



# St Andrew's Academy Family Update Newsletter

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*Spring Term 1*

*14th February 2025*

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## Headteacher's Welcome



What an incredible finish to the half term! This week we hosted Ofsted within our Residential Provision. This is an annual event and assesses our provision against the care standards framework. As with the usual Ofsted protocol, I am unable to share judgements at this stage as the report is moving through a quality assurance process. However, I am able to say that I am very pleased with the outcome and the Resi team and young people did us very proud!

Today we have seen the return of our young people who have been in the Lake District all week. A collection of KS4 & KS5 staff & young people have spent the week in Kendal at a venue called Bendrigg Trust. Our Facebook has been live and current throughout, demonstrating the learning and experiences that the young people have enjoyed. If your young person was not part of that trip- do not worry! We constantly have a wide range of outdoor learning on offer and, over time, all young people experience the benefits to be found outdoors at some point in the school year.

I'm incredibly impressed with what has been achieved in the first half of the year and very much look forward to welcoming you back after February half term for the exciting run up to the Summer Holidays. Please keep your eye out for invites and events in the Summer months.

Best wishes,

**David Braybrooke - Headteacher**

School Fundraiser: Emma and Sarah are running 10k!





Emma and Sarah (and hopefully more of the St Andrew's team) are bravely running the Carsington 10k on 21st June 2025 to raise money for sensory integration equipment for students at St Andrew's. We are very excited to support them and cheer them on!

If you would like to support Emma and Sarah and raise money for a great cause, their GoFundMe link is below:

<https://gofund.me/db669786>

We wish them both the best of luck!

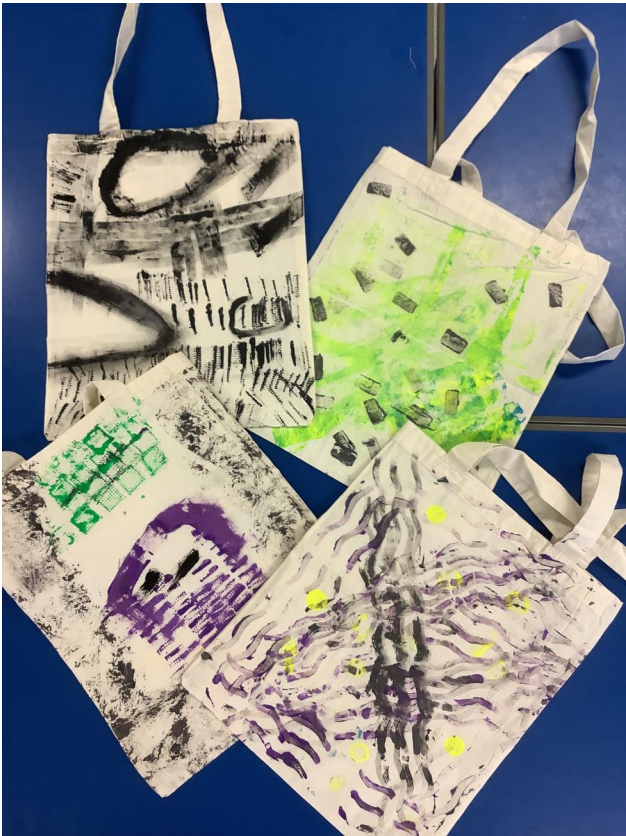
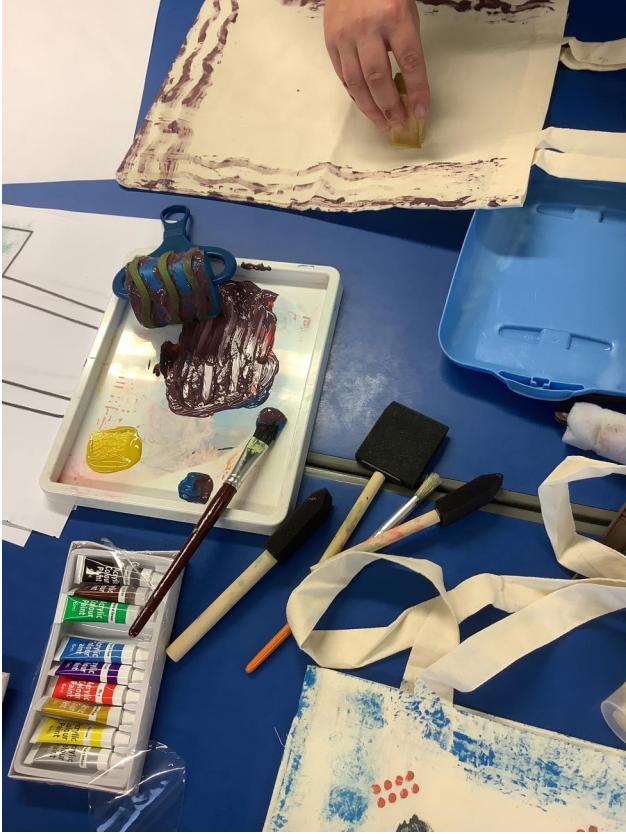
### Free Counselling Sessions by **Disability Direct**

