

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 St. Andrews' Families,

What a fantastic festive week we have enjoyed at St. Andrews! The final days of term have been filled with joy, celebration, and a strong sense of community.

Our Christmas Nativity was truly special, with our children shining brightly as they shared the story with confidence and heart. It was wonderful to see their hard work and enthusiasm come together in such a memorable performance.

We also celebrated our Vision Certificates, recognising how our pupils have grown and flourished this term. It is a privilege to see them develop not only academically but also in character, reflecting our core values of wisdom, love, and perseverance.

A big thank you to Rachael and Darlene for preparing a delicious Christmas lunch that everyone thoroughly enjoyed. The festive atmosphere was made even more joyful with our spirited rendition of the "12 Days of Christmas," which brought smiles and laughter to all.

Today, we are looking forward to our Christmas visit to Statfold, a perfect way to conclude the year with fun and fellowship.

As we approach the holiday season, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all parents, carers, staff, and governors for your continued support. Together, we have created a nurturing environment where every child can thrive.

Wishing you all a peaceful and joyful Christmas. We eagerly anticipate welcoming everyone back in the New Year to continue our journey of growth and flourishing.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him." – Romans 15:13

Warm regards,

*Rachel Mills*

*Executive Headteacher*

## What's coming up this week...

### Monday 5th January

Inset Day

### Tuesday 6th January

Return to School

### Wednesday 7th January

PE Kit - Maple & Oak

### Thursday 8th January

PE Kit - Maple & Oak Class

### Friday 9th January

PE Kit - Willow

No Ukulele lessons this week

Rock up & Read

The Library bus is here! Please bring back any books that were not returned before Christmas.

**Please access the Schools' website for key events -**

St Andrew's- [Upcoming Events | St. Andrew's CE Primary School](https://st-andrews-cliftoncampville.staffs.sch.uk)  
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## Dates to note...

### December

- 22nd December - 2nd January - Christmas Holiday

### January

- 5th January - Inset Day
- 6th January - Return to School
- 9th January - The Library Bus is here!
- 9th January - Rock up & Read
- 12th January - Young Voices at BP Pulse Live!
- 15th January - School Census day - please help us by booking a school dinner today if you can 😊
- 20th January - Parent forum 2:45pm
- 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.

Please provide consent on the link below:

<https://bikeright.co.uk/events/05a9f791-37f1-4060-b681-3766a1ec098a>

- 23rd January - The Library Bus is here!

### February

- 2nd February - Parents Evening 3-6pm - Appointments will be available to book at a first come first served basis on Arbor on the first week back to school.
- 5th February - Egyptian Day - Willow class both schools at St Andrews
- 6th February - The Library Bus is here!
- 6th February - Rock up & Read
- 9th - 13th February - Children's Mental Health Week
- 10th February - Oak Class Netball at Richard Crosse 4pm
- 10th February - Safer Internet Day
- 12th February - Tamworth Swimming Heats
- 13th February - Worship?
- 13th February - Break up for half term!
- 17th February - Pancake Day

# Dinners for Week Commencing 5th January 2026 - Week 1

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

#### 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 cloed 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) 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

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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

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**Mains**

Fish Fingers  
Breaded cod served with oven fried chips

**Sides**

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### 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

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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

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Ice Cream (v, ve, gf) or Fresh Fruit

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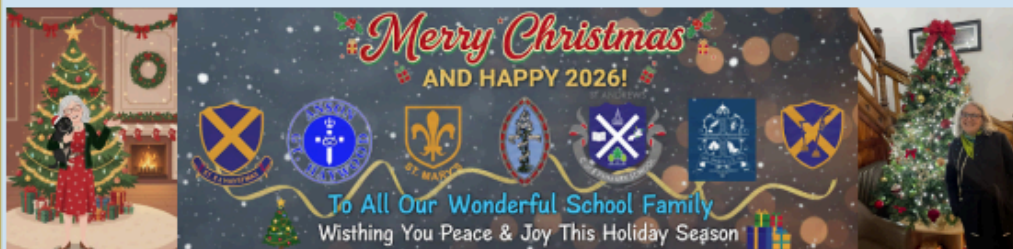
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All of our food is made on site using the freshest ingredients and complies with all Government legislation for nutritional value for schools



## CEO LETTER Autumn 2 2025



Welcome to my final update of the calendar year for autumn 2!



It feels like such a long time ago now - our Staff enjoyed their INSET day early November spending the morning with their respective schools looking at school priorities and they spent the afternoon learning more about safe and exciting use of AI for teaching and learning and administration.

