



St Andrew's Academy- **Main School** Family Update Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

7th November 2025

Please note - all information in this newsletter is in relation to Main School site. FE Campus staff will share relevant information to parents and carers.

Headteacher's Welcome



We hope you have enjoyed a great half term and feel refreshed and ready for our ambitious run up to Christmas! We are very much aware that many of our Post 16 pupils are now located 4 miles south of our main site at Whitaker Rd in Littleover and it's a priority for us to ensure our sites are linked and we remain one school. Post 16 pupils have had many opportunities to revisit the newly refurbished Main site since September and our pupils on the main site are now starting to visit and connect with those at Whitaker Rd. We plan to host our festive events across both sites to enable parents and the wider school community the opportunity to share these new spaces and we very much look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Please do keep your eyes peeled for invites and information in the coming weeks.

I've had a few questions around our old Campus site and proposed usage. I'm very excited to share that we are in the process of refurbishment to make best use of the space. The intention is for the pupils to design and lead on the usage and aesthetics but we are looking towards a Cafe & Wellness Centre with fitness and creative arts being the driver. Classes will be timetabled

to use this space throughout the week to enrich their curriculum offer. Our ambition is to be using it in the new calendar year but we will keep you posted!

Have a wonderful weekend,

David Braybrooke - Headteacher

The Erin Madison Foundation Charity Raffle

If you've managed to catch our newsletters this half term, you'll know that we are taking this time to honour the memory of a pupil that sadly passed away 3 years ago, Erin Alger. Erin's mum Nikki has launched a Foundation in Erin's memory with a view to raise funds for a caravan to provide holidays for young people with additional needs. Nikki is also working on a range of story books in loving memory of such a special young lady.

Please see the poster for full details of The Erin Madison foundation raffle that will be drawn on her birthday, 15th November. If you would like any tickets, please direct message Nikki Marriott on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/people/Erin-Madison-Foundation/61580896418819/#>

ERIN MADISON FOUNDATION

CHARITY RAFFLE



DRAWN ON 15TH NOVEMBER @8PM

On what would have been Erin's 18th birthday

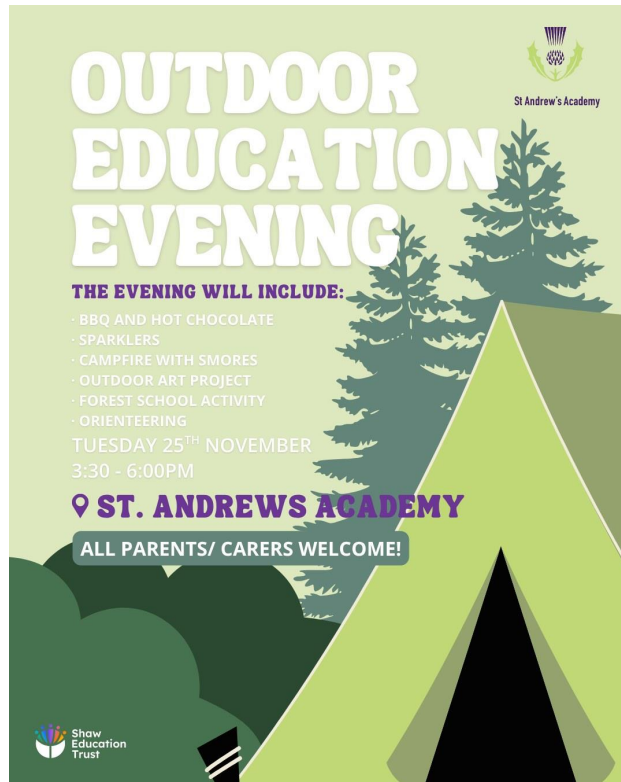
TICKETS £5 A STRIP

PRIZES INCLUDE

a weekend getaway for a family of 4 in Blackpool,
wine, chocolate hamper, beautiful vouchers
and much more.

All proceeds go to the Erin Madison Foundation
& current projects

Outdoor Ed Evening- Tuesday 25th November 3:30-6pm



Christmas Fayre at The Enabled Centre



KS3

At the back of our playground, we have the most magnificent outdoor area which over the summer has been overgrown. Students in Hoy have been working extremely hard as part of the Design and Technology learning to develop this area, learning how to use tools such as saws, shears, rakes and spades safely.

We will be using this area throughout the year to start to grow and sell our own produce.







The Glens



Moo-ving from Milk to Mud, Fair Isle Style

As part of our Humanities and Science topics this term, our budding farmers from Fair Isle had a field day learning how cows give milk and also where potatoes hide underground. Who knew learning could be this muddy and moo-velous?











The Highlands

In Taransay we have been celebrating Bonfire Night in our creative expression lessons by having our own campfire, sparklers, toasting marshmallows creating firework art and decorating apples with chocolate and toffee. For the class meal we celebrated by cooking bonfire food including making our own burgers, jacket potatoes and mushy peas. We have really enjoyed all our activities especially the ones involving food!

This week in Jura class we have been practising our functional skills. We have been keeping the outside of the classroom clean and tidy by sweeping up the leaves and cleaning the windows. We have also been picking up the rubbish and putting it in the bin.

This is really important because it helps us learn how to look after shared spaces, take responsibility, notice what needs to be done, and complete a task. These are skills that help us be more independent both in school and in our everyday lives. Students have been very proud of helping keep our environment safe and cared for.





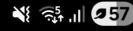
Therapy Input



This week it's OT week, a campaign organised by the Royal college of Occupational Therapists. Here at St Andrews we are lucky to have a SI trained OT, Sarah from Children's choice who comes into school once a week to work along side Emma (Lead for therapeutic input). Together they support children with their sensory needs, making sure the student's get the best outcome possible at school, as well as at home.

