

St Andrew's Academy Family Update Newsletter

Spring Term 2

4th April 2025

Headteacher's Welcome



Wow- 2 Terms complete and 1 more remaining! The academic year has moved at pace and it's impossible to not be blown away by what our young people have experienced, achieved and celebrated in that time. This week we welcomed back KS3 from a 2-night residential at Dearne Valley, where they enjoyed many outdoor pursuits including climbing, archery, zip wire and so much more. They consolidated life skills and celebrated new achievements. Check out our Facebook page to see the pictures and stories of our exceptional young people pushing their limits.

As our thoughts turn to the Summer Term, please know that staff are working hard to map out exciting sequences of learning and aspirational outcomes to make the very best of the learning opportunities that are presented. **Tuesday 22nd April is an INSET day so we will welcome pupils back on Wednesday 23rd April.** During our INSET, all staff will continue to engage with our training to enable the very best scaffolding of learning within the school day. Scaffolding is putting strategic support into a lesson so that every child is better able to learn. This is a high

priority at St Andrew's, and we aspire to be SEND leaders in this field, unlocking the potential of all students.

Wishing you a safe and restful Easter.

David Braybrooke - Headteacher

Inset day Reminder

REMINDER: INSET DAY
TUESDAY 22ND APRIL
SCHOOL CLOSED TO
STUDENTS

Family Fun Day - Saturday 24th May @The Pavilion



Campus reminder

Reminder: Campus will remain OPEN on Thursday 1st May

A reminder to all Campus students and staff that local elections are no longer taking place at Campus on Thursday 1st May, so Campus will remain open. We welcome all students as usual.

Easter Activities









Residential Dearne Valley















































































Key Stage 3

Year 7 had a brilliant day at Wollaton Park. They explored the beautiful grounds and spotted the deer roaming freely, which was a real highlight. The students also had time to relax in the park and enjoy a well-earned ice cream. The weather was perfect, making the whole trip even more enjoyable. It was a day full of fun and freedom!



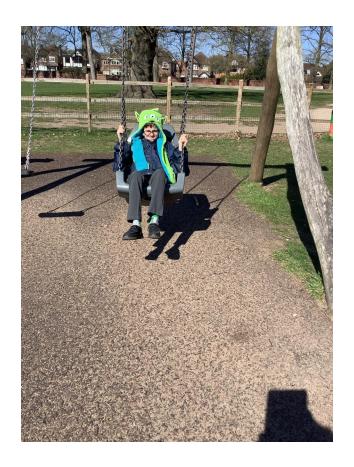












The Glens

This week in Super Skye Class we have been busy making lots of Easter crafts.

We made paper plate chicks using tissue paper, yummy chocolate nests, bunny suncatchers and family Easter greetings cards.

The students have enjoyed getting messy....and eating chocolate! HAPPY EASTER FROM SKYE CLASS.xxx











Key Stage 4

This week some of our super talented Key Stage 4 students visited Bennerley Fields School for a friendly (but competitive) football match. In a very close game the final score finished 6-4 to Bennerley with St Andrews coming back from a 4-0 deficit at half time! It was a fantastic fixture and each and every one of our students did us proud. With many more sporting events lined up for the whole school this summer, next term is going to be a good one!

The Highlands



The Highlands have had a fantastic end to spring term! Iona class have been summarising their maths work on money by matching coins and by hosting their own shop where students use their critical thinking and problem solving skills to work out how much money they need to buy items!

Taransay and Jura class have been learning all about Easter and its traditions. Jura class have been using their functional maths skills to measure ingredients to make chocolate Easter cakes. Taransay class have enjoyed tasting hot cross buns and developing their independent living skills by independently spreading their butter and jam.

Have a fantastic Easter from everyone in the Highlands!





















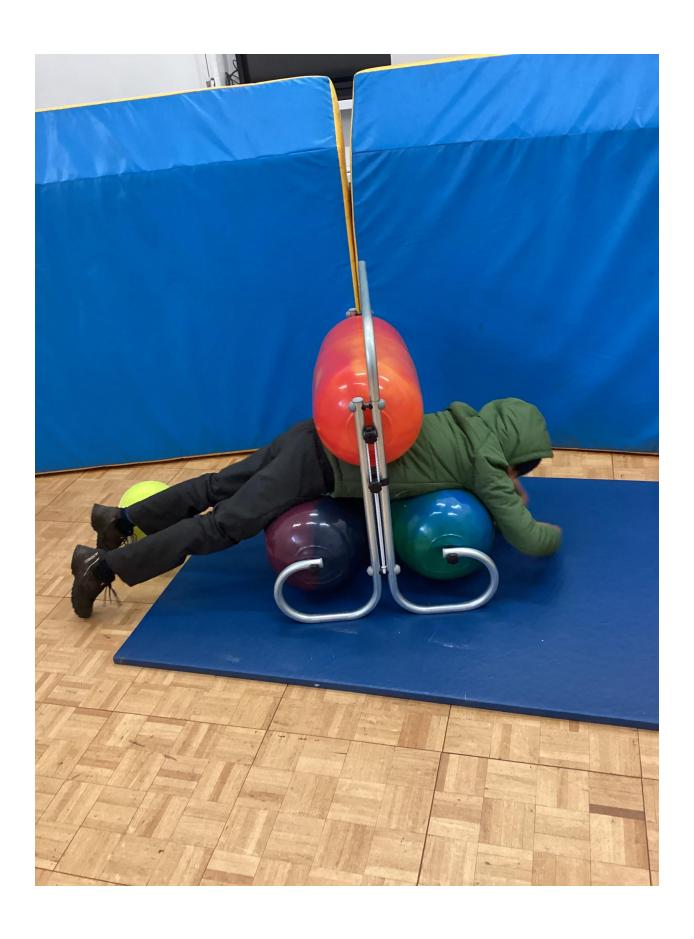




Campus

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Therapy Input

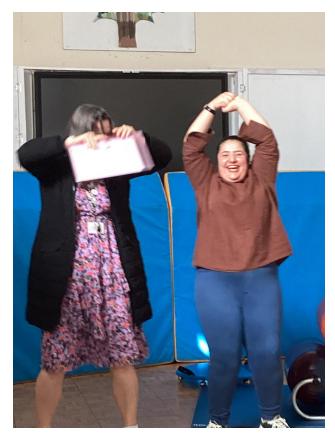


Students from Campus have enjoyed accessing the sensory integration equipment this week. All the students have let off some steam, either by racing each other around the hall on scooter boards or relaxing under a weighted blanket on the nest swing.

One student enjoyed dancing the time away to Fleetwood Mac with staff, after working hard on a therapy ball.

Jumping on the trampoline and balancing on therapy balls is a great way to engage the core and get proprioception input, which is what two students preferred doing!











Residential Department



A great last week in residential, students have enjoyed playing football, making Easter cakes, playing cricket and doing Karate. On Friday we celebrated Henry's birthday with a special American Style pancake breakfast at his request.

Have a fantastic Easter Holidays.

Residential will reopen after Easter Wednesday 23rd April.



1 - Happy Birthday, Henry 🥮

Trappy Britinday, Tremy

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 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!

School Term and Holiday Dates





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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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