



St Andrew's Academy Family Update Newsletter

Summer Term 1

5th June 2026



Headteacher's Welcome

At St Andrew's, we prioritise independent living and life skills in order to best ready our pupils for life after school. As part of this, each class will cook for themselves each week. The skills required to be safe, clean and effective within food prep are carefully planned, delivered and assessed to evidence tangible and purposeful progress with such an important life skill. I am incredibly proud to share that a group of our KS4 students have taken these skills to new levels and are catering and hosting an event today at Derby Uni for 140 delegates! The young people have worked hard to prepare menus, make the food and have then transported it to the university where they will serve and host the event. WOW! What an achievement! This opportunity has been provided by the developers of the Evidence for learning (EfL) app that we use in school to evidence the pupil's learning and share it with you at home. As a result, many schools will be represented at the event from up and down the UK, placing our students at the forefront of ambitious projects, showcasing the brilliance that they all possess! Keep your eyes out on Facebook to enjoy pictures and stories of how amazing our young people really are!

David Braybrooke - Headteacher

Coffee Morning - 17th June



Learning Disability Annual Health Checks - Information Session

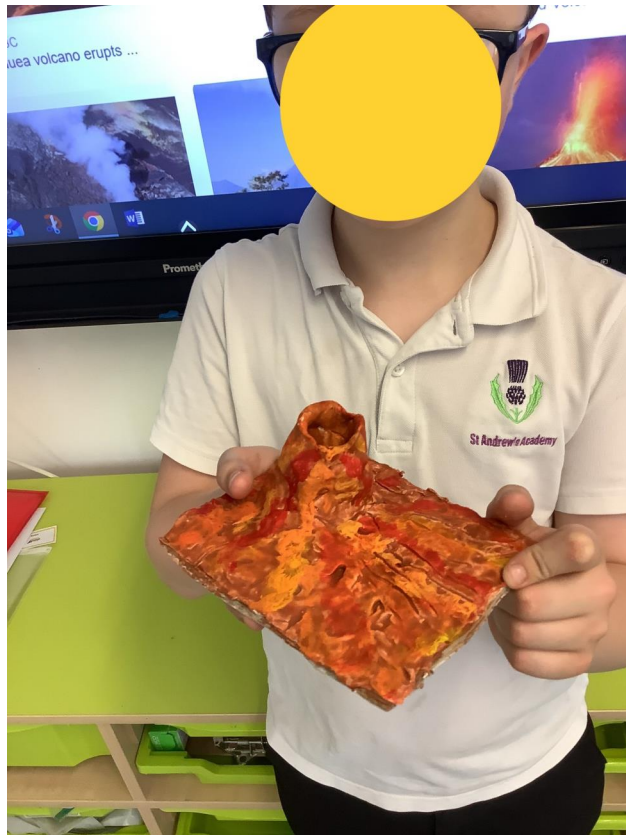
A colorful poster for an 'Information Session' about 'Learning Disability Annual Health Checks'. At the top left, there are five stylized human figures in different colors (red, green, yellow, blue, purple) above the text 'DERBY SEND VOICE'. The main title 'Information Session' is in a large, white, sans-serif font with a pink heart icon. Below it, 'Learning Disability Annual Health Checks' is written in white on a dark blue background. A circular inset photo shows a woman hugging a young person wearing headphones. A blue speech bubble next to the photo says 'Everyone welcome Parents, carers and professionals'. The poster includes a description: 'An information session to understand Annual Health Checks for young people with a learning disability.' It lists key points: 'Annual Health Checks are for young people aged 14+. Parents and carers of all ages are warmly invited.' The date and time are 'Wednesday 10 June 10am-12pm'. The location is 'Glow & Grow Café, Friar Gate Studios'. A 'We'll cover:' section lists: 'What the Annual Health Check includes', 'Why early, proactive health support matters', 'How to join the GP Learning Disability Register', and 'Eligibility, access and what support looks like in practice'. A note at the bottom states: 'No formal diagnosis is required. Come along to find out if the Annual Health Check and Register are relevant for you or your child, now or in the future.' The footer has three icons with text: 'Ask questions', 'Get informed', and 'Feel confident'.

