



St Andrew's Academy Family Update Newsletter

Summer Term 2

20th June 2025

Headteacher's Welcome



I want to start this week's newsletter with saying that whilst there are many workstreams in place in readiness for September, we remain fully committed and focused on the task in hand - that being the exceptional offer for the young people and families that we are serving now. There's been a lot of communication, information and discussion around planning changes for September, and I'm keen to offer full reassurance that the time leading up to the Summer holidays have our full attention and prioritisation. With trips, residential, awards ceremonies, enterprise week and much more in store, the offer remains broad, balanced, innovative and effective.

A genuine thank you for everyone who reached out this week with a response to the consultation for the close of Residential and movement of 6th form provision. These consultations are authentic, and your feedback is very welcome and important to us. I am in the process of collating all of the information for everyone we have spoken to and everyone who has emailed or called in. From this information, we are working hard to mitigate the impact that

these two changes to our provision have made. There will be an invite to school before we break up to enable us to meet face to face and answer any questions. In addition, there will be an invite to Whitaker Rd to any families of the young people who will be educated on that site. These invites will come direct via an emailed letter in the coming days. All suggestions regarding transport, staggered start/finish times and any other variables are now being assessed against our resources and legislation. My approach to this is to be as open and positive as possible and offer everything within our remit.

I remain fully committed to receiving all communications via any means you choose across the school week. There are some variables out of my control but what is in my control is to navigate this process with the most respect, transparency and collaboration as possible.

Enjoy the great weather

Best wishes,

David Braybrooke - Headteacher

Family Fun Day Update and Thanks





We're extremely grateful for the excellent work that Tash has done to support the development of our school. Tash hosted a Family Fun day and came into school this week to present a cheque for £3,341.39. We have ring-fenced these funds to support our Performing Arts provision in the future. Tasha also donated a beautiful piece of art that was auctioned at the event. A gentleman named Rob Dawe purchased it for £300 and then donated it to the school, adding to the total and gifting a fantastic piece of art. Huge thanks for all you've done!

Summer Fayre - Friday 4th July

Get excited because Enterprise Week is back! It will be happening the week of Monday 30th June - Friday 4th July. Students will work in classes to create their own business ideas. Each class gets £20 to build a business, then sell their products at Friday's Summer Fayre. The most profitable wins!

Our students will be running stalls and selling their products. Fun activities and entertainment for all—bring your friends and family along, everybody is welcome!

Please join us for our Summer Fayre as part of Enterprise Week! Friday 4th July, 9:30am - 11:30am at main school. Tokens are available to purchase beforehand on our school shop - (please note, any tokens purchased via the shop will be labelled and distributed to class groups prior to the fayre for your child to spend, we will not be sending them home) or you can pay with CARD ONLY on the gate. Entry to the fayre is free of charge.

BUY YOUR TOKENS [HERE!](#)



School Fundraiser: Our staff are running 10k tomorrow!



Emma, Sarah (OT), James D and Jordan are bravely running the Carsington 10k this Saturday 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 our wonderful staff 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 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.

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](#).



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Dear Parent/Guardian

Hello from all of us at **Uniform Direct**

We are proud to have been selected as the new uniform provider for your school.

St Andrew's Academy school uniform will be arriving soon (30th June 2025) and will be available in-store at Uniform Direct, 54 Babington Lane, Derby, DE1 1SX, just a 2 minute walk from The Derbion centre. Our opening times are Monday to Saturday 9.30am to 5pm, closed on Weds & Sun. (please check our website for the latest opening times)

We also have plain items, name tapes and water bottles, allowing you to buy everything you need in one go.

If ordering for September, we recommend parents complete their purchases before **July 31st** to ensure they have everything they need for the new school year. Shopping early allows time for orders, exchanges, or additional purchases, especially for those planning summer holidays. By shopping in advance, parents can relax knowing their back-to-school preparations are sorted.

We look forward to welcoming you to our store and hope that you will visit us many times during your child's school years.

