



St Andrew's Academy Family Update Newsletter

Summer Term 2

11th July 2025

Headteacher's Welcome



It's all coming together . . . finally! Whilst I've communicated my frustration with the volume and pace of changes in our provision, we're absolutely well on track to unveil a truly stunning offer in September and I can't wait to see our young people benefitting from the new resources. Those of you who came to the Summer Fayre will have seen the fantastic progress made so far and all projects are moving at pace.

It was brilliant to welcome all the families of the pupils who will be attending Whitaker Road at the site on Tuesday after school this week. Contractors begin the refurb next Wednesday with the fresh, modern and spacious learning environment set to catapult pupil opportunity from Good to Outstanding.

You will receive notification today of the staff team that will be supporting your young person to reach their potential next year. Should this pose any questions or discussion points, as always, reach out in a way that suits you and we'll work hard to map out the very best.

Have a wonderful weekend,

David Braybrooke - Headteacher

SENDisco



SENDisco CIC presents... **SENDisco** 16+ nights

with Hubbub DJs!

SCAN ME 

£7.50 or **2 for £10**
carers: £2.50

 TICKET

- Book by phone: 01332 255800
- In person at 19 Chapel Street
- Online using the QR code

9th May 6pm - 9pm

13th June 6pm - 9pm

11th July 6pm - 10pm

8th August 6pm - 9pm

12th Sept 6pm - 9pm

10th October 6pm - 9pm

Monthly discos at 19 Chapel Street for learning disabled and/ or Autistic people aged 16+

SEN United Fixtures;



**NEXT
MATCH**

CHARITY FUNDRAISER
FRIDAY 18TH JULY 2025
8:00PM KICK-OFF
DERBY RACECOURSE (DE21 6AL)



VS



**SEN UNITED
LADIES**

**COVENTRY
GODIVA FC**

RAISING MONEY FOR:



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Here to support SEN

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Football Foundation Derby

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Football Foundation Derby

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Key Stage 3

Last week KS3 had the chance to take part in a creative music workshop with Dan from the School of Noise. Students explored lots of experimental instruments and created their own graphic scores; drawing lots of shapes and colours and matching sounds to go with them. The definite favourites were the fruits and vegetables linked up to programmed electrodes that sounded like a drum kit, the Theremin and the Omnichord!

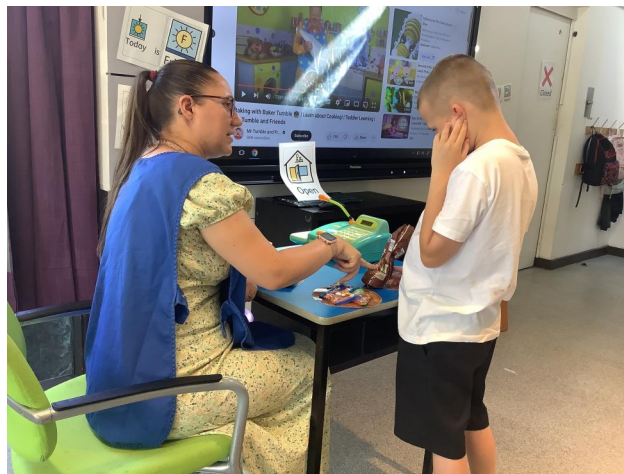


The Glens



This term Skye class have been using money to pay for snacks at our class shop in Home Economics.

Each student was supported to enter the shop, look and choose an item, then pay at the till using real money.



Key Stage 4

This week, St Andrews wrapped up their final Multi School League fixture of the year with a fantastic trip to Pegasus School for a day full of football, fun, and friendship.

In an exciting and competitive match, both teams gave it their all, with the final score ending 8–6 to Pegasus. It was a close game right to the final whistle, and every student who took part should feel incredibly proud of their performance. For many, it was their very first time playing in a football match and they represented St Andrews with great spirit, teamwork, and determination. We even had our first ever student manager who gave an inspiring half-time team talk that Alex Ferguson would have been proud of.

