

*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

Koinonia- Wisdom-Love- Perseverance



Message from Miss Mills

Dear Families

As we approach the end of the Spring Term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the incredible achievements and milestones we have reached together. It has been a term filled with hard work, dedication, and a true spirit of collaboration among our children, staff, and parents.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you:

To our children: Your enthusiasm for learning and your willingness to embrace new challenges have been truly inspiring. Your achievements, both academically and socially, are a testament to your hard work and resilience.

To our staff: Thank you for your unwavering commitment to providing the best educational experience for our children. Your creativity, passion, and dedication to nurturing each child's potential have made a significant impact on our school community.

To our parents: Your support and involvement are invaluable. Thank you for partnering with us in your child's education and for being an integral part of our school community. Your encourage

ment and participation in school events have made this term a memorable one.

As we celebrate the successes of this term, let us also look forward to the opportunities that await us in the next. I wish you all a wonderful Easter break filled with joy, relaxation, and quality time with loved ones.

"Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches." This verse inspires us to recognise the potential in each small beginning and the great things that can come from our collective efforts.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday, 28th April at 8:45 AM.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Rachel Mills

Executive Headteacher

What's coming up this week...

Monday 28th April

PE Kits

Breakfast Club Starts at SA 8:15-8:45am

After School Club Football - St Andrew's 3:30 - 4:30pm

Tuesday 29th April

Wednesday 30th April

After School Club Athletics - St Andrew's 3:30 - 4:30pm

Thursday 1st May

Friday 2nd May

Class 2 & 3 start their Swimming lessons MH we will be leaving at 9:05am

Rock up & Read - 8:45 to 9:15am

The Library Bus is here! Bring back your books to exchange.

PE Kits

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
- 2nd May Rock up & Read 8:45 to 9:15am (MH Parents C2 & 3 will need to leave at 9.05 for swimming)
- 5th May - May Day Bank Holiday
- 12-15th May Year 6 SATs
- 15th May Census Day!
- 19th - 23rd May - Walk to school week!
- 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 June - Inset Day - Return to school Tue 3rd June
- 6th June Rock up & Read 8:45 to 9:15am (MH Parents C2 & 3 will need to leave at 9.05 for swimming)
- 11th June - Fathers Day Breakfast (further details to follow next term)
- 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

- 4th July Rock up & Read 8:45 to 9:15am (SA KS2 leaving at 9.05 for swimming)
- 5th July - Tamworth Arts Festival
- 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 July - Break up for Summer Holiday!

Dinners for Week Commencing 28th April 2025 - Week 1

WEEK 1



MONDAY

CHOOSE FROM

- ① Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread
 - Beef Chilli Con Carne with Brown and White Rice
- ON THE SIDE
Vegetables of the day or salad
- TO FINISH
Chocolate Brownie

TUESDAY

CHOOSE FROM

- ① Veggie Cottage Pie
 - Chicken Nuggets with Diced Potatoes
- ON THE SIDE
Vegetables of the day or salad
- TO FINISH
Yogurt or Jelly

WEDNESDAY

CHOOSE FROM

- ① Homemade margherita pizza
 - Homemade BBQ Pizza topped with Chicken
- ON THE SIDE
Vegetables of the day or salad and crinkle cut wedges
- TO FINISH
Jammy Shortbread Biscuit

THURSDAY

CHOOSE FROM

- ① Vegetable and Bean Burrito
 - Pork Sausages and Mashed Potato and Gravy
- ON THE SIDE
Vegetables of the day or salad
- TO FINISH
Chocolate Sponge with Mint Custard

FRIDAY

CHOOSE FROM

- ① Quorn Sausages
 - Breaded Cod
- ON THE SIDE
Peas, salad or beans and Chips
- TO FINISH
Toffee Apple Sponge

WEEK 2



Our primary school menus comply with the Government's food and nutritional standards, meeting an average of 530 calories for each meal

MONDAY

CHOOSE FROM

- ① Veggie Bolognese and Pasta with Garlic Bread
 - Chicken Katsu Curry with Brown and White Rice
- ON THE SIDE
Vegetables of the day or salad
- TO FINISH
Homemade Cookies

TUESDAY

CHOOSE FROM

- ① Veggie Sausage Roll with Wedges
 - Ham Carbonara with Pasta and Garlic Bread
- ON THE SIDE
Vegetables of the day or salad
- TO FINISH
Fruit Mousse or Jelly

WEDNESDAY

CHOOSE FROM

- ① Homemade Margherita Pizza
 - Homemade Cheese and Ham Pizza
- ON THE SIDE
Vegetables of the day or salad and crinkle cut wedges
- TO FINISH
Rice Krispie Cake