We thank all our schools for hosting our Chair of Members, Mr David Grever and our two new

Directors, Sophie Skelton and Jules Smith, across a whole day this half term. They had such a great time, were so complimentary about what they saw and experienced including school lunch! It put all of our discussions at Directors meetings into context.

Members of our Trust and Directors met for our annual AGM to look at the successes of the year, the challenges and our strategic plan going forward. We are grateful to these volunteers with amazing skill sets in their time and expertise to support our continual drive to improve.

We're pleased to confirm that we have received positive feedback from the 24/25 financial audit with an unqualified audit opinion. There were a small number of internal control issues which have been rectified immediately. We are grateful to the team at Daines and our central team for their hard work.

Our whole Trust continues to provide an excellent education for our children whilst trying to make savings in ways which impact the least on our children. We have taken on sourcing contractors for compliance checks which has taken away the service level agreement fee. This has been a significant amount of work and we are sure that this process will run smoothly going forward, it provides just one example of cost savings identified.

Children in Oak class at St Andrew's Primary led a wonderful worship on the theme of 'service'. We were so grateful to them for their methodical, clear and confident delivery, offering time for questions and answers and reflection. Some super poems and scripture, thank you and well done.



Our choir sang at Lichfield Cathedral, it was a truly beautiful evening - the children sang 'The Carol of the Bells', such a challenging carol and the children sang it absolutely wonderfully.



Several Richard Cross children won a poetry competition and were invited to Stafford Grammar school, with Pep the Poet, to read their poetry and receive an award. What a fabulous evening.

The nativities, lunches, fairs and services I have been able to attend have been wonderful and, after this letter has been sent to our offices, I have the pleasure of Anson's, St Andrew's and Mary Howard's nativities and lunch at St Marys and Richard Crosse too! How wonderful.

There have been so many Christmas services, events and experiences for our children as well as trips and visitors which you can see in your school newsletters, on the school blogs and social media - do have a look!



Wishing you and all your families a magical, restful, peaceful, and yet fun filled time this Christmas and a happy and healthy 2026!

Regards, Charlene Gethin, our Central Team.

Shanie Cole - Finance Manager  
Jacqui Bowman - Business Operations Manager  
Nic Saint - Project Manager and Clerk to Governors



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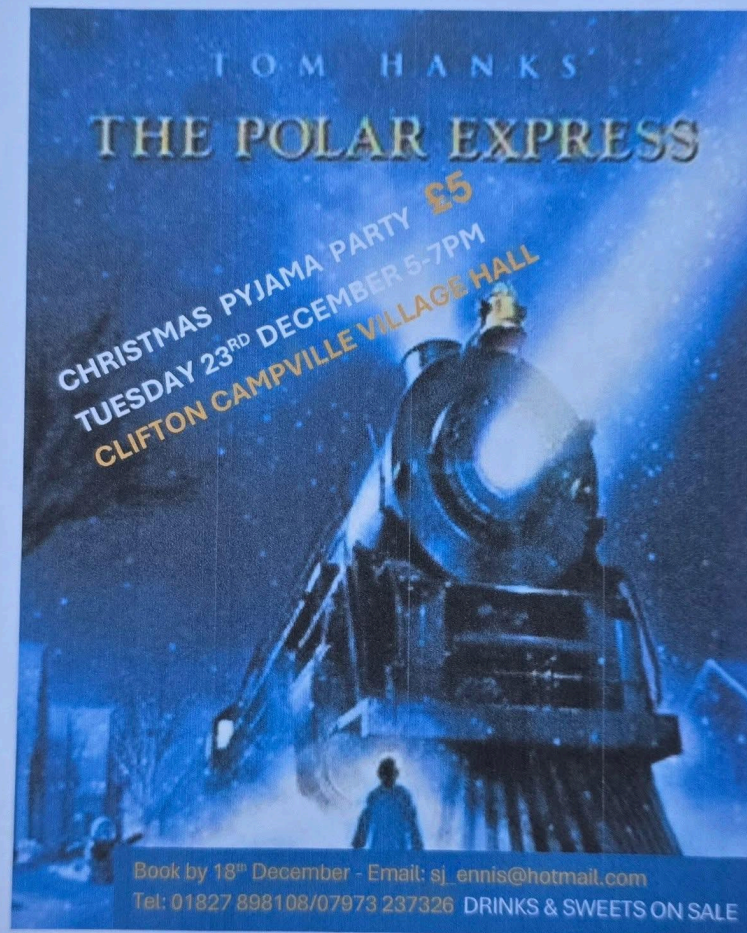
## SASA Events

### **POLAR EXPRESS PJ PARTY – TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> 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**

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*

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](mailto: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

