



St Andrew's Academy Family Update Newsletter

Spring Term 1

21st March 2025

Headteacher's Welcome



We're incredibly proud and impressed by the achievements of all of our young people on a day-to-day basis. The stories of success and challenge against the odds is seen in every classroom and we're always trying to find ways to share this with you. Currently, pictures are sent home via the Evidence for Learning app for you to share their classroom triumphs, the weekly newsletter contains highlights of events from the week, our Facebook displays proud moments and a home-school diary & open communications see a reciprocal dialogue between school and families. However, we're always looking to innovate and improve, and I'm pleased to announce an exciting joint venture with the other Shaw Education Trust schools in the City, Ivy House and St Martins. We have jointly employed a marketing apprentice called Sophie who is working across the school to raise our profiles across social media and other marketing platforms.

We now have an Instagram account, and our Facebook has been supercharged by Sophie's hard work and commitment. We have big plans to continue to shout from the roof tops about how our young people excel within the school day and beyond. As always, your suggestions,

feedback and thoughts are very welcome, and I'd be keen to connect with you if you feel you can add further value within celebrating a truly remarkable school community.

David Braybrooke - Headteacher



The Army Family Fun Day FUNDRAISER

Join us for a fantastic day of games, laughter, entertainment to support St Andrews Academy

12PM-4PM Saturday 24th May

The pavilion, Derby DE24 9HY

Fun Games Entertainment Bouncy castles

TICKET ADMISSION OPEN FOR ALL AGES

BUY TICKETS HERE



Easter Activities

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
2025

Learn^{to}Ride
at Markeaton Park

For children getting onto two wheels for the first time *or* those who have *almost* mastered it. Own bike preferred but not essential.

£21

50 Minute Sessions available

10am, 11am, 12noon
1.30pm & 2.30pm

April
7th, 9th 10th,
11th, 14th & 16th

All activities **must be booked in advance**
To book sessions please email cyclederby@derby.gov.uk
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New
to two wheels

4-8 Years 10am - 11am **£12**

9th April at Derby Arena
14th April at Markeaton Park

Mini cycling club for those new to two wheels! You will need:
• Your own bike, helmet and drink
• To be able to ride unaided

Holiday Club **£26**

10.30am - 1pm **6-12 Years**

9th April at Derby Arena
14th April at Markeaton Park

You need:
• Your own bike & helmet
• To be able to ride unaided
• Backpack with snacks & drink

30 minute skills and confidence session followed by a 120 minute ride



All activities must be booked in advance
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2025

Trackdays
Day Session at
Derby Arena **9-16 Years**

You need:

- To be a competent cyclist
- Appropriate clothing
- A packed lunch & drink

8th & 15th **£36**
April
10am - 3pm

All activities **must be booked in advance**
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Key Stage 3

Our students recently enjoyed an exciting outdoor learning experience at Markeaton Park, where they took part in geo-caching; a real-world treasure hunt using GPS technology. Equipped with handheld devices, the students navigated the park independently, following digital maps to locate hidden caches.

Throughout the activity, students demonstrated fantastic problem-solving skills and teamwork as they identified landmarks, tracked their location, and successfully found the hidden treasures. They showed impressive independence, confidently interpreting the GPS directions and making decisions on the best routes to take.

The activity also provided a wonderful opportunity to develop life skills, including spatial awareness, map reading, and resilience. It was brilliant to see students gaining confidence with technology while enjoying the fresh air and engaging in physical activity.

A huge well done to all the students for their enthusiasm and determination. This geocaching adventure has inspired us to continue exploring the great outdoors, with more GPS challenges planned for future outings!



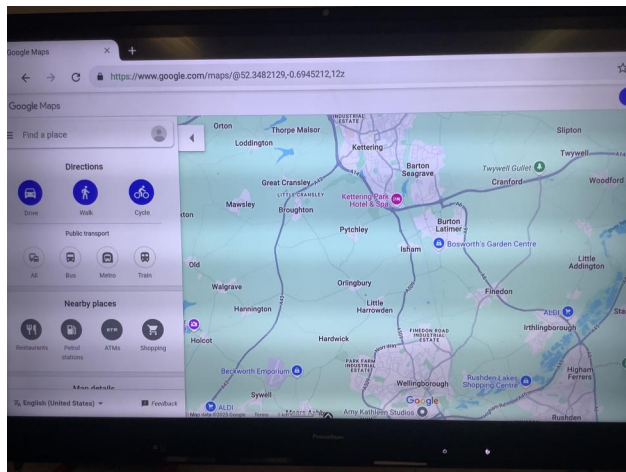
Key Stage 4

Students in KS4 have been trialling our new school phones! These are for student use and aim to improve safety and knowledge when using a mobile device. We have some Doro 800 mobile phones that are adapted for the needs of our students with emergency care buttons on, adapted visual and auditory technology and you can change the symbols and apps to be bigger and with more simple pictures.

