



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

Autumn Term 2

28th 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



It was great to see so many families and members of our school community at the Outdoor Ed evening this week. Socialising around the camp fire, enjoying great food and activities and connecting on a social level was a superb occasion. Wednesday saw a group of families and staff meet at our old Campus for a Makaton Coffee morning. Huge thank you to everyone who took part in the event, especially to Nabila and Shirley for making it happen. The next event in the calendar is our Christmas Fair at Whitaker Rd on Thursday 11th December 10am-12pm. Not only is this great way to connect and raise funds, it's also an opportunity for families to see our wonderful new 6th form provision 4 miles south of our main site.

No need to wait for an invite or event to connect with St Andrew's Academy. We're very active on Facebook, our website contains a lot of information, and we always welcome parents and visitors at a time that works for you.

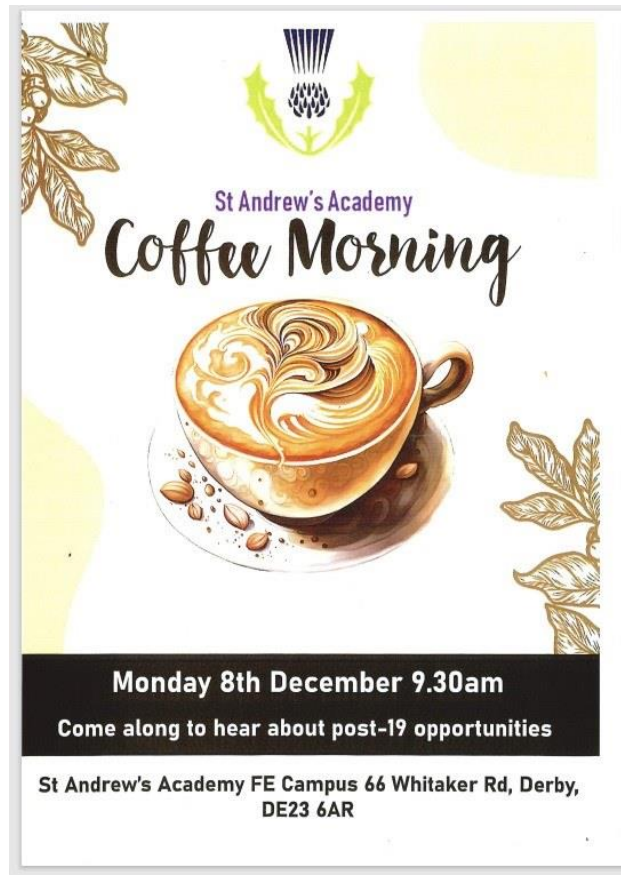
Our moto is Learning Together, Achieving Together- of which we're fully committed to!

David Braybrooke - Headteacher

Dates for your diary

- Coffee Morning - **Whitaker road**, Monday 8th December, 9:30am - post-19 opportunities
- Christmas Market - Campus, **Whitaker Road** - 11th December - see poster below for further info
- Christmas Jumper day - Main School - 11th December
- The Glens trip to the Snowdome - 12th December
- Christmas performance (Main School) - Venue TBC - 12th December
- Whole School Panto trip to Dick Whittington - 17th December

Coffee Morning - Whitaker road, Mon 8th Dec 9:30am



Festive Menu 2025



Christmas Market - Whitaker road - 11th December



Key Stage 3



Today in Key Stage 3 we have been doing many things including learning about our bodies, visiting the local cafe and learning how to play table cricket! Here are the pictures of us playing cricket.

Table cricket is a fun variant of the cricket game and comparable to a game like air hockey in its style of play. The students took turns to hit the ball trying to get past the defenders deflector shields! Students took it in turns to defend, bowl and bat the ball. It was great fun!