If you need to contact us, you can email us at customerseervices@uniform-direct.com or call us on 01332 342569.

Kindest regards

The Uniform Direct Family



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**

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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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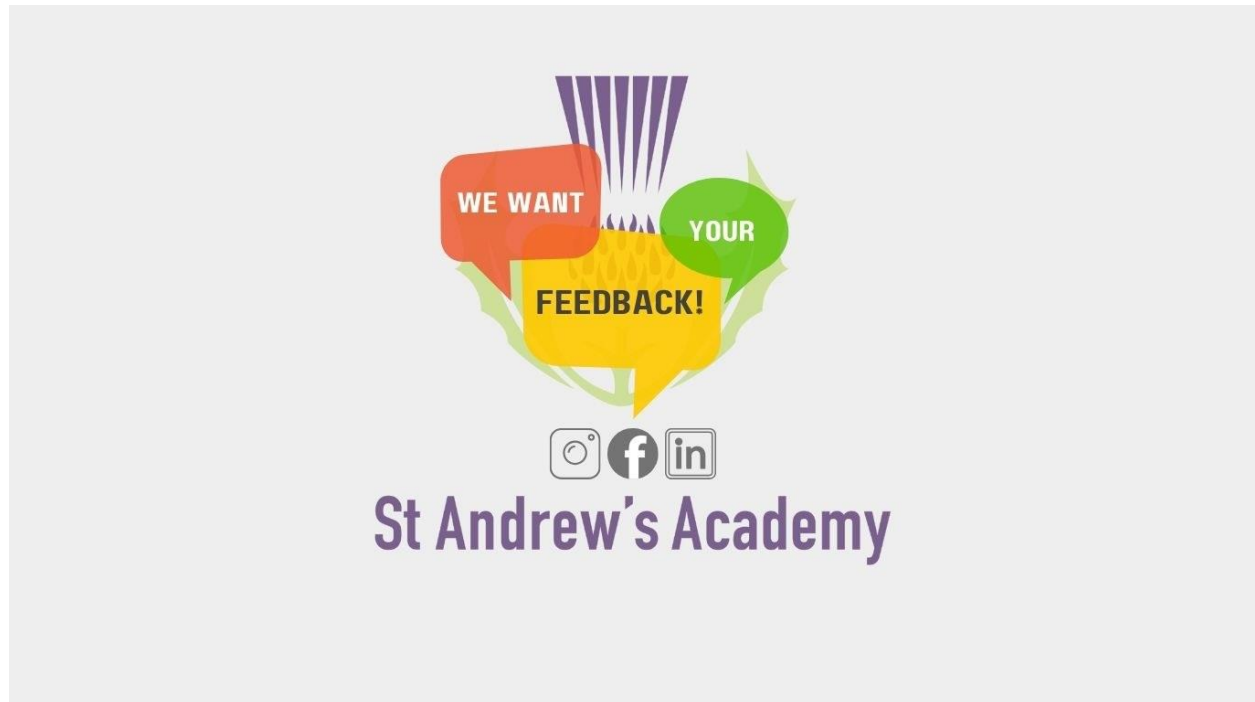
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Newsletter & Social Media Feedback – Help Us Improve!



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 \(Newsletter and social media\)](#)

Key Stage 3

This week we have been reading 'The Iron Man' and taking part in learning as a sensory story! For each part of the story we have been using different objects and items to re create the story to make it super sensory. For example, using a torch for The Iron Man's bright, scary eyes! The classes have thoroughly enjoyed learning this way and it's been a great way to get everyone involved. Further to this, we then have been looking at what is real and not real, having a closer look at robots.