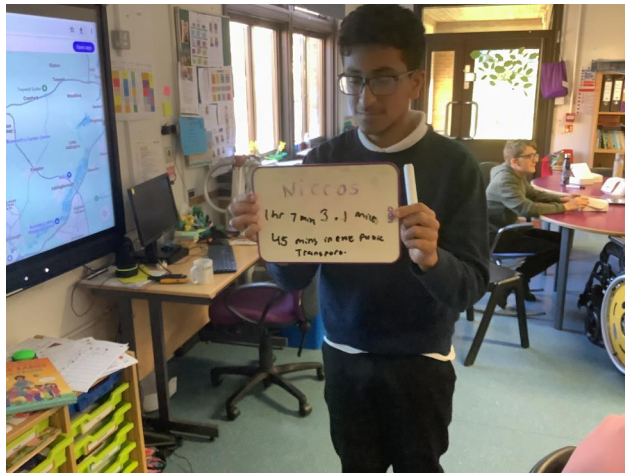
This week we have been getting to know the phones and learning how to use them. We downloaded the apps through play store and looked at what3words and google maps to see how phones can help us navigate and keep us safe in the community. Students were given a restaurant destination we will be going to next term and used google maps to work out the best way to travel and how long it would take to get there. Google maps offered us a route with what number buses we needed to get and linked to their timetables online and then a route to walk.

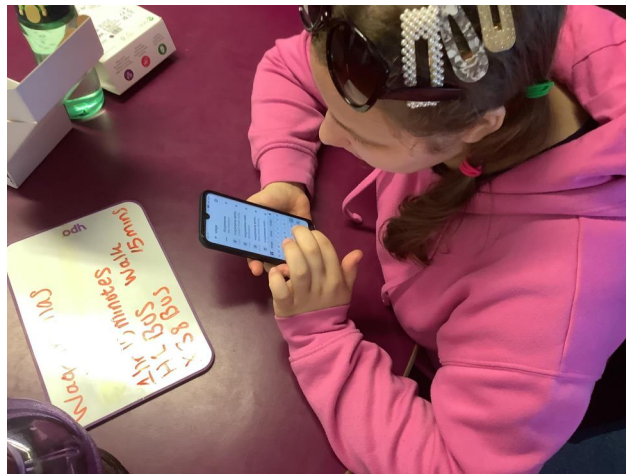
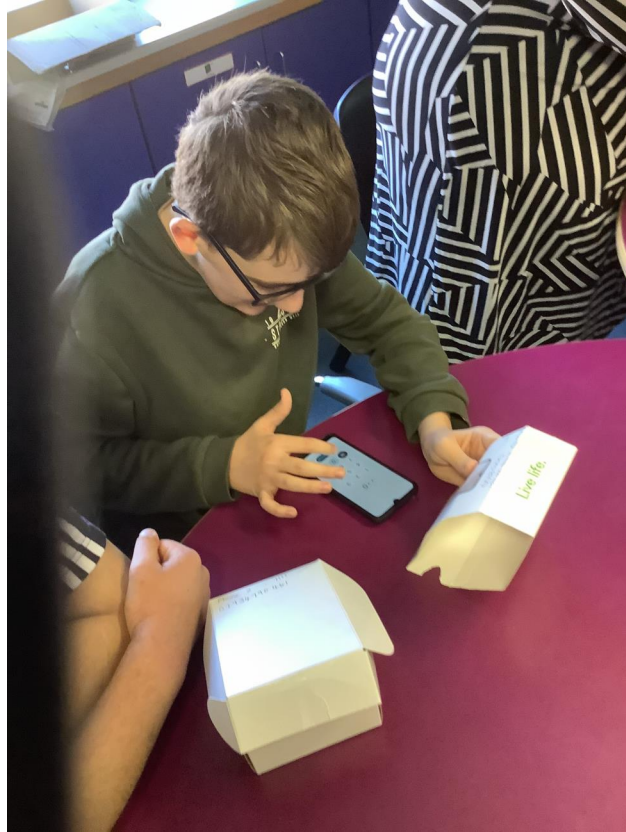
Students used their problem solving and self awareness skills when doing this.