The day was about more than just football. After two thrilling halves, students from both schools came together for a joint picnic lunch, sharing stories and snacks in the sunshine. Before heading home, we even had time for a quick tour of the farm where we met the unforgettable Steve the goat!

It's been a fantastic year of sport at St Andrews, filled with growth, new experiences, and plenty of smiles. We're already looking forward to what the 2025/26 academic year has in store... it's going to be even bigger and better!





FE Campus

It was lovely to have the opportunity to host so many families at our new Whitaker Road site this week and we are very grateful to those that were able to attend. Many families took home an information pack providing some information about day to day operations at campus as well as providing some photos of the space, with a description of the planned layout amendments. There is a copy of the floorplan below and a link to a video tour of the building. This should hopefully allow for a better understanding of what the building is going to look like once all amendments have been completed.

We would like to highlight the requirement for all students to have a valid Gold Card (bus pass) which allows for free transport on buses around the county. Students will be accessing a variety of offsite learning opportunities and may not be able to access their planned timetable if they are unable to use the buses. Further information can be found here:

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport-roads/public-transport/fares-tickets-passes/concessionary-fares/goldcard/gold-card.aspx>

We are very excited about starting the new academic year at Whitaker Road and will continue to keep families updated as things progress. In the meantime, please contact school if you have any questions about anything.



Please select or copy and paste the below link into your browser for a video tour of the building.

<https://new.express.adobe.com/publishedV2/urn:aaid:sc:EU:5a85aeef-0f99-4a85-8006-6a5859f007d6?category=search>

Please be aware that this video shows the building as it currently is, not how it will look after all of the scheduled works are completed.

Therapy Input



It was our last feeding group session this week, so we wanted it to be fun and engaging!

Our first activity was building with spaghetti and marshmallows. The students enjoyed making different shapes and competing with staff, who can get the most marshmallows on a single spaghetti strand 😊

Our second activity was making a volcano. Students had to measure out the ingredients and slowly add them together and wait for eruption!!

Both activities encouraged fine motor skills, cutlery skills and turn taking, a great last session!!







Free Holiday Activities

Did you know that if your child receives benefits-related free school meals, they are entitled to FREE holiday activities over the summer holidays? Holiday clubs are available across Derby where your child can make new friends and take part in a wide range of activities including sport, dance, drama, arts and crafts, as well as enjoying a meal each day. If your child is eligible, you will receive an email from **HolidayActivities.com**. Just follow the instructions in this email to book. Bookings for summer clubs will open at the end of June. Further details can be found at: www.derby.gov.uk/derbyHAF.

Festival of Sport

Festival of **SPORT**

at Derby Arena

4th-8th
AUGUST
2025
8.30AM-3.15PM
FREE

Five days of inclusive sporting activities for
children aged 8-14 at Derby Arena:



Sports



Healty Food



Virtual Reality



Inclusion





TO BOOK:
Scan the code or email
info@derbyshireis.co.uk

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



Derby City Council



DERBYSHIRE
INSTITUTE OF SPORT



Derby
Promise

DERBY ARENA, ROYAL WAY, PRIDE PARK, DERBY DE24 8JB

Singing Summer Schools



The poster features a blue background with white clouds and musical notes. At the top, two cartoon birds (one red, one yellow) are singing. The word 'Singing' is written in large, colorful letters (red, orange, yellow, green, blue). Below it, 'SUMMER SCHOOLS' is written in white. A banner below that says '3 DAYS of singing, fun activities and new friends' in red and white. Below the banner, the dates 'Monday 28 | Tuesday 29 | Wednesday 30 July' are listed. The locations are listed in yellow: 'BUXTON Harpur Hill Primary Led by Sara Townsend', 'MATLOCK Holy Trinity Primary (Matlock Bath) Led by Rachel Wilkes', and 'DERBY Beaufort Primary Led by Clair Longland'. A 'SIGN UP NOW!' section follows, with details: '9.30am - 3.30pm each day | £79 for all three days* | For ages 7+'. A QR code is provided for sign-up. The website 'derbyshiremusichub.org.uk/singing-summer' is listed. A small note at the bottom states: '*A £19.50 bursary is available to children who receive Free School Meals'. Logos for Derby & Derbyshire Music Partnership, Arts Council England, Derbyshire Music Hub, Derbyshire County Council, and Derby City Council are at the bottom.