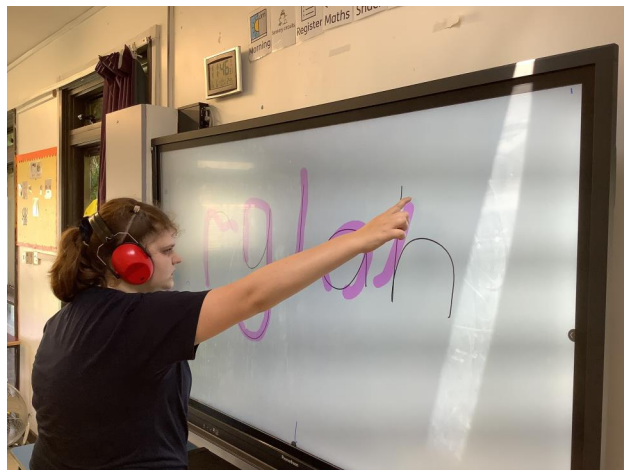


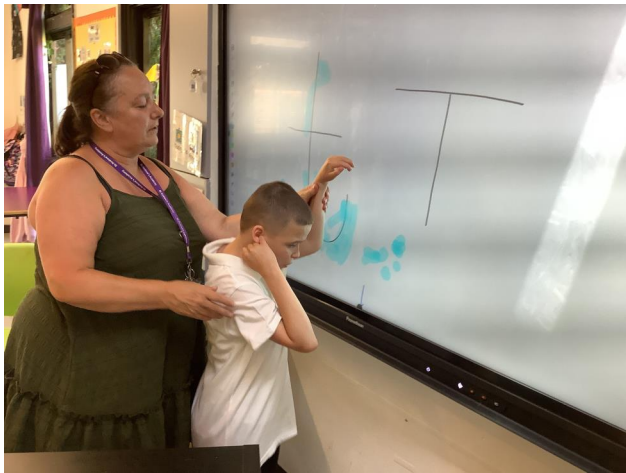
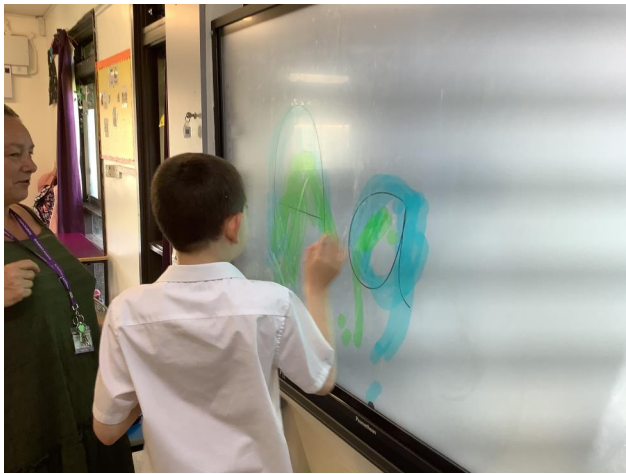
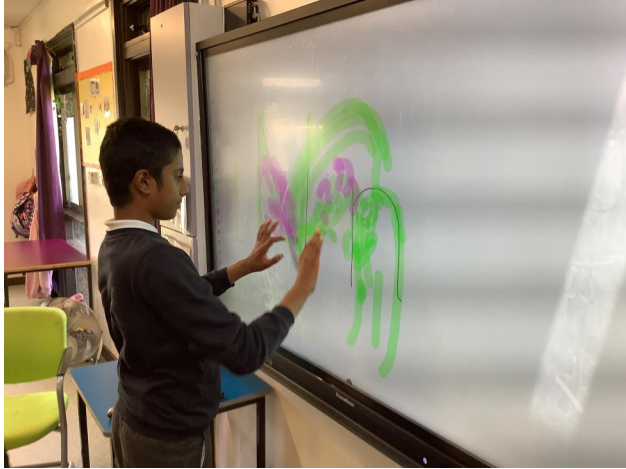


The Glens



Skye students have been practicing their writing skills this week. They used the interactive whiteboard to over write first name initials. Great work Skye Class.





Key Stage 4



St Andrews Academy Awarded School Games GOLD Mark for 2024/25

We are delighted to share that St Andrews Academy has been awarded the *School Games GOLD Mark* for the 2024/25 academic year. This national accolade recognises our school's outstanding commitment to physical education, inclusive sport, and community engagement.

