



# St Andrew's Academy Family Update Newsletter

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*Summer Term 1*

*22nd May 2026*

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## Headteacher's Welcome

What an exceptional end to Summer Term 1. Our calendar is loaded with trips, residentials and off-site learning opportunities making this time of year a culturally enriched and fun time to learn. The school is closed Monday 1st June for INSET. During this time, we will be spending time reviewing and implementing changes in light of the new Government Guidance for [Relationships and sex education \(RSE\)](#). We will be consulting with parents following this review for feedback and to share an agreed response for students at St Andrew's.

School will be open as usual, Tuesday 2nd of June to enjoy the exciting learning opportunities and a strong finish to the academic year.


As always, a heartfelt thank you for your consistent support and collaboration, it's an honor to share the educational journey of our young people and work towards our shared goals.

**David Braybrooke - Headteacher**

## INSET DAY REMINDER

A reminder that Monday 1st June is an INSET day and Main School and Campus are both **closed to all students**. We welcome students back to school after May half term on Tuesday 2nd June.

## FE Campus Info Evening for new starters



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# FE Campus Information Evening

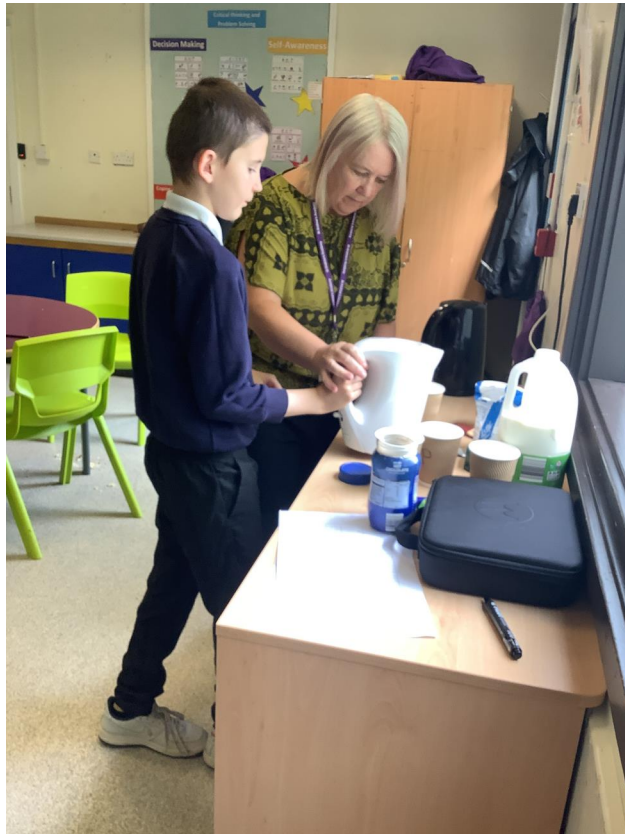
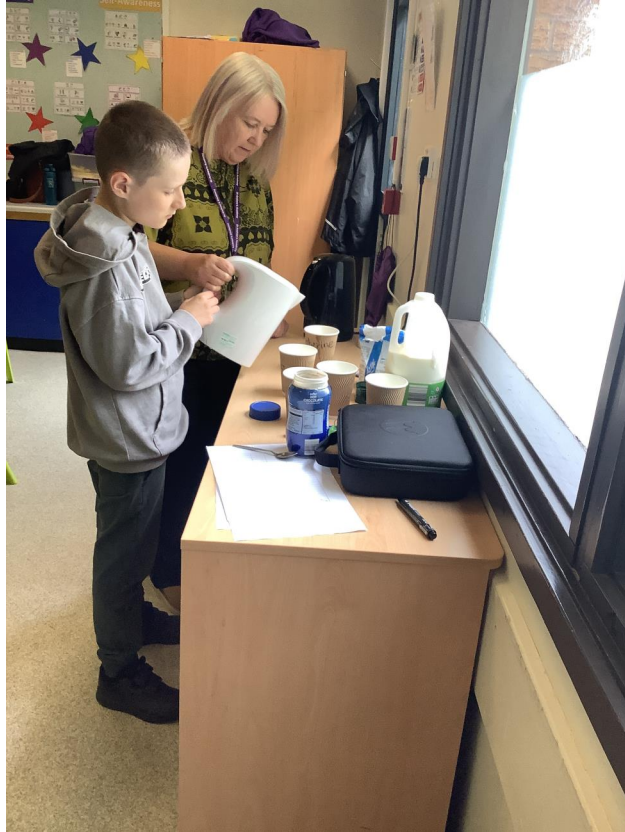
Please come along to our FE Campus site at Whitaker Road to have a look around the building and ask any questions you may have about your young person's transition into FE in September 2026