The Glens



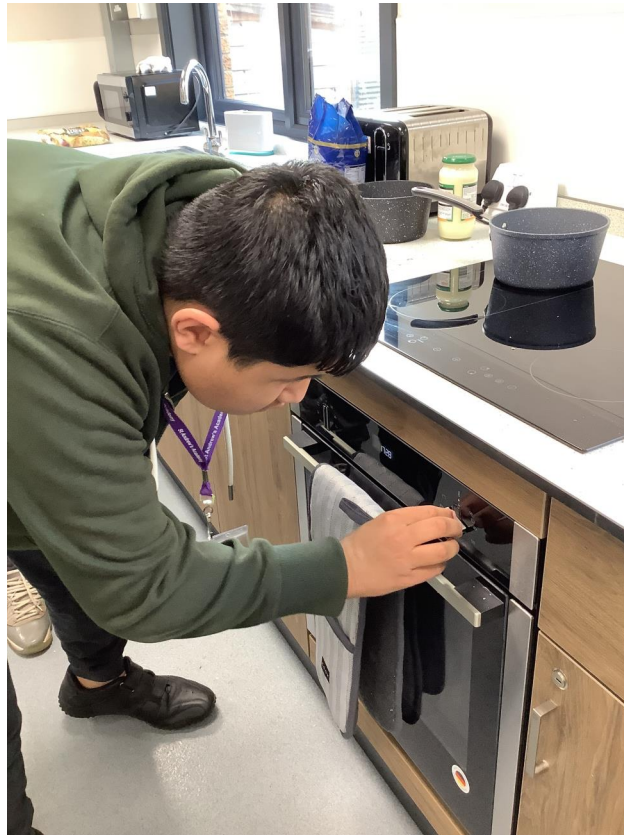
In Skye class this week, the students walked over to our Forest school area to toast marshmallows on the campfire.





Key Stage 4

In Canna class the students have been working on their independence skills preparing their own dinners in meal prep. We have also been looking at using public transport buses to travel from the school site to the city centre







The Highlands

This week in Jura class, we enjoyed preparing for the Outdoor Education Evening. We gathered all the ingredients needed for our stall, including biscuits, sweets, and icing for biscuit decorating. We also practised our functional skills by using the microwave to make popcorn for people to enjoy with their favourite toppings. In class, we decorated our own biscuits and loved eating them! During the evening event, staff were kept busy as lots of people came to decorate biscuits and try the popcorn. It was a lovely evening, and we even had a few treats left over to make more biscuits as a Friday treat.















Therapy Input



Some students have been focusing on hand strengthening exercises during our sessions. Hand and wrist strength is crucial when it comes to writing, holding a pen, cooking and dressing skills.

We achieve this by engaging in activities such as traversing across a climbing wall, or propelling yourself down the corridor on a scooter board using your hands. We also combine the sensory circuit with fine motor activities to increase the strengthening input as well as proprioception which calms our nervous system 😊







Extra Curricular

In Art Club the students have been looking at different styles of painting. We have used spray paint pens and 'pour paint'. The students really enjoyed getting creative in these sessions. In Sports Club the students have enjoyed table cricket













Newsletter & Social Media Feedback – Help Us Improve!



St Andrew's Academy

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 \(Newsletter and social media\)](#)

School Term and Holiday Dates



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2025-2026

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

September 2025 (19 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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October 2025 (18 days)

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November 2025 (20 days)

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December 2025 (15 days)

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January 2026 (20 days)

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February 2026 (15 days)

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March 2026 (20 days)

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April 2026 (14 days)

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May 2026 (15 days)

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June 2026 (22 days)

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July 2026 (17 days)

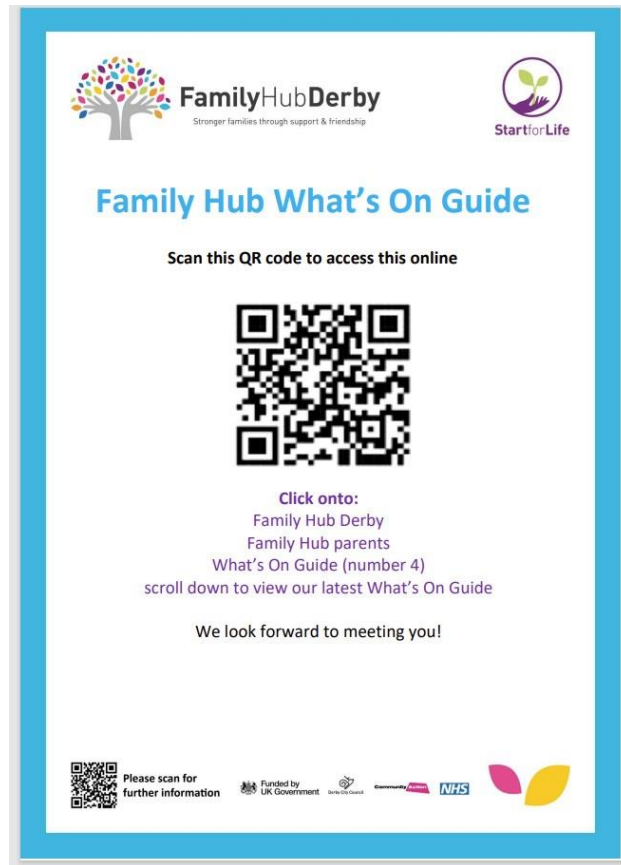
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August 2026

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195 Days – including up to 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff.

Family Hub QR Code and Family Fun Sessions



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