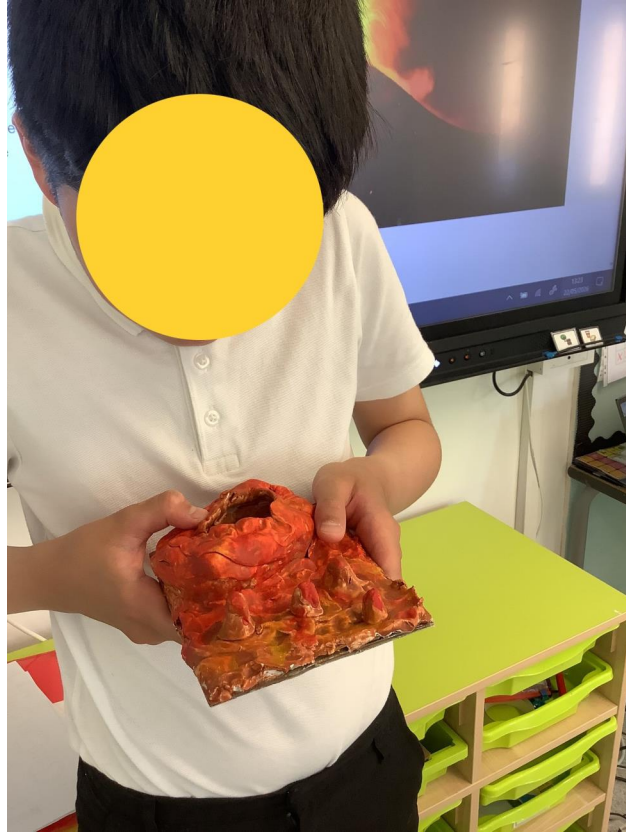
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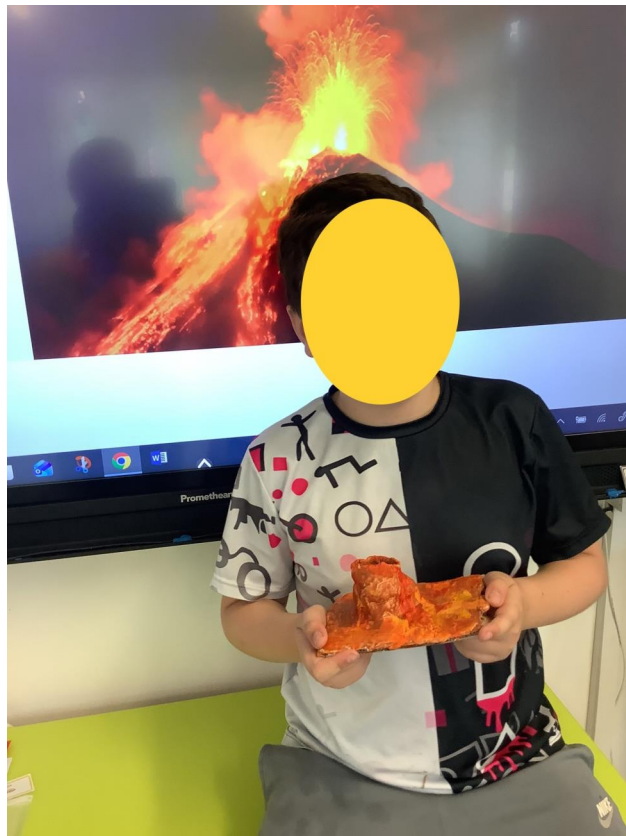
Bute Class have been learning about the topic *Extreme Earth* this term. As part of their learning, pupils designed and created their own volcanoes, carefully planning and constructing their models. The highlight of the project was testing their volcanoes and creating their own eruptions. Everyone had great fun watching the eruptions take place and seeing their hard work come to life.