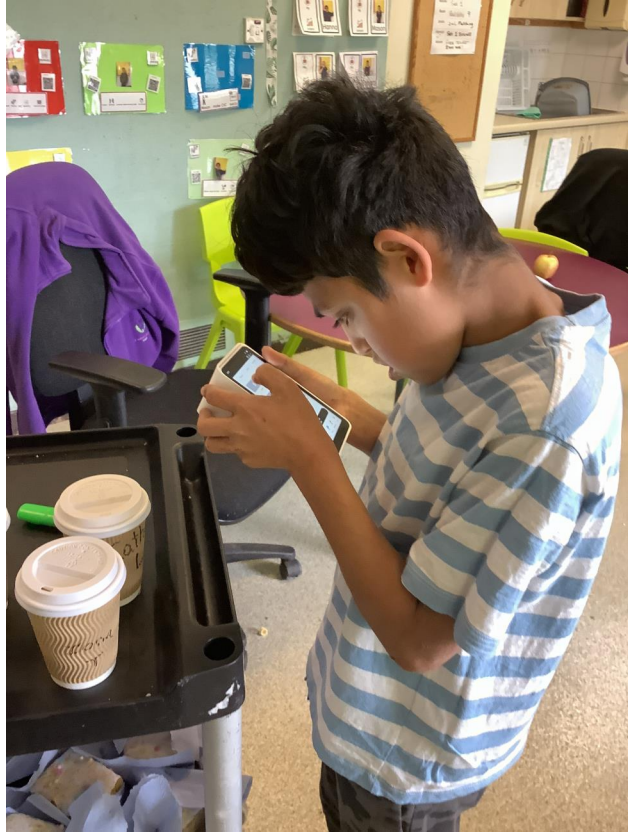
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 4pm – 6pm**

St Andrew's FE Campus, Whitaker Road, Derby, DE23 6AR

## KS3

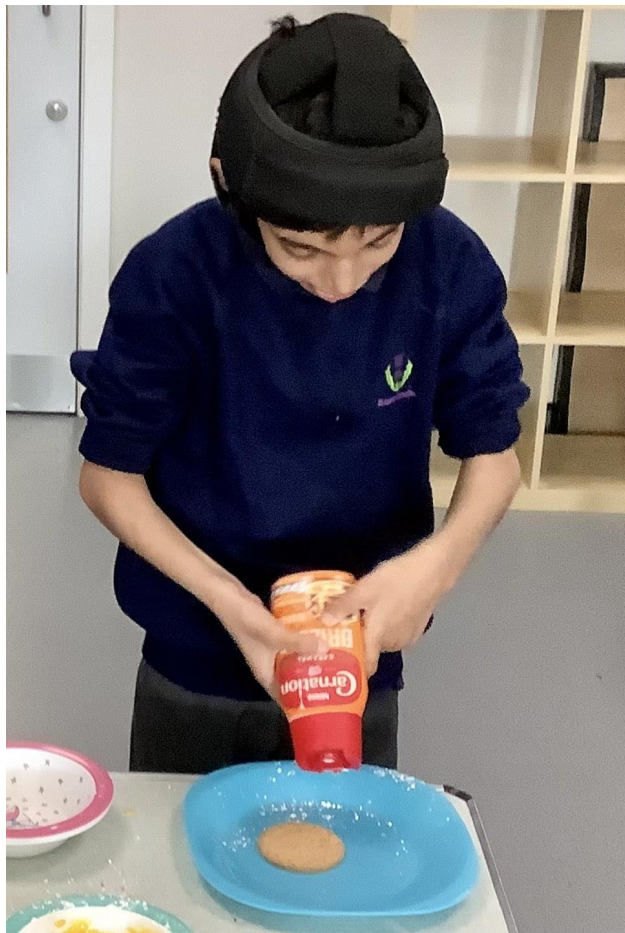
The Barra class have been working hard in Enterprise this term. The students have been helping to take orders from staff before working in small groups to prepare tea, coffee, lattes, and cake. The students then deliver the items around the school, building their communication skills. They also help collect the money from the orders using a card machine with staff support, developing their understanding of money and turn-taking. The money raised will be used to treat the students, helping them to recognise the rewards of their hard work and teamwork.