Next week we will be trialling these out in the community in small groups.









The Glens

Mull class have been continuing their topic all about Our Healthy Bodies. They have been exploring music for well-being in their music lessons. Students have experienced a wide range of music and dances from different styles; including a warm up, dance, team parachute game and a cool down with relaxing music.



Key Stage 5

Hello everyone,

Last week a few students went to visit Progression 360 in Normanton, Derby.

Progression 360 is a place where students can go after leaving campus.

The staff working there were very nice and friendly and made us feel very welcome.

The first thing we did was to go on a tour of the building.

We did lots of activities including basketball, darts and beanbag throwing.

We also decorated cookies, which was a lot of fun.

At the end of the visit they gave us all a goody bag to take home and say thank you.



The Highlands



The Highlands have enjoyed celebrating St Patrick's Day this week! Classes have been celebrating all things Irish and have enjoyed partaking in activities such as making green play dough and baking gingerbread leprechauns. Students have particularly enjoyed a St Patrick's Day scavenger hunt where they did well to develop their problem solving skills!

Jura class have enjoyed exploring the local area during their outdoor education sessions. Students enjoyed identifying different aspects of a forest environment including trees, twigs and wildlife.









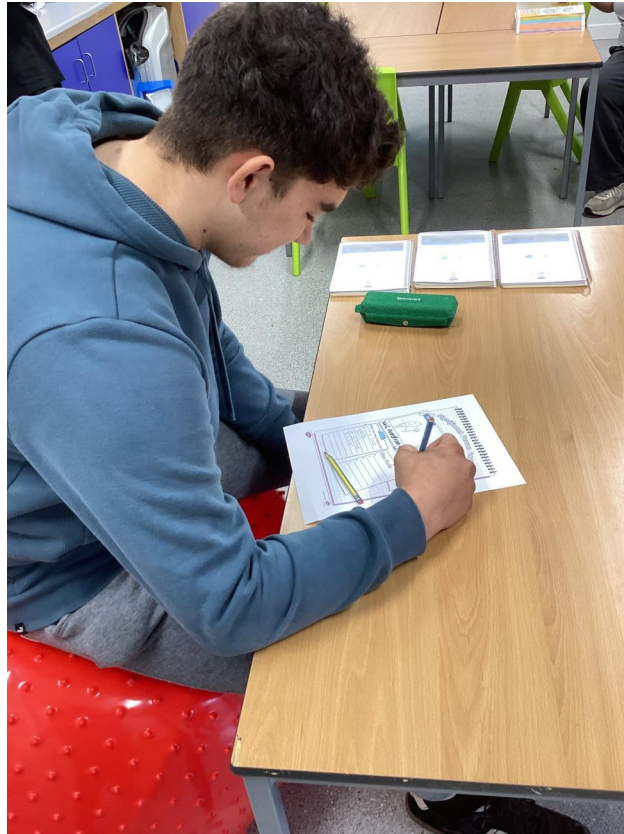




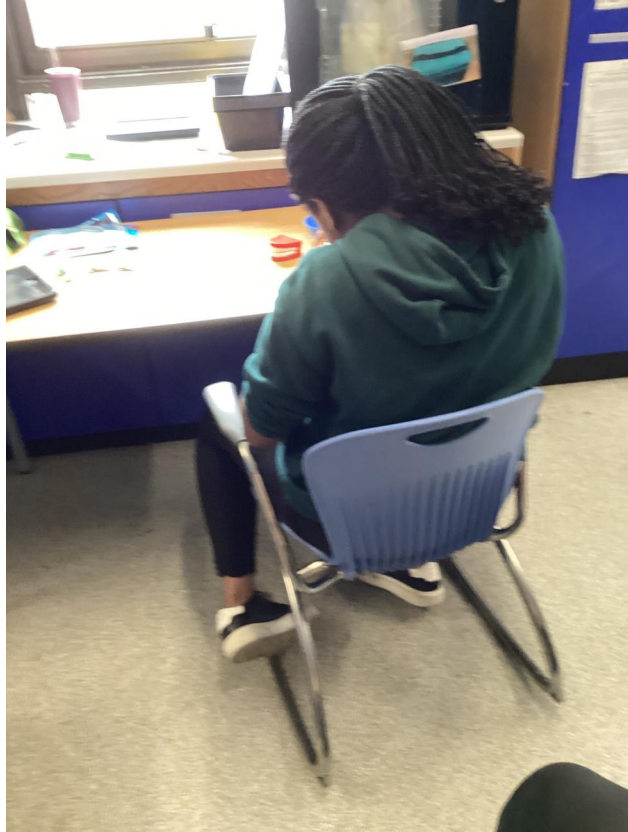
Therapy Input

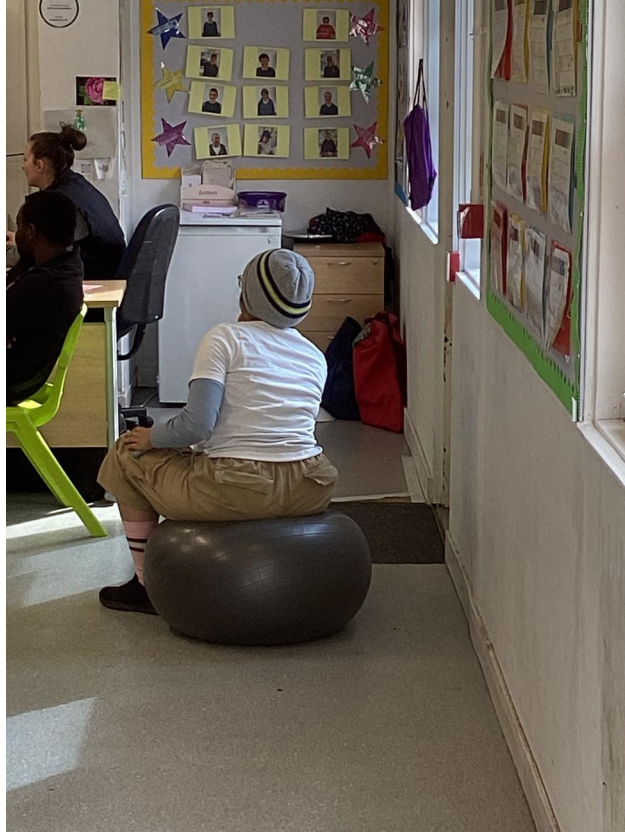


Regulation doesn't just happen in the hall with the OT equipment. The majority of time, regulation is taking place constantly throughout the school day. Vestibular input from a rocking Zuma chair as you work, or even a therapy ball as a chair to give proprioception input to help you concentrate and know where your body is in your space. Students use a variety of items in class and playtime, so they can stay regulated, calm and focused on the task at hand. These items can range from a body sock, a wobble cushion under their feet at their desk, ear defenders to lessen the environment noise or even just an iPad with headphones.