This week staff and students have been busy including more movement breaks into their timetables, to boost co-regulation as well as proprioception and vestibular input which helps calm the nervous system and has a grounding and regulating effect.

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#OTWeek25
3-9 November

Right Support,
Right Time:
Unlocking the
Power of OT



Happy
OT Week!

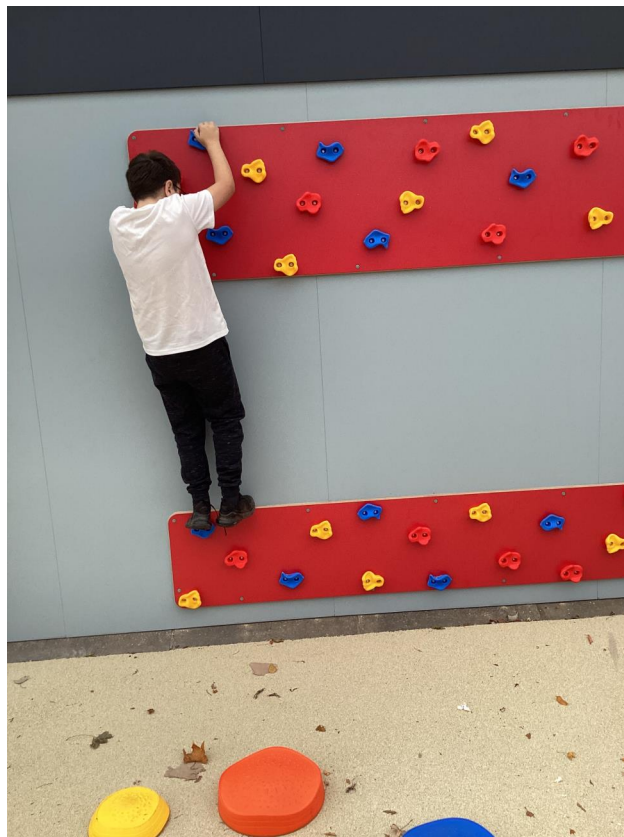


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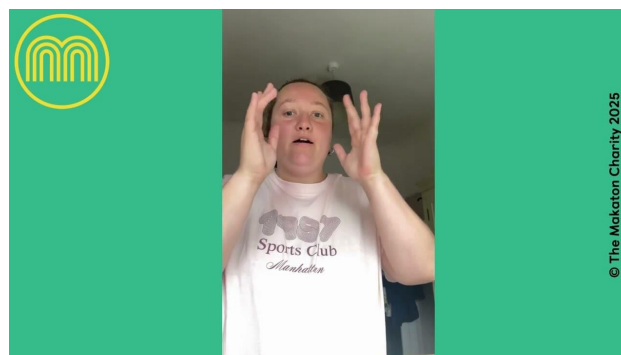




Heart of the Park cafe workshop



Makaton- Sign of the Week



Hubbub Theatre Company- Free Workshops!



Free! Weekly Workshops

For Young Autistic and/ or Learning Disabled people

We focus on wellbeing, self-confidence, self-expression and team work.



Where?
Chapel Street Arts Centre
19 Chapel Street
Derby
DE1 3GU



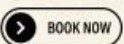
Ages:
13 - 18

We will do:

- Percussion
- Movement

When: (Tuesdays)
From 9th Sept - 18th Nov
Time: 4.45pm - 5.45pm



 **BOOK NOW**

Email: info@hubbubtheatre.org
or call: 07405156800

Funded By:  FamilyHubDerby

SEND Dance

Who?

People who want to dance aged 11-18 (who are Learning Disabled and/ or Autistic)

Where?

19 Chapel Street- Studio 2

When?

4.45pm - 5.45pm
Wednesday term times

How much?

Free

hubbub
theatre
company

Co-led by:



Rosie
(she/her)



Emily
(she/her)



To book by phone
07405 156800



To book by email
info@hubbubtheatre.org



Visit our website
www.hubbubtheatre.org



SEND Dance is a dance session for young people with learning disabilities and/ or Autism.

The group provides a safe environment to be creative and learn new dance skills.

We explore lots of different dance styles and create dances together using everyone's ideas.

CANVAS
Inspiring the next generation of creatives

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Transport Support!

To And From...

Chapel Street Arts Centre
Derby.



Is cost of transport preventing you from getting to our sessions?

CANVAS can support transport costs to and from our weekly sessions for our participants.

If you need this, please contact us:

Email:
info@hubbubtheatre.org

call:
07405156800

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Newsletter & Social Media Feedback – Help Us Improve!



We would love your feedback on our school newsletter and social media. This quick survey asks how you stay updated, what content you enjoy most, and how we can make our communication more useful for you. Your input will help us share news, celebrate students, and keep you better connected!

[Parent / Carer feedback survey questions \(Newsletter and social media\)](#)

Family Hub QR Code and Family Fun Sessions

**FamilyHubDerby**
Stronger families through support & friendship


StartforLife

Family Hub What's On Guide

Scan this QR code to access this online



Click onto:
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Family Hub parents
What's On Guide (number 4)
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We look forward to meeting you!

**Please scan for further information**

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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)

September 2025 (19 days)							October 2025 (18 days)							November 2025 (20 days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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29	30						27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30

December 2025 (15 days)							January 2026 (20 days)							February 2026 (15 days)						
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March 2026 (20 days)							April 2026 (14 days)							May 2026 (15 days)						
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June 2026 (22 days)							July 2026 (17 days)							August 2026						
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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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