THURSDAY

CHOOSE FROM

- ① Veggie Sausages in a Yorkshire Pudding with Gravy
 - Sticky Honey Glazed Chicken with Brown and White Rice
- ON THE SIDE
Vegetables of the day or salad
- TO FINISH
Ginger Sponge

FRIDAY

CHOOSE FROM

- ① Tomato and Basil Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread
 - Breaded Cod and Chips
- ON THE SIDE
Vegetables of the day or salad
- TO FINISH
Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream

WEEK 3



MONDAY

CHOOSE FROM

- ① Cauliflower and Broccoli Bake topped with Cheese
 - Pork Sausage Roll
- ON THE SIDE
Vegetables of the day or salad and diced potatoes
- TO FINISH
Apple Sponge Cake

TUESDAY

CHOOSE FROM

- ① Mediterranean Veg Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread
 - Baked Chicken Fajita with Diced Potatoes
- ON THE SIDE
Vegetables of the day or salad
- TO FINISH
Homemade Cookies

WEDNESDAY

CHOOSE FROM

- ① Handmade Margherita Pizza
 - Homemade Chicken Pizza
- ON THE SIDE
Vegetables of the day and crinkle cut wedges
- TO FINISH
Flapjacks with Raisins

FRIDAY

CHOOSE FROM

- ① Sweet Potato and Chickpea Curry with Brown and White Rice
 - Breaded Cod and chips
- ON THE SIDE
Vegetables of the day or salad
- TO FINISH
Fruit or Jelly

THURSDAY

CHOOSE FROM

- ① Quorn and Leek Pastry Crown
 - Roast Chicken and Yorkshire pudding
- ON THE SIDE
Vegetables of the day, mashed potatoes and gravy
- TO FINISH
Chocolate Sponge

Light bite options available. Daily sandwiches, jacket potatoes with fresh daily fillings

CEO Update Spring 2 2025



It has been a long and excellent half term. We have seen a whole wealth of amazing learning and activities over this time culminating in Mothering Sunday and Easter celebrations. There is a note about audits and school budgets at the end.

At the beginning of the half term, All Saints Worship Crew led a Trust wide worship on forgiveness, they did a fantastic job and we all enjoyed it and engaged well. .



Leaders (Headteachers and English curriculum champions and Governors) led school reviews in the area of Oracy this half term. Findings were superb with some simple areas for development across the Trust. Children spoke brilliantly in pupil voice sessions with Ralph and I and other leaders, they were so articulate about their learning and understanding of oracy - ask them!



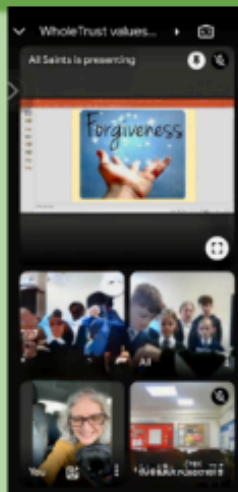
The first heats of our Netball tournaments were undertaken this half term. All Saints were the winners on goal difference and will go on to play our other winners, Richard Crosse in the final after half term.



World Book Day and other charity work has been enjoyed in all of our schools, staff have thrown themselves into it too!

There have been so many musical opportunities this half term, Gotta Sing at the Garrick,

Gotta Dance and Music Share with Cathy Lamb.



Lots of schools have visitors and visits such as the Derby faith trail. Mothering Sunday services were beautiful, families thoroughly enjoyed them - so did Ralph and I and they were swiftly followed by all of our Easter services and events.

Mothering Sunday (services and even an afternoon tea at Anson and the open book at Richard Crosse).



Easter Services - I'll share the Howards next time as it is Friday afternoon!



I was blessed to see Class 3 plays at St Marys and at Richard Crosse - they were fabulous. Ralph and I enjoyed the Key Master and 'A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Camelot', well done to all the children and staff.



We were so lucky at St Andrews to be part of Bishop Misael's Pilgrimage. Rev. John led a fabulous worship and we learnt a great deal about Pilgrimage and Bishop Michael. The prayers were beautiful.



School finances

Shanie Cole, our finance manager is currently working with myself, Directors, Headteachers and Governors to balance a budget for 2025/2026 and ensure long term security in our 3 year modeller - this is proving challenging. Six out of our seven schools have received a mere 0.76% uplift in funding on last year's budget and St Marys received a 0% uplift. They are only able to balance their budget through increased pupil numbers that they worked so hard for, resulting in larger class sizes, and by admitting more nursery children too. This significantly reduced allocation across the Trust falls far short of what is required to meet the rising costs of education, namely an unfunded teachers pay rise of 2.8% and an unknown support staff pay rise as well as inflation on our contracts, service level agreements, increased energy costs, and the growing complexity of children's needs.