ages 7+

Singing

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Derby & Derbyshire MUSIC PARTNERSHIP | ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND | DERBYSHIRE MUSIC HUB | DERBYSHIRE County Council | Derby City Council

STEPS June/July issue:



June/July 2025 issue: Parents/Carers Flyer

Social communication and autism parent/carer support groups and courses

Family Hub Derby

The following workshops are suitable for families of children and young people 0-19 who are or might be Autistic. Book a place for yourself and a supportive family member or friend. Please note these workshops are for adults only, there is no provision for children.

What is Autism? - Support sessions- (Booking required)

Find out more about the Autism spectrum and how you can support your autistic child or young person.

Monday 14 July 1pm-3pm – Mackworth Morley Family Hub

Communicative Behaviour- (Booking required)

Find out more about what drives your child's behaviour, learn strategies to support them and develop your own personal coping skills.

Thursday 10 July 1pm-3pm Rosehill Family Hub

Understanding Social Communication- (Booking required)

Understand your child's perspective of social interactions and how you can support them.

Thursday 12 June 9.30am-11.30am – Sinfon Family Hub- (Limited free creche places available)



Feel Alive Hub CIC & Drama Group - Little Shop of Horrors

On Sunday 20th July, Feel Alive Hub & Drama Group will be performing **Little Shop of Horrors** at St Nicholas Church Hall, Allestree, Derby. Feel Alive is a great organisation that supports disabled adults in Derby. Please see the poster for further details and you can also follow them on facebook; '**Feel Alive Hub CIC & Drama Group**'.



[Apply Now for September School Transport](#)

A reminder to parents; if your child is moving up to Post 16 education in September (Year 11, 12 and 13) please complete your child's home to school transport application as soon as possible

At St Andrew's Academy, most of our students are dropped off and collected from school via mini bus or taxi. These services are provided and arranged independently by Derby City Council or your child's Local Authority (if outside of the City Council). **If your child will be moving up to post-16 education**, now is the time to apply.

Apply to Derby City Council online;

[Home to School Travel Assistance - Derby City Council](#)

Apply to Derbyshire County Council online;

[Home to School Transport - Stage 1 - Self](#)

Remember to attach any required evidence (for example; benefit entitlement or medical/SEND documentation.

School Uniform Orders

We are excited to announce we have added an additional uniform provider for St Andrew's Academy - Uniform Direct. This is to allow a wider range of uniform and sizes available for our students.

We are still using MyClothing so parents can now purchase uniform either from [MyClothing](#) or from [Uniform Direct](#). Please note, Uniform Direct will take about 3 weeks to receive our stock into their shop and online shop so please check back on their website around the end of July for purchasing.

You can find out more information regarding our uniform by clicking [here](#).





