

# St Andrew's Academy Family Update Newsletter

Summer Term 2

13th June 2025

#### Headteacher's Welcome



Today, many of our young people have engaged within a full day Sports Festival at Moorways. This event has been well attended by 4 other specialist settings. This event underpins our commitment to young people's fitness and wellbeing as well as meeting our ambition for social inclusion and networking. We're very proud that our PE leads James Holburn and Lizzie Pacey have co-hosted this event with Derby County Community Trust to enable so many learners to access a great event.

The building works continue to happen at pace, ensuring that September represents enhanced resources and offer. My intention is to keep you as updated as possible and offer opportunities to see the progression first hand. That being said, please don't wait for an invite to connect with our school community in any way. If you have any individualised questions about any elements of our current provision and plans, please do reach out and ask.

#### David Braybrooke - Headteacher

### Newsletter & Social Media Feedback – Help Us Improve!



We'd 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 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!

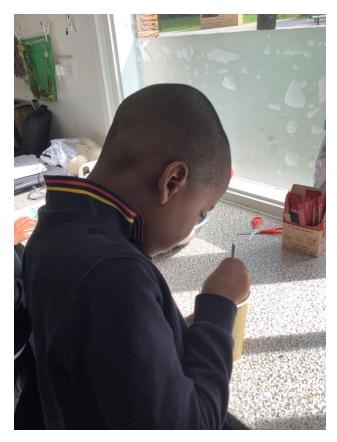
## Key Stage 3

Bute and Barra classes have been busy with their weekly enterprise project. They've been running a tuck shop from our Taylor's Tuck Shop outdoor building and offering drinks and coffees for staff. It's been a great way for pupils to get involved and take on real responsibilities as well as make some money for end of year fun!







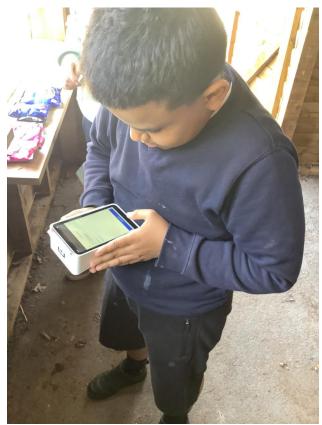












## The Glens



The Fair Isle team have been shaking things and making a splash while learning about natural disasters. Our latest adventures took us through floods and earthquakes.















## Key Stage 4

Canna Class have been working very hard this week. We have a new topic of Newspapers in English. We have been looking at the different sections of the First News Paper. We then complete a quiz about the newspaper, testing our functional literacy skills.









