



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

Autumn Term 2

5th December 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're very keen to share your young person's time and progress at St Andrew's in as many ways as possible and our Facebook is very active with updates and celebrations. We are currently running coverage of our festive adaptations of curriculum, sharing how we've tailored our content to motivate learning and fun. A highlight in our Festive calendar is the Christmas Market at Whitaker Rd on Thursday 11th December at 10:00-12:00. This has been organised and resourced by our young people and will be hosted on the day by our pupils too. We operate a cashless token system where tokens are purchased via card and spent at the various stalls. This all contributes to our curriculum delivery, using the event as a vehicle for learning.

If you've not managed to check out our Facebook posts yet, please do give us a follow to keep up to date and celebrate all that is brilliant at St Andrew's.

Have a great weekend,

David Braybrooke - Headteacher

Dates for your diary

- Coffee Morning - **Whitaker road**, Monday 8th December, 9:30am - post-19 opportunities
- Christmas dinner day, Main School, Tuesday 9th December
- 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

Polite reminder - Illness

A polite reminder as the cold weather draws in and we are seeing more illness, to please encourage hand washing and ensure that students come to school in warm clothing.

Attendance is important to us but we also want to avoid spreading infections. If your child has a temperature of 38C or higher and has other symptoms such as body aches, sore throat, cough, sneezing or nausea then it is likely that they have an infection. A reminder that anyone with sickness and diarrhea needs to remain off school for 48 hours from the last episode. Many thanks for your understanding.

Erin Madison Christmas Party Fundraiser



**ERIN MADISON
FOUNDATION
CHRISTMAS PARTY
FUNDRAISER**

Supporting the Children & Staff at Saint Andrews School

£1 = 1 ENTRY INTO THE PRIZE DRAW!

1st PRIZE:
TWO-NIGHT STAY IN BLACKPOOL
For up to 4 people, breakfast included!

◆ **MORE PRIZES TO BE SHARED SOON!** ◆

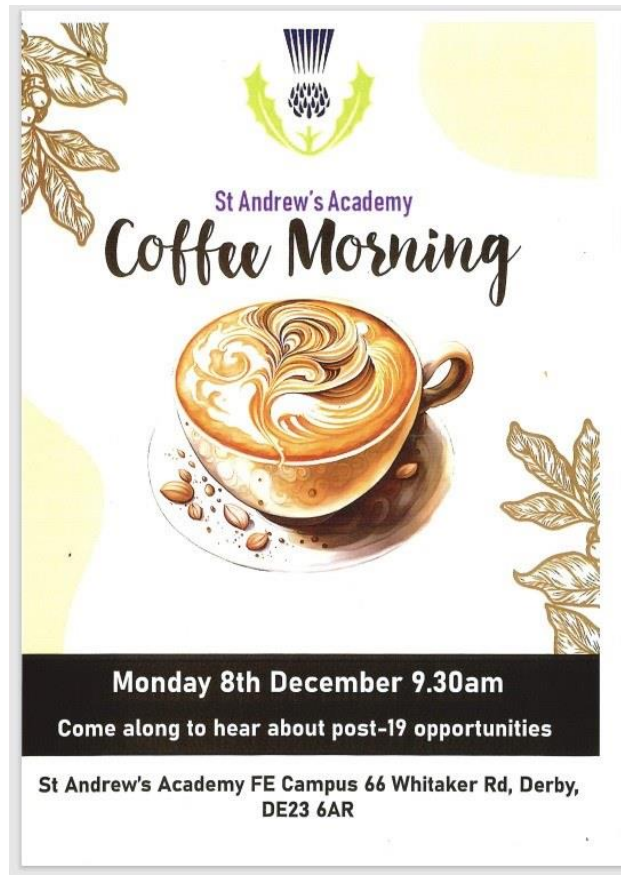
HOW TO ENTER:
Donate via the GoFundMe page linked below
Tickets close: 14th December
Live draw: 15th December

Thank you for helping us spread Erin's love and Christmas cheer
gofund.me/6be3e002f



Scan to donate to Nikki's fundraiser
"St Andrews School Christmas Party Fund"

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



Christmas Market - Whitaker road - 11th December



Festive Menu 2025



T2 Tour and Talk Event


Derby City Council



Transition2 Tour & Talk Event

Are you aged 18-24 years with an Education, Health and Care Plan?

Come and explore Transition2 to discover how our vocational learning programmes for young people with SEND can help develop skills for work and life.