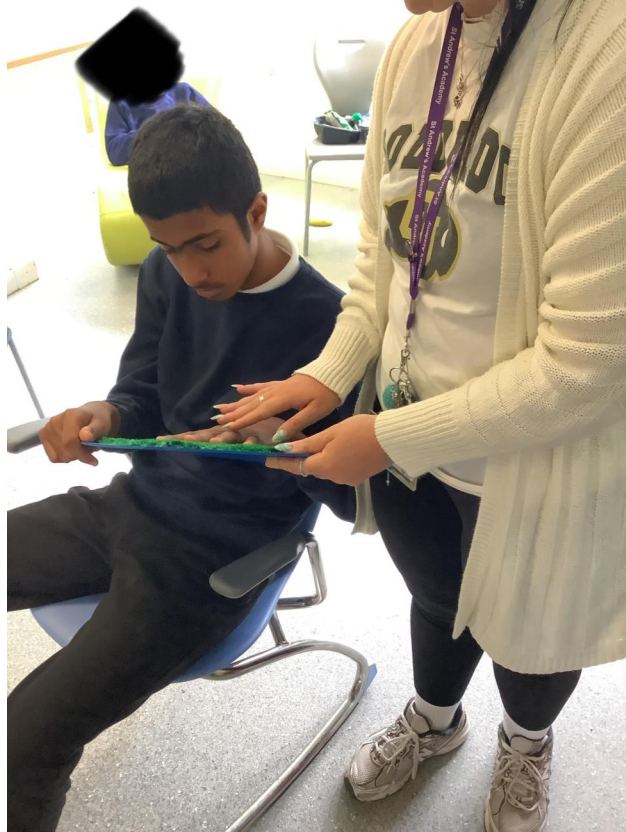


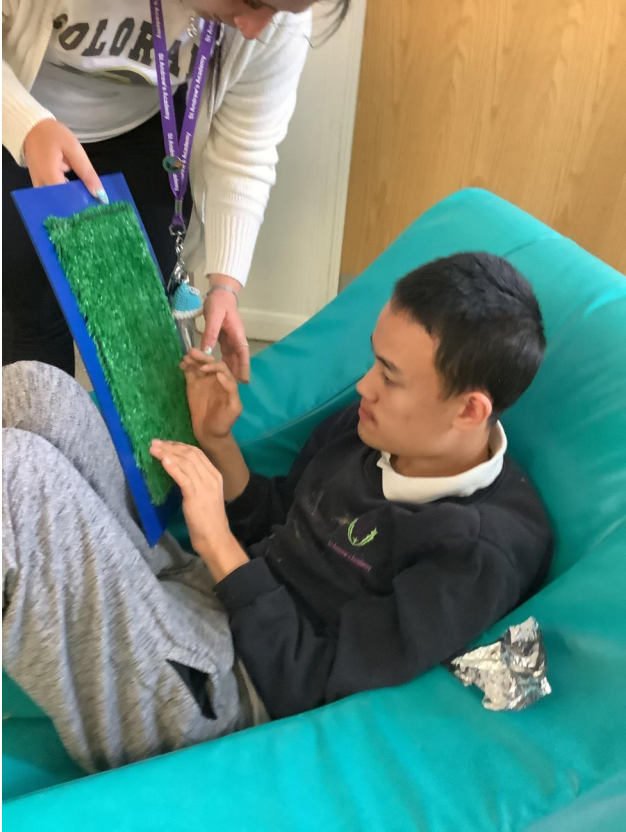
The Highlands

In Jura class, students have been learning about textures and materials in their science lesson. Students took it in turns in a staff-led activity to explore various different rough and soft materials including wool, sand paper, fake grass, stones, rigid paper and tinsel. Students enjoyed the softness of the wool in particular and the feeling of the rigid paper against their nails along with the sounds it made!









This week was cheese week! In Taransay, students were able to taste a variety of different cheeses such as smoked cheddar, cheese spread, mozzarella and feta. Students enjoyed mixing their combination of cheeses on crackers and crumpets.

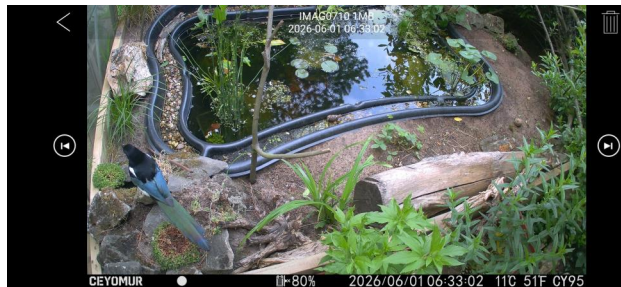


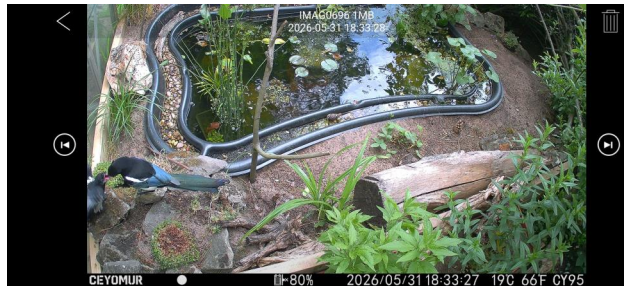




FE Campus

We have had an ongoing project at Campus this year to increase the opportunities for wildlife and biodiversity on the site. As part of this process, students created a range of different habitats around the site and we have set up remote camera traps to monitor the wildlife that visits. We had a number of visitors of the half term break, including fledgling magpies and a fox! The wildlife pond was a much appreciated opportunity for animals to get a drink during the hot weather! Students have enjoyed seeing what animals have visited and we look forward to seeing what else is attracted to the site in the future.