# The Highlands





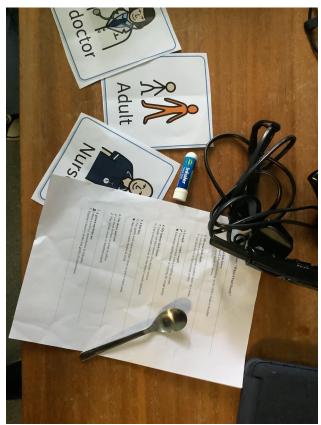




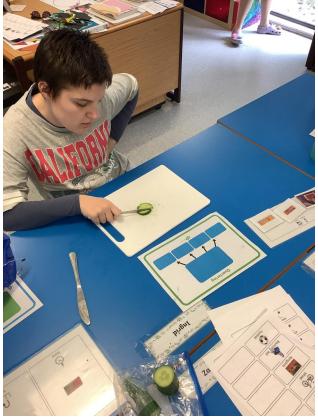
















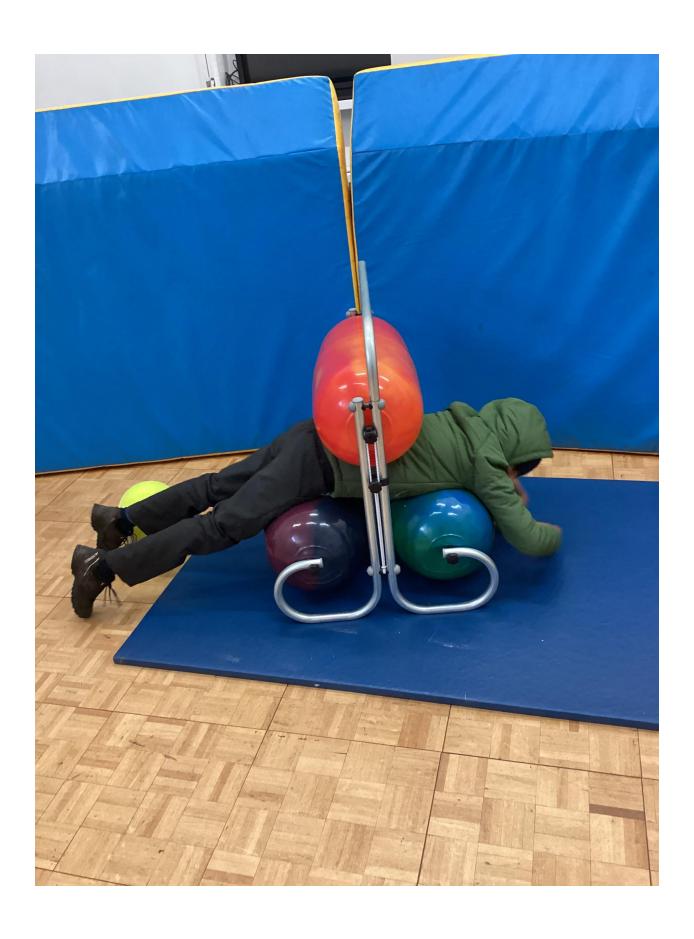
This week in The Highlands we have all been very busy as usual!

In Taransay this week our focus has been on modes of transport. We have created our very own bingo board to match and identify each of the different types of transport such as cars, planes, trains, buses and more! As part of this we have also had model cars out to demonstrate the way in which cars manoeuvre and travel.

In Jura we have been creating a sensory story to help us understand and relate to times when we feel unwell. We have been doing this using various objects such as hairdryers to help us understand how we feel when we have a temperature, vapour inhalers for when we have a blocked or stuffy nose, and pillows to represent needing to rest and lay down when we are unwell. We really enjoyed this and this sensory story is there to help us know some support mechanisms for when we are ill.

In Iona we have been practicing life skills and in particular the life skill of using/identifying a knife safely, as well as demonstrating what a knife is capable of doing (such as cutting or spreading). As part of this we had to ensure we know why we must hold a knife correctly and the implications of not doing so. How fascinating!

## Therapy Input



Every week Jenny (music teacher) and Emma (theraputic lead) hold a music session that focuses on hearing impaired students coming together and developing their social and communication skills. Students experience sounds through vibrations, using highly resonate musical instruments on the resonance board.





## Residential Department



On Tuesday residential enjoyed visiting the Racecourse for Derby County Community Trust football session. It was great to see the students demonstrate the new skills they have developed in match play. As always the session finished with a penalty shootout to finish.

Three birthday celebrations this week, have meant a lot of birthday cake has been consumed. The nice weather meant we could celebrate outside together and watch the piñata fun and games.



1 - The poor pinata did not last long.

### Learning Disabilities Health Week Events

# Learning Disabilities Health Week at A week of engaging, informative, and inclusive sessions focused on health and wellbeing.

16th - 20th June

See timetable on our Facebook



**Boulton Lane Park** Community Centre Boulton Lane, Alvaston, Derby, DE24 OBD

#### We're hosting session on:









Mens Health

Womens Health

Mental Health

Annual Health Check

.... and much more! Scan the QR code to see our event information









Call Us email us info@theworkshopderby.co.uk

#### Health Week at





## 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  $\operatorname{Autism}$  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 – Sinfin Family Hub- (Limited free creche places available)





### 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.

## **Enabled Centre Summer Fayre**



## Family Hub QR Code and Family Fun Sessions



#### Paediatric First Aid courses - May to July 2025



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

whats-on-guide-may-july-2025.pdf

## School Term and Holiday Dates





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