What to Expect:

- Guided tour of our facilities
- Meet staff and current learners
- Find out about our vocational learning pathways, travel training service, and our BeConnected social, health and wellbeing offer
- Learn how to apply for September 2026

Date: Tuesday 9th December 2025
Location: Transition2, Friar Gate Studios, 22 Ford Street, Derby, DE1 1EE

Session 1: 11:00am – 1:00pm
(Mainly for local schools and groups)

Session 2: 4:30pm – 6:30pm
(Mainly for young people and families)

Booking:
To book your place, please contact us at:
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✉ [maddy.stokes@transition2.co.uk]
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Key Stage 3



This week Year 7 enjoyed a fantastic visit to the National Adventure Farm. They had a fun-filled day with tractor rides, exploring the farm and taking in the festivities. The highlight was a magical trip to the North Pole, where they even got to meet the big man in red himself – Santa! The pupils represented the school brilliantly and everyone had a wonderful time!





The Glens



The Glens took 'Life on a Farm' from our Humanities topic straight into the real world! There were animals to feed, fields to run in and our lovely students were all excited! Even the staff joined in...apparently the animals do not mind who's holding the snack!













Key Stage 4

In Shetland this week we have been out for a very Autumnal walk. We have been ticking off the list of 50 things to do outside, and we watched the leaves fall from the trees, and met a few friendly dogs on the walk too!

We have also been learning about recognising ways to care for the environment. We have been engaging in a sensory story each week and this week we have been sorting natural and non-natural materials and have created our own indoor garden.











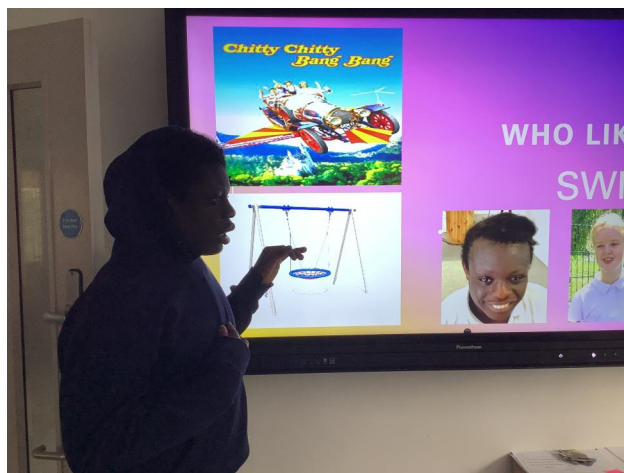
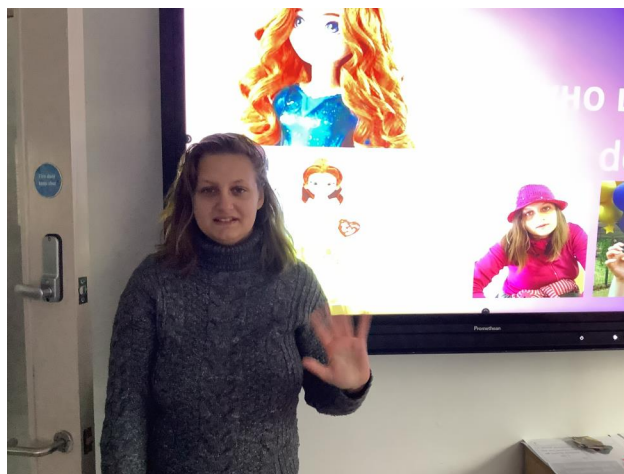
The Highlands

This week in Jura class, we enjoyed taking part in Sensory Circuits as part of our self-regulation work. Sensory Circuits are short movement activities that help prepare us for the day. We have enjoyed jumping, balancing and stretching, and the circuits have helped us to feel calmer, more focused and ready for learning.

This week in Taransay our students have been getting to know each other a little more by showing each other what they like. Students walked up to the interactive whiteboard and identified themselves then pointed to what they liked.







Therapy Input



Students have enjoyed strengthening their cores this week. These activities also add proprioception and vestibular input which calms the nervous system so students are ready to focus on their learning activities.