As parents are aware, in an effort to achieve financial stability, the Trust undertook a substantial restructure and reorganisation in the previous academic year. This involved the reallocation of external music, physical education and some French provision back to our teachers, aiming to reduce external expenditure. Additionally, we implemented a reduction in the school day to achieve budgetary equilibrium for the 2024/2025 financial year, with the intention of securing stability for 2025/2026. Despite these proactive and rigorous cost-saving measures, the current funding allocation, we are now faced with the prospect of implementing additional measures such as not replacing leaving staff and enacting further austerity measures in areas where operational capacity is already critically strained. Please feel free to lobby your MP.

I hope you have enjoyed seeing all the wonderful pictures across our Trust, what a wonderful end to the term. Don't forget you can see so much more in our school blogs on their websites

<https://tssmat.staffs.sch.uk/our-schools> and on our instagram accounts. @thehowardprimary, @richardcrosseprimary, @stmaryscoloin, @allsaintsranton.

From Charlene Gethin



and *Ralph.*



St Andrew's Events

*We now have an Athletics club after school on Wednesday's
starting on April 30th - book your place now!*

<https://www.clubz4kidz.co.uk/my-childs-school-portal-st-andrews-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 C of E Primary School :-

R-Y6

Monday- AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

3:30pm - 4:30pm

Football

28th April-19th May 2025

(3 sessions- No Session 5th May)

Available to children in R-Y6

Cost = £16.50

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 by-products 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!!!

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AFTER SCHOOL Programme

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!





ST. ANDREW'S C-OF-E PRIMARY SCHOOL SUMMER FETE

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



Congratulations!

Well Done to Rhea - Award from Elite Safety In School
Junior Safety Office Winner!
Rhea also received a Gift Voucher for her hard work!

Reminders

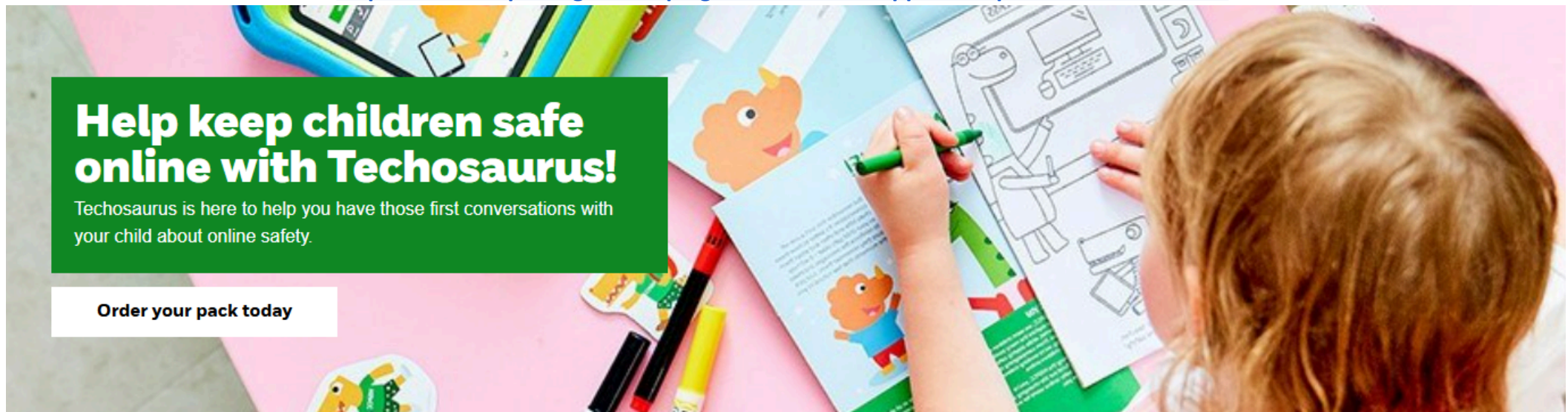
A polite reminder that children should not be walking between staff cars at any time for health and safety reasons.

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>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/techosaurus/>

A photograph of a young child with blonde hair, seen from the side, coloring a worksheet. The worksheet features a cartoon dinosaur character and various icons related to online safety. The child is using a green marker. The background is a pink surface with other colorful markers and a smartphone visible.

Help keep children safe online with Techosaurus!

Techosaurus is here to help you have those first conversations with your child about online safety.

Order your pack today

Term Dates 2024-2025

Spring Term 2025

Term Ends: Friday 11th April

Holiday: Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 20th April

Summer Term 2025

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

Term Dates 2025-2026

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

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