Proud to be the official uniform supplier for



St Andrew's Academy

Navy Crew Neck Sweatshirt with Logo	from £9
Navy Cardigan with Logo	from £9
White Polo T-Shirt with Logo	from £7
Black Trousers	from £15
Black Stitch-Down Pleated Skirt	from £15
Navy Fleece Jacket with Logo *optional—special made to order item	from £18
White P.E. T-Shirt with Logo	from £6
Navy OR Black P.E. Shorts	from £4
Navy OR Black Girls P.E. Sports Leggings	from £15
Navy OR Black Track Bottoms	from £11
P.E./Gym Bag	from £8
20 Personalised Iron-On Nametapes	only £3.50

BASE JUN 2025

✓ March-June Best time to order	✓ July Expect Some Delays	X Aug-Sept Extreme Delays Not guaranteed for back to school
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Ordering for September? - Allow plenty of time

✓ **Order before 31st July**

54 Babington Lane, Derby. DE1 1SX

01332 342569

Term Time—OPEN MONDAY TO SATURDAY 9.30am TO 5pm (CLOSED WEDS & SUN)
Summer Holidays—OPEN MONDAY TO SATURDAY 9.30am TO 5pm (CLOSED SUN)
*subject to change without notice



LATE NIGHT SHOPPING
SHOP UNTIL 8PM

Join us for a special
late night shopping experience
on 30th June and 3rd July!

Our doors will be open from
9:30am to 8:00pm,
allowing you to shop early and
get your uniform shopping
done and dusted,
before the summer rush

MONDAY 30TH JUNE 2025 &
THURSDAY 3RD JULY 2025

9.30am to 8pm

selected stores only



THE BEST TIME TO BUY and when to avoid



- **The Best Time to Buy is March, April, May, and June!**

We highly recommend purchasing your school uniform early, well before the school summer holidays start. Plan ahead with growth in mind, and enjoy the peace of mind knowing we offer size exchanges up until the start of school in September (terms and conditions apply).

Shop now for minimal queues and excellent stock availability!



- **July: Shop Before the School Holidays Begin! & before 31st July**

July tends to be a busier month, but we recommend purchasing your school uniform before the school summer holidays start and before you go away on vacation. Plan with growth in mind, and rest easy knowing we offer size exchanges up until school begins in September (terms and conditions apply).

While queues may be slightly longer, stock availability remains excellent—shop early for the best experience!



- **August & Early September: Don't Leave It Too Late!**

August and early September are extremely busy as families prepare for the new school year. Sizes can sell out quickly, so don't risk missing out on getting the uniform you need in time.

Avoid shopping in the last two weeks of the school summer holidays—queues can exceed an hour, and stock availability will be limited.

Back-orders placed after July 31st cannot be guaranteed to arrive before the start of the new term. Plan ahead to avoid stress and ensure your child is ready for the school year!

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Look Out For Our Special Late Night Shopping Events—



Perfect for New Starters

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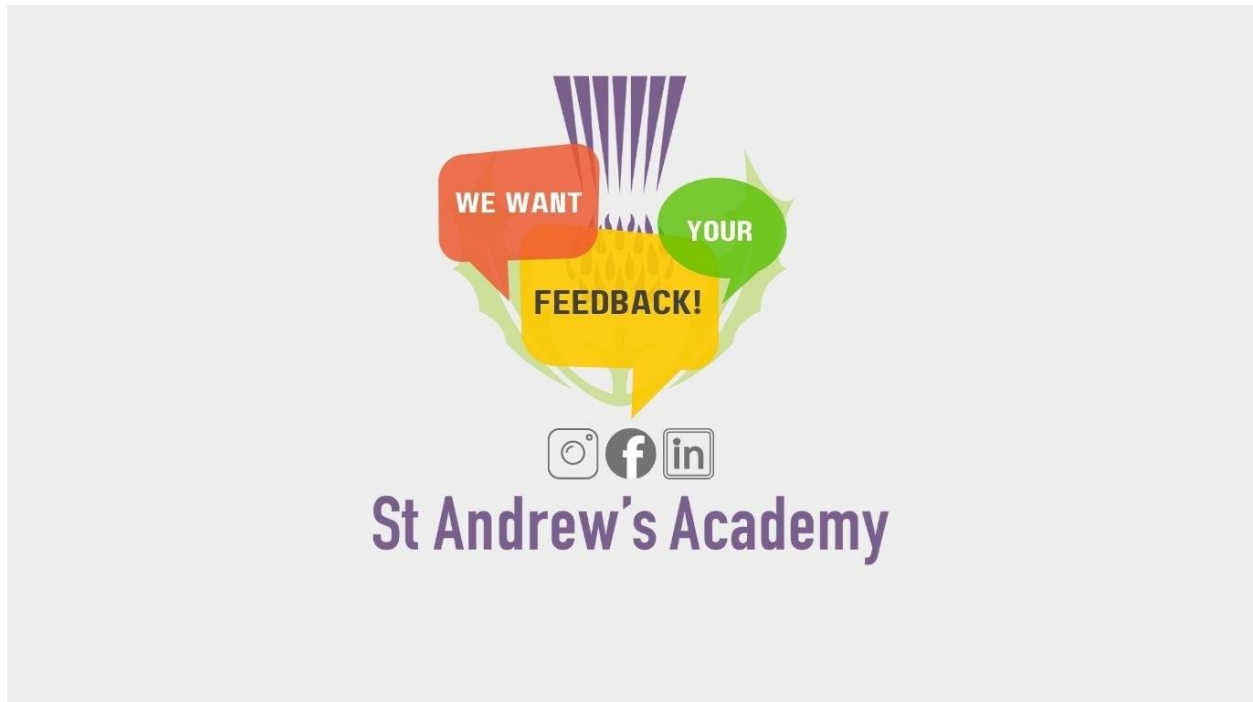
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Newsletter & Social Media Feedback – Help Us Improve!