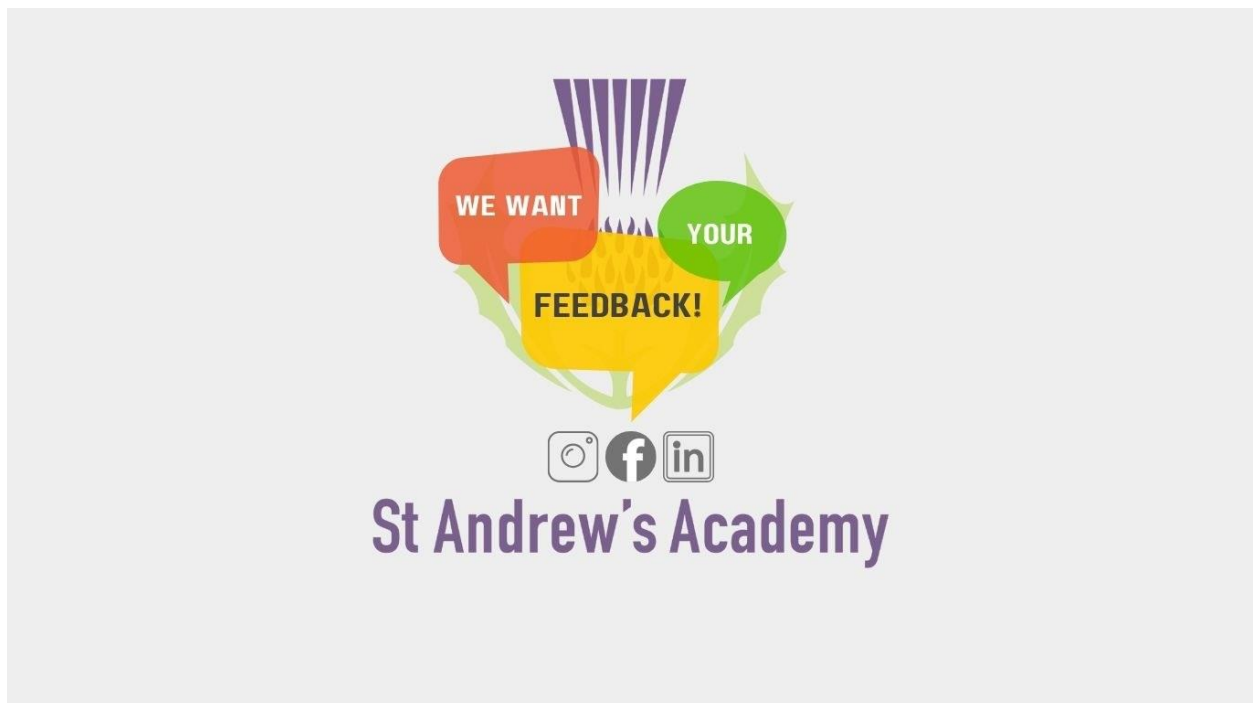




Makaton Countdown to Christmas

[Countdown to Christmas daily Signs](#) - Please follow the link for the Makaton Christmas countdown.

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!

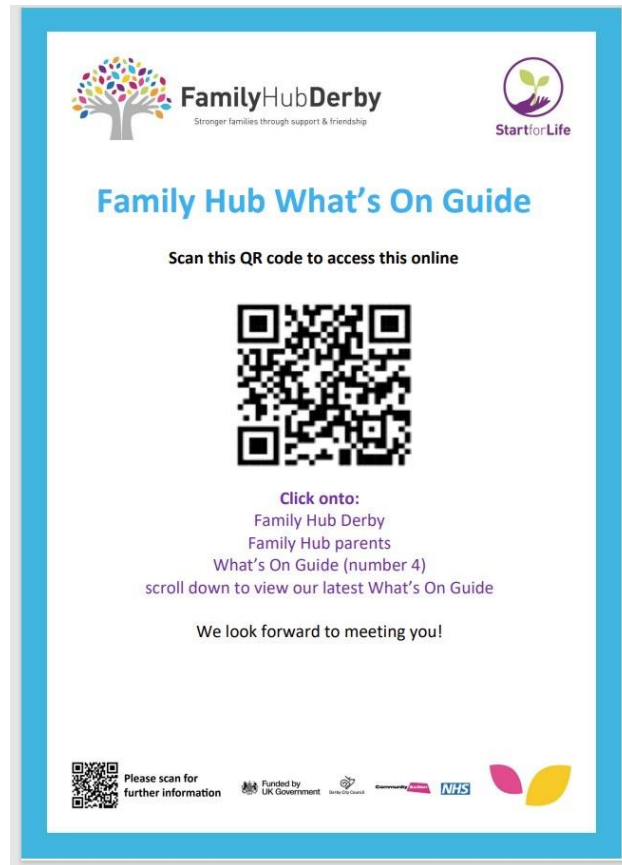
[Parent / Carer feedback survey questions \(Newsletter and social media\)](#)

School Term and Holiday Dates

<div><div> St Andrew's Academy</div><div>School Term and Holiday Dates 2025-2026</div></div>																				
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)						
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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.

Family Hub QR Code and Family Fun Sessions



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