Boccia event @ The Howard 3-5pm
- 12th March - Mothering Sunday in Church 9:15am
- 13th March - Mother's Day Breakfast 08:45 - 09:30am pre-orders only
- 20th March - Red Nose Day
- 20th March - The Library Bus is here!
- 23rd March - Chaplaincy Service sessions 1:30pm - 3:30pm
- 25th March - Easter Raffle Draw - See SASA events below for tickets
- 26th March - Easter Worship in Church 9:15am
- 27th March - Living out our school vision worship - 9am in school

April

- 14th April - KS2 Trip to the Walsall Art Gallery - TBC
- 22nd April - Chaplaincy Service sessions 8am - 10am
- 23rd April - KS1 Trip to Rosliston Forestry Centre - please complete google form on Dojo and make payments on Arbor

Dinners for Week Commencing 23rd February 2026 - Week 1

Please all can you preorder your childrens meals on Arbor



**WINTER MENU
FROM NOVEMBER 2025**

Week 1

Mains Beef Bolognese 100% beef bolognese with sliced garlic bread	Mains Tuna and Cheese Pasta Bake Served with diced herb potatoes
Sides Seasonal vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar	Sides Seasonal vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar
Desserts Homemade Apple Cake (v) or Fresh Fruit	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	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	Sides Seasonal Vegetables of the day and homemade fresh salad bar
Desserts Freshly Baked Oat and Raisin Cookies (v) or Fresh Fruit	Desserts Apple and Berry Crumble (v) Fresh Fruit
Friday Mains Fish Fingers Breaded cod served with oven fried chips	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)
Sides Seasonal vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar	Sides Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar
Desserts Ice Cream (v, ve, gf) or Fresh Fruit	Desserts Ice Cream (v, ve, gf) or Fresh Fruit

Week 2

Mains BBQ Chicken 100% chicken breast, topped with BBQ sauce and sliced peppers	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	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	Desserts Homemade Raisin Flapjack (v, ve) or Fresh Fruit
Wednesday Mains Cottage Pie 100% beef. Topped with sliced potatoes and gravy	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	Sides Seasonal Vegetables of the day and homemade fresh salad bar
Desserts Apple Crumble (v) or Fresh Fruit	Desserts Homemade Chocolate Brownie (v) Cocoa chocolate brownie Fresh Fruit
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Week 3

Mains Pork Meatballs Pork meatballs served in a tomato and basil sauce with wholemeal pasta and Garlic Bread	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	Sides Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar
Desserts Natural Yoghurt (v) or Fresh Fruit	Desserts Lemon Cake (v) or Fresh Fruit
Wednesday Mains Cheese and Tomato Pizza Homemade Pizza Dough topped with Cheese and Tomato. Served with Potato Croquettes	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	Sides Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar
Desserts Pancakes and fresh fruit (v) or Natural Yoghurt	Desserts Fresh Berry Sponge Cake (v) or Fresh Fruit
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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

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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

- Reflective Listening: Try to mirror the speaker's enthusiasm. If they describe something exciting, use your voice and face to show you are interested.
- The "Tell Me More" Prompt: When the speaker finishes a sentence, instead of giving your opinion, simply say: "That sounds interesting, tell me more about that part."
- Eliminate Distractions: For this talk task, ensure all phones are away and you are sitting comfortably where you can see each other's faces.

THE ADVENTURE ARCHITECT CHALLENGE

"If you could plan the ultimate 'half term' day out with no limits, what would it look like?"

Explain your choice: * What is the main destination or activity?
Who are the three people (real or fictional) you would invite to join us?
What is the one thing you want to experience most during this adventure?

VOCABULARY SPOTLIGHT

- **Ideal:** Most suitable; perfect.
- **Memorable:** Worth remembering or easily remembered, especially because of being special or unusual.

Sentence Stems Use these to help build your point of view:

- "My ideal half term adventure would involve..."
- "I believe the most memorable part of the day would be when we..."
- "To ensure everyone has a great time, I would include..."

EYFS/KS1: Focus on the "First, Next, Last." Can you tell the story of your dream day in the order it would happen? What would we eat for our adventure snack?

KS2: Focus on the "Why." Why did you choose those specific guests? How would you make sure your adventure is fun even if things don't go exactly to plan?

Spelling Bee

Spring Spelling Bee Reminder

Please don't forget to practice your Spring Spelling Bee words in preparation for the next round of heats scheduled for the week commencing 23rd March.

To access the latest list of Spring Spelling Bee words, please visit the school website.

Good luck to all our spellers as you continue to grow and flourish!

St Andrews: <https://st-andrews-cliftoncampville.staffs.sch.uk/children/spelling-bee>





We are thrilled to announce that Mr Kev. Borg, our previous Co-Chair of the Board of Directors has offered a 10 week chaplaincy service for our Trust schools.

These will take place at St Andrews on the following days

Monday 23rd February 08:00 - 10:00am

Monday 23rd March 1:30 - 3:30pm

Wednesday 22nd April 08:00 - 10:00am



Message from Kev. Borg.

In today's fast-paced world, well-being is more important than ever. As your school chaplain, I'm here to support the emotional and spiritual health of our entire school community—students, parents, and staff. My services are available to everyone, regardless of their background or beliefs. I offer a listening ear, a confidential space to talk, and support during difficult times. I am also here to celebrate our community's joys and successes. I look forward to working alongside you to foster a compassionate and supportive environment for everyone.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScnd4XPkkjX_L2tqXomGWveuj5C8RlcS42c263lWA7KKydl_g/viweform?usp=header **Book Here**

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](#)

SASA Events



ST ANDREWS SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
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Spring Fling

Wednesday 4th March
3:30-5:00pm

Music, Games, and Crafts!

For Sale: picnic bags (comes with combo ticket!), cakes, sweets, drinks and games!

Tickets:
Standard: £4.50
Combo: £7.50
Sibling: £2.50
Combo Sib: £5.50
Extras: £1 - £2

Tickets must be purchased on our website:

sasapta.charityhive.co.uk/

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EASTER RAFFLE

**TICKETS £1
£5 A BOOK**

Get ready for the St. Andrew's Easter Raffle! We have some wonderful prizes up for grabs, and every ticket purchased helps support our students. You might just hop away with something special this spring!

Draw on 25th March 2026

<https://sasapta.charityhive.co.uk/>

Thank you for all your generosity!

SASA have been able to support our school with resources, enrichment, & improved outdoor spaces!

We are excited to announce our next:

FUNDRAISING GOAL

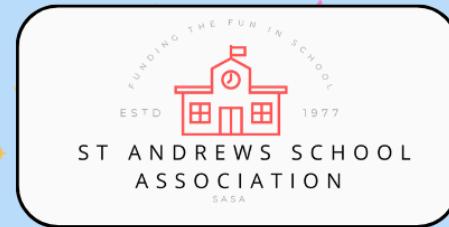
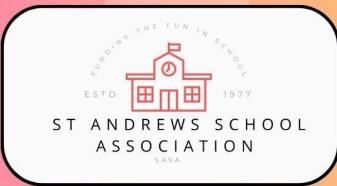


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To Buy

A Set Of

20 Chromebooks



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

Trips & Mothers Day payments

The Rosliston Trip for Maple class and the Residential to Standon Bowers is available to pay on Arbor, please make payments by the deadline stated on Dojo and Arbor.

Mothers Day Breakfast items are also available to make payments on Arbor, please pay for any breakfasts that have been ordered as soon as possible. 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.

Thank you for your understanding.

Term Dates 2025-2026

Spring Term 2026

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