## The Glens

Skye Class have enjoyed participating in creative arts activities for World Bee Day. Activities have included sponge printing, biscuit decorating and lots of music and dancing fun.







## KS4

Last Friday we hosted a Big breakfast morning as part of the Helping Hands Café at the Community hub. We had 14 parents, carers and siblings turn up! Students set up the Helping Hands Café, served tea, coffee and orange juice and then served a delicious full English breakfast prepared by our KS4 students. They set up the café, made the breakfast, served the

breakfast and then tidied and washed everything up! Fantastic work experience opportunity for our students...

Look out for our family film evening soon!









## The Highlands

This week, Taransay have celebrated Afternoon Tea week by preparing their own class Afternoon Tea for our Senior Leadership Team to enjoy! Students had lots of fun making a variety of sandwiches, cakes, scones with cream and jam and savoury snacks for the staff to eat on Thursday afternoon, using symbols to guide them with cutting the bread and preparing the savoury dishes. They also gave members of staff their own personalised Afternoon Tea invitations, a brilliant touch to a fabulous afternoon. Well done Taransay!











Jura Class enjoyed celebrating World Bee Day by spending the day creating some brilliant art pieces, including biscuit decorating with yellow icing and chocolate sauce and their own bees by painting paper plates and adding eyes and wings. Students also enjoyed an Attention Autism session entirely bee-themed as a great add on for the day, ending it with enjoying the warm weather before home-time. Have a fab term and enjoy the hot weather!







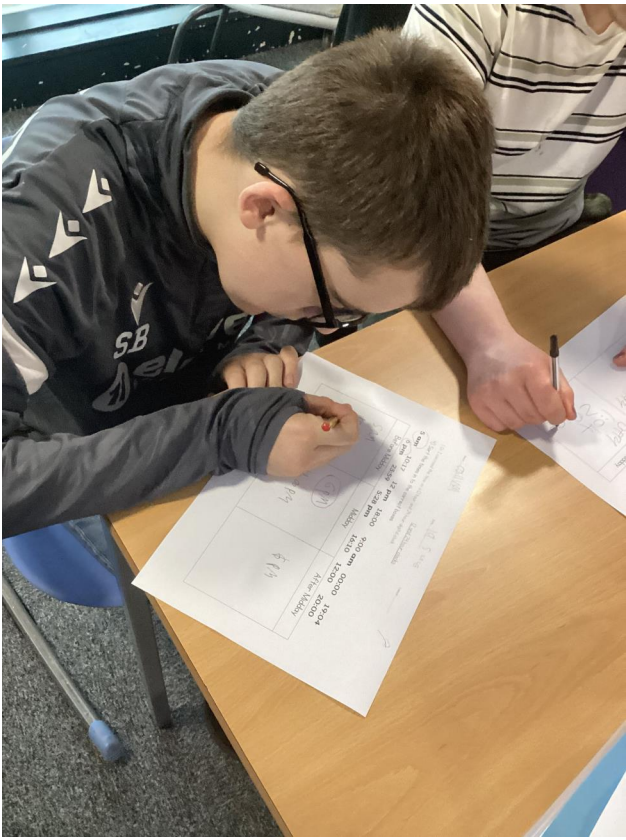


## FE Campus

Alongside the varied offsite learning opportunities that campus students undertake, there is also a focus on developing knowledge and skills within core areas of learning. Students follow a bespoke pathway to develop their English and Maths skills and continue to show real progress in these areas.