Over the past year, we have made significant strides in promoting sport for all, including:

- **Launching the Multi Schools League**, in collaboration with 11 SEND schools across Derbyshire and Staffordshire. This initiative provided 79 of our pupils with opportunities to compete in inter-school sporting events.
- **Partnering with Derby County Community Trust** to design and participate in inclusive events such as the SEND MEGAFEST.
- **Recognising the incredible efforts** of our pupils, young leaders, volunteers, and sports officials, whose hard work and dedication were instrumental to our success. We met key

criteria in areas including participation, competition, student leadership, and school-club links—highlighting the strength and spirit of our school community.

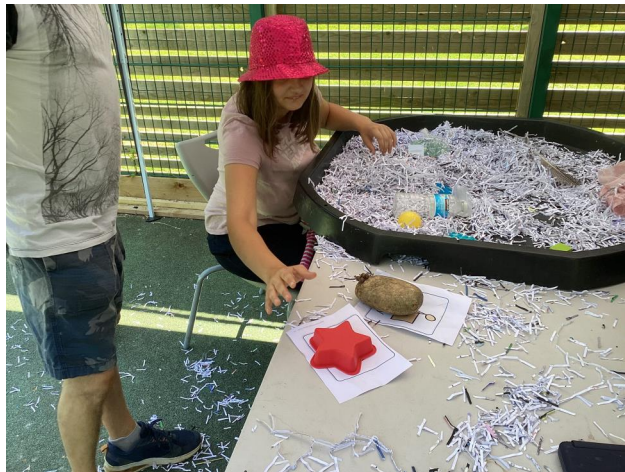
We are incredibly proud of this achievement and look forward to building on this success in the coming year.

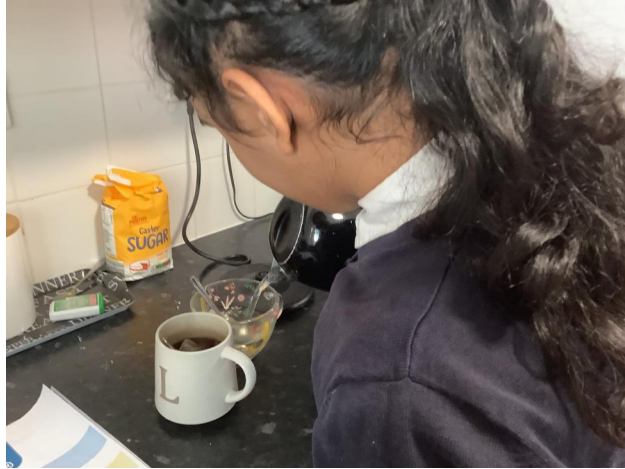




The Highlands









Another week goes by and yet another busy time up in the Highlands.

In Taransay we have two main focuses this week, The Wizard of Oz and modes of transport. We have been linking the parts of the book to certain sentences and pictures that relate to the Wizard of Oz. Then when it comes to modes of transport we have been linking each of the modes of transport to their relevant pictures or models.

In Jura we have been looking at the topic of Heavy and Light, doing this through a Tactile Treasure Hunt. We would do this by finding buried objects and then having to identify if they are either heavy, or lighter objects and the differences between the two. How very adventurous, fun and scientific.

In Iona we have been looking at independent life skills and their related EHCP, such as going out and getting our own snacks or ingredients as well as making our own cups of tea. It has been really enjoyable and great to see the pupils being so involved in their life skills.

Therapy Input



During our feeding session, we explored yellow foods today of various textures. We all enjoyed touching and eating the yellow biscuits and crisps but struggled with the lemons, especially the lemon curd! We did end up squeezing the lemons with the help from staff, so a great step forward in tolerating new food items in our space.

Students are encouraged to explore challenging foods through play, so they learn they can have positive relationships with foods.





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)



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.

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Family Hub QR Code and Family Fun Sessions

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Family Hub What's On Guide


Scan this QR code to access this online





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We look forward to meeting you!


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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



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2024-2025

Autumn Term

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(Shut to all)

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