Therapy Input



The therapy team would like to do a big shout out to Alexander in Orkney!! Over the past few weeks, he has been working on fine motor and hand strengthening activities to help towards his independent skills.

As well as completing his usual fine motor activities, today he communicated he needed longer in the therapy room, particularly the nest swing and weighted blanket, so he could regulate before returning to class.

Well done Alexander!!





FREE SCHOOL MEALS APPLICATIONS

Derby City Council have announced that parents can now apply for free school meals online on the DCC website:

<https://www.derby.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>

The link below will take you directly to the 'Apply for Free School Meals Online' form:

[https://myaccount.derby.gov.uk/en/service/Apply for Free School Meals](https://myaccount.derby.gov.uk/en/service/Apply%20for%20Free%20School%20Meals)

If you believe your child is eligible for free school meals, please use the link above to apply.

Tips for Reading with your Young People at home



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WEEK 16: CELEBRATE ALL READING ACHIEVEMENTS

FINISHED A BOOK? MASTERED A TRICKY WORD? COMPLETED A SEE & LEARN STEP?

CELEBRATE!

CONFIDENCE GROWS WHEN CHILDREN FEEL SUCCESSFUL.



The graphic features a purple background with green accents. At the top left, there is a yellow star. At the top right, there is a green leaf-like shape. In the bottom left, there is a stack of three books. In the bottom right, there is an illustration of two hands clapping, with several yellow stars and lines radiating from the point of contact. The text is arranged in a central column, with the main title in a large purple rounded rectangle. The celebratory message 'CELEBRATE!' is in a green rounded rectangle. The motivational quote is in a white rounded rectangle. The background is decorated with several yellow stars of varying sizes.

TJ's Army - Sign with Tasha & TJ

TJ's Army

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Home to School Travel Service - A message from Derby City Council



Home to School Travel Service School/College Newsletter – March 2026

Hello!

Welcome everybody to the Home to School Travel Service Newsletter.

It's March already, and we are in full swing with planning for the September 2026 intake!

Our application window opens soon, so please encourage all parents to complete their applications during this window to allow us sufficient time to plan routes etc., ready for September. Please see below details of who will need to apply/re-apply.

Applications for Travel Assistance for 2026-2027

**The on-line application for travel assistance for 2026-2027 opens on 01 April 2026.
Applications received before this date, will be automatically refused.**

Who needs to apply?

A new application must be completed if any of the bullet points below apply:

- ❖ Family is applying for travel assistance for a child for the first time.
- ❖ A child is starting school in Reception class in September 2026.
- ❖ A child is starting a new school in September 2026.
- ❖ A child is moving into Year 3 in September 2026 (Infant to Junior Schools only).
- ❖ A child is moving into Year 7 in September 2026.
- ❖ A child is moving into Year 12 in September 2026 (e.g., sixth form or college).
- ❖ A student is currently in post 16 or post 19 education and will be continuing in education in September 2026 (post 16 learners and adult learners must apply every year).
- ❖ Applying for a bus pass for a child for academic year 2026-27.



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- ❖ Moving to a new home address before September 2026.

Please note: If none of the above apply, and a child already receives travel assistance, this will remain in place for academic year 2026-27.

How to apply?

The on-line application window is open between 01 April 2026 and 31 May 2026. Families can apply by using the link below. If an application is received after 31 May 2026, it will still be processed, but travel assistance arrangements may not be in place for the start of the autumn term. Before making your application, please read our policy at: -

<https://www.derby.gov.uk/media/derbycitycouncil/contentassets/documents/education/send/travel/hst-assistance-policy-2025-2026.pdf>

<https://www.derby.gov.uk/media/derbycitycouncil/contentassets/documents/education/send/travel/hst-assistance-post-16-policy-statement-2025-2026.pdf>

If a student wishes to apply for travel assistance, independently of a parent or carer, they must be age 18 or over.

Supporting documents e.g., Education, Health, and Care Plan (EHCP), medical evidence, proof of free school meals, proof of baptism will need to be included with the application.

Families who do not have access to the Internet should visit a local library or the Council House for free computer and Internet access to complete the online application.

Please note: Responses provided on the online application form MUST be in relation to the school that a child will be attending from September 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact the team via email: schooltravel@derby.gov.uk, or by telephone 01332 642716.