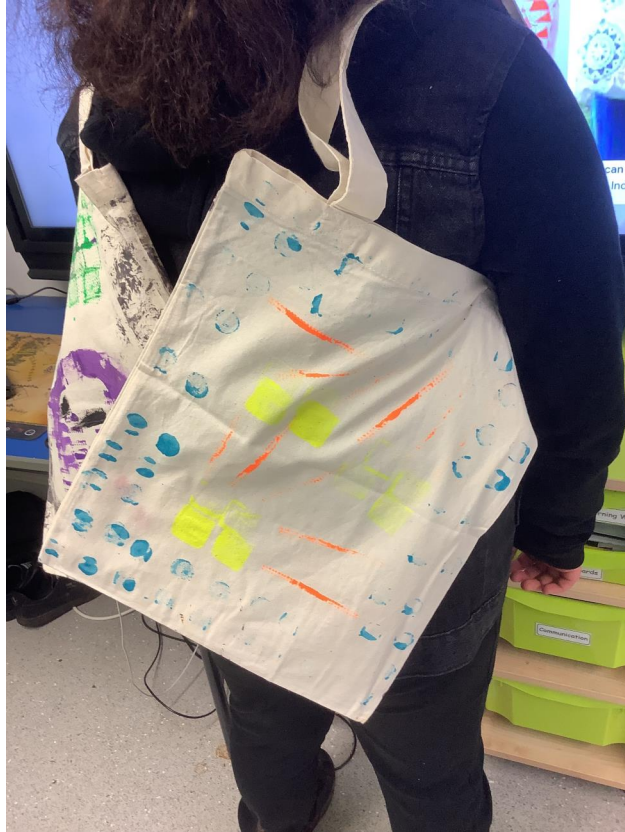
Disability Direct are offering **free counselling sessions** at their head office for disabled people, family of disabled people, carers (including support workers within organisations) and anyone who is struggling with their mental health.

If anyone is interested, they can **self-refer by contacting Tegan Butcher on 01332 299 449** or [tegan.butcher@disabilitydirect.com](mailto:tegan.butcher@disabilitydirect.com).

Key Stage 3







Over the last few weeks, Bute class has been busy designing and creating their own tote bags. Using block printing and acrylic paint, they have produced some fantastic masterpieces, each one unique and full of creativity. The students have worked hard on their designs and are incredibly proud of what they've achieved – and rightly so!