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:
Family Hub Derby
Family Hub parents
What's On Guide (number 4)
scroll down to view our latest What's On Guide


We look forward to meeting you!


**Please scan for further information**

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Derbyshire County Council

**NHS**



Paediatric First Aid courses - May to July 2025

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StartforLife

First Aid training

Want to know how to keep your children safe?

Come along to one of our **FREE** Paediatric First Aid courses.

You will receive a First Aid qualification if you attend the whole course.

Light refreshments will be provided. Please bring your own lunch.

Places MUST be booked.

Thursday 1 May, 22 May, 5 June and 19 June 2025 - 9.30am-11.30am
Rosehill Family Hub | 17-19 Lower Dale Road, Derby DE23 6WY | 01332 641315 |
RosehillFamilyHub@derby.gov.uk

Friday 2 May, 23 May, 6 June and 20 June 2025 - 9.30am-11.30am
Boulton Children's Centre | 47b Holbrook Road, Alvaston, Derby DE24 0DD | 01332 956500 |
BoultonChildrensCentre@derby.gov.uk

Friday 2 May, 23 May, 6 June and 20 June 2025 - 1-3pm
Derwent Family Hub | Monmouth Street, Derby, DE21 6BD | 01332 641010 |
DerwentFamilyHub@derby.gov.uk

Thursday 26 and Friday 27 June 2025 - 9.30am-3pm
Sinfin Family Hub | 345 Sinfin Lane, Sinfin, Derby DE24 9SF | 01332 956967 |
SinfinFamilyHub@derby.gov.uk

Thursday 10 and Friday 11 July 2025 - 9.30am-3pm
Rosehill Family Hub | 17-19 Lower Dale Road, Derby DE23 6WY | 01332 641315 |
RosehillFamilyHub@derby.gov.uk

Thursday 17 and Friday 18 July 2025 - 9.30am-3pm
Mackworth Morley Family Hub | Reigate Drive, Mackworth, Derby DE22 4EQ | 01332 208175 |
MackworthMorleyFamilyHub@derby.gov.uk


**Please scan for further information**



Family Hub Derby - What's on Guide May-July

[whats-on-guide-may-july-2025.pdf](#)

School Term and Holiday Dates



St Andrew's Academy

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2024-2025

Autumn Term

Spring Term

Summer Term

School Holiday

Bank Holiday
(Shut to all)

Inset Day
(Shut to students)

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