



*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...

### 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](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](http://st-andrews-cliftoncampville.staffs.sch.uk)  
([st-andrews-cliftoncampville.staffs.sch.uk](http://st-andrews-cliftoncampville.staffs.sch.uk))

## Dates to note...

### 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



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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allotments at selected schools. 50/50 bread,  
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

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Cheese or Ham.

Homemade Soup and Sandwich  
Soup made using fresh seasonal vegetables.  
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vegetables, potato option of the day  
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

# 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\\_L2tqXomGWveuj5C8RlcS42c263IWA7KKydl\\_g/viewform?usp=header](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScnd4XPkkjX_L2tqXomGWveuj5C8RlcS42c263IWA7KKydl_g/viewform?usp=header) **Book Here**

# 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 Events



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# Spring FLING

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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/>

# SASA

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



# £5,000



## 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*

### **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