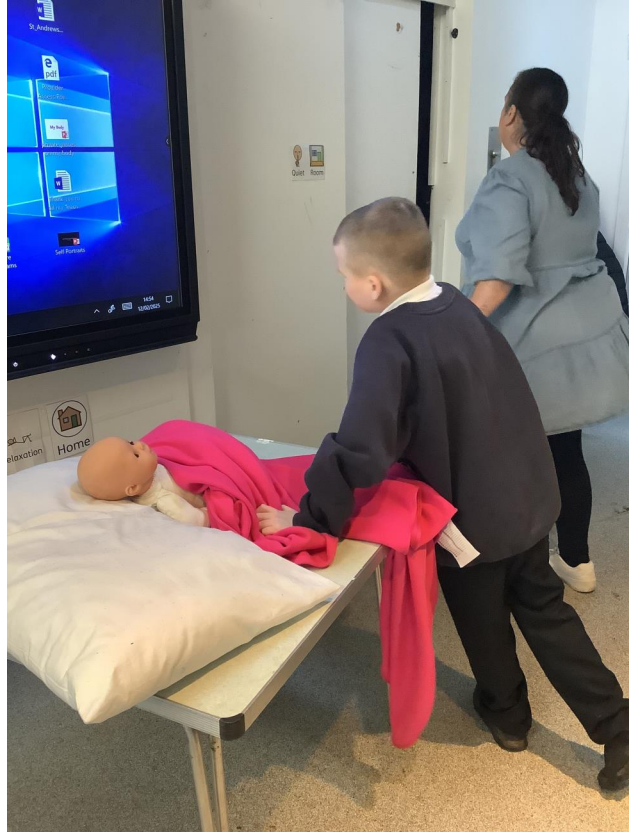
## The Glens

Skye class students have been busy in Humanities lessons this week, looking at and learning about Nursing and caring for others.

They each took turns to dress up as a nurse, and care for the poorly doll. We also looked at photographs of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacoles.







## The Highlands



This week amongst the Highlands we have been tie-dying t-shirts whilst learning about the 1970s. The students have enjoyed using the bright colours and making patterns on their t-shirts!

We have also been reading 'Ethel and Ernest', a story of a couples' relationship through the years. As part of PSHE we have been discussing the character development and learning about the war along side it as a part of their topic - 'The Decades'.



# Occupational Therapy



Just wanted to highlight a moment in our feeding group. One of our students has come so far since September. This student struggled to engage with edible wet textures or even to hold a vegetable!!!

Well today, he ate a full carrot stick (RAW) and enjoyed engaging with orange puree with the help of Emma (Lead for therapeutic input)

It was a beautiful moment and we're all so proud of him.





Residential Department





This week half of the residential group were away enjoying themselves caving, scrambling and canoeing at the Bendrigg Trust Activity Centre in Kendal. Back at St. Andrew's Academy, the residential students were fantastic in welcoming and talking with two inspectors from Ofsted, who were conducting our annual Care Standards Inspection of the residential provision.



Regular weekly activities included Super 1s cricket session at Willows, drama and dance workshop at DEDA in Derby, and birdwatching for the Big Schools Birdwatch 2025.

Have a great February Half Term.

### Next Match SEN United vs Sands Notts



## Autism & ADHD workshops for parents Jan-April 2025



**Autism and ADHD – workshops for parents**  
\*Limited FREE creche places are available

**What is Autism?**  
Wednesday 29 January, 1-3pm at Osmaston Allenton Family Hub\*  
Call 01332 956850 to book  
Monday 10 February, 9:30 – 11:30am at Mackworth Morley Family Hub  
Call 01332 208175 to book  
Monday 31 March, 9:30-11:30am at Rosehill Family Hub  
Call 01332 641315


**What is ADHD?**  
Thursday 3 April, 6-8pm at Sinfin Family Hub  
Call 01332 956967 to book

**Using Visual Resources**  
Includes FREE sets of visual resources to support your child at home.  
Tuesday 11 February, 1-3pm at Osmaston Allenton Family Hub\*  
Call 01332 956850 to book  
Monday 3 March, 1-3pm at Becket Family Hub\*  
Call 01332 640250 to book



**Communicative Behaviour**  
Wednesday 12 February, 6-8pm at Mackworth Morley Family Hub  
Call 01332 208175 to book

**Understanding Social Communication**  
Monday 3 February, 6-8pm at Becket Family Hub  
Call 01332 640250 to book  
Wednesday 2 April, 1-3pm at Derwent Family Hub\*  
Call 01332 641010 to book

Please book a place for yourself and a supportive family member or friend.




Please scan for further information



Family Hub Derby - What's on Guide - January to April 2025:

<https://www.derby.gov.uk/media/derbycitycouncil/contentassets/documents/communityandliving/familyhubs/whats-on-guide-jan-april-2025.pdf>

# School Term and Holiday Dates



**St Andrew's Academy**  
School Term and Holiday Dates  
2024-2025

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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