For more information about the Home to School Travel Service please see [Home to School Travel Assistance - Derby City Council](#)

Home to School Travel Service Update:

We have welcomed Lynne onto the team! Lynne joined us in January 2026 and is supporting the team by making sure our systems are all working. Lynne also oversees our appeals process and is the Clerk at Stage 2 appeal hearings.

For information about the whole team, please go to the end of this newsletter.



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Mileage Allowance and Post -16 Personal Travel Budgets Update:

The summer term payment is due to be paid to parents during Easter 2026. Email requests for attendance data have already been sent to schools. Due to the way Easter falls and the Council's financial closedown, please provide the attendance data for the spring term by no later than 11 March 2026.

Detentions:

We have had some recent experience of students who are on Council Organised Transport receiving after school detentions. If school is giving this sanction, they must contact the transport provider and cancel the transport as the crews cannot wait until the detention is over. The responsibility for collecting a child following after school detention is with the parent/carer.

NEW: Designated safeguarding inbox for schools

The Home to School Travel Service have created a new inbox for schools to use in the case of safeguarding incidents/concerns.

Please use this inbox instead of the general school travel one for anything related to safeguarding. The email address is safeguarding.htst@derby.gov.uk

Please **DO NOT** give this address to parents.

Meet the Team (Snapshot of Duties):

Carole:

Carole is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. Please contact Carole for any safeguarding concerns.

Matthew:

Matt is responsible for processing travel assistance applications. Please contact Matt if you have any queries about your application. Matt is also the Presenting Officer at Stage 2 appeals.

Lauren:

Lauren is responsible for making the mileage allowance payments and post-16 PTB payments. Please contact Lauren if you have any questions about your payment.

Amelia:

Amelia is responsible for supporting Matt with processing applications. Please contact Amelia if you have any queries about your application.



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Lynne:

Lynne is responsible for making sure our systems are all working. Lynne also oversees our appeals process and is the Clerk at Stage 2 appeal hearings.

Helen:

Helen is the Designated Safeguarding Lead and is responsible for the day to day running of the team.

Tom:

Tom is the Commissioning Manager and the strategic lead for the Home to School Travel Service. He is responsible planning, policy development, performance and quality.

Contacts:

General Enquiries:

Schooltravel@derby.gov.uk

Telephone: 01332 6427416

Designated Safeguarding Concerns:

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School Term and Holiday Dates



St Andrew's Academy School Term and Holiday Dates 2025-2026

Autumn Term		Summer Term		Bank Holiday (Shut to all)	
Spring Term		School Holiday		Inset Day (Shut to students)	
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195 Days – including up to 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff.



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St Andrew's Academy School Term and Holiday Dates 2026-2027

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 Autumn Term	 Spring Term	 Summer Term

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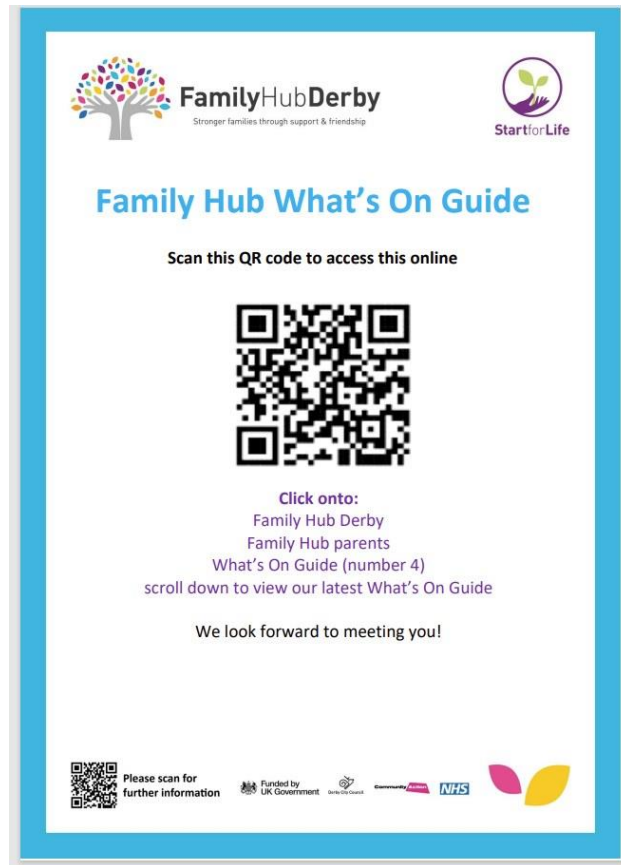
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