This week, we were very pleased to welcome year 11 students and their families to look round Campus and have a chance to find out more about what their young person's future looks like after they leave the main site. It was great to see so many families and we are looking forward to seeing your young people in September!

A number of students started a new rookie water safety course today and really enjoyed their time in the pool. They are looking forward to progressing their confidence in the water after the half term break.





Therapy Input



Combining music and OT provisions enables a truly holistic experience for some of our students. Sessions include movement to music, use of the resonance board, choice- making, TacPac and more, with programmes fully personalised for each young person.



## 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 15: LINK READING TO REAL LIFE

- IF YOU'RE READING A BOOK ABOUT ANIMALS, VISIT THE PARK.
- IF YOU'RE READING ABOUT COOKING, TRY A RECIPE TOGETHER.

THIS MAKES STORIES MEANINGFUL AND MEMORABLE!

READING CAN ALSO BE FUNCTIONAL E.G. READING RECIPES, LABELS, SIGNS

An illustration of a person with dark hair, wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt and dark pants, sitting on a tall stack of colorful books. The books have various colored spines (green, orange, blue, yellow). The person is looking towards the right. The background is a light purple color with green leaf-like shapes and yellow starburst accents.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Schooltravel@derby.gov.uk)

Telephone: 01332 6427416

**Designated Safeguarding Concerns:**

[safeguarding-htst@derby.gov.uk](mailto:safeguarding-htst@derby.gov.uk)

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working with you over this next half-term.

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

	School Holiday		Bank Holiday (Shut to all)		Inset Day (Shut to students)
	Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term

September 2026 (19 days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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October 2026 (17 days)						
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November 2026 (21 days)						
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December 2026 (14 days)						
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January 2027 (20 days)						
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February 2027 (15 days)						
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March 2027 (19 days)						
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April 2027 (15 days)						
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May 2027 (19 days)						
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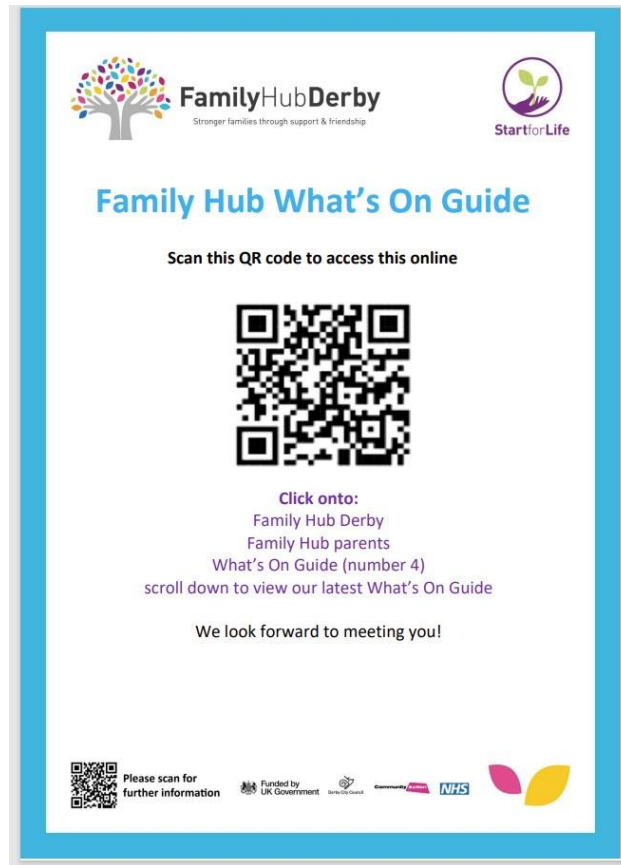
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July 2027 (18 days)						
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August 2027						
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195 Days – including up to 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff.

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The poster features a large soccer ball on the right side. The crest of St. Andrews Football Club is visible, with the letters 'S', 'T', 'F', 'C' and 'SAINTS' on a shield, and 'EST 1978' on a banner below it. The background is a dark, blurred image of a football pitch.

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