Residential Department



This weeks highlight was a special visit to meet the Aspire Wrestling Academy. Students were treated to front row seats and got to see all elements of training, ask questions, learn more about the sport, see how wrestlers keep themselves safe and what is involved on show days. All the wrestlers were so welcoming, took time out for photographs and signing merchandise.



1 - A big thankyou to all at Aspire Wrestling Academy, we cant wait to visit again soon.



2 - A big John Cena fan gets to meet some more local wrestlers from his favourite sport.



3 - Oliver cant wait to tell his family about the evening.

SEN United: Upcoming football matches

NEXT MATCH

CHARITY FUNDRAISER
FRIDAY 28TH MARCH 2025
8:00PM KICK-OFF
DERBY RACECOURSE (DE21 6AJ)

 **VS** 

SEN UNITED LADIES **HEANOR LADIES FC**

RAISING MONEY FOR:



#WeAreSEN [@bookmark](#) LEAD IT **TRG**

Free breakfast event at Key College 19th March



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DERBY OR
ILKESTON**

 **YMCA KEY COLLEGE**
Accredited vocational training courses for
young people

OPEN EVENT

WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH 9AM - 10AM

Join us at our breakfast event and discover how
YMCA Key College can unlock your future.

Enjoy a light breakfast, meet our tutors and find
out about our courses.



VISIT US

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Autism & ADHD workshops for parents Jan-April 2025

Family Hub Derby - What's on Guide - January to 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 Sinfyn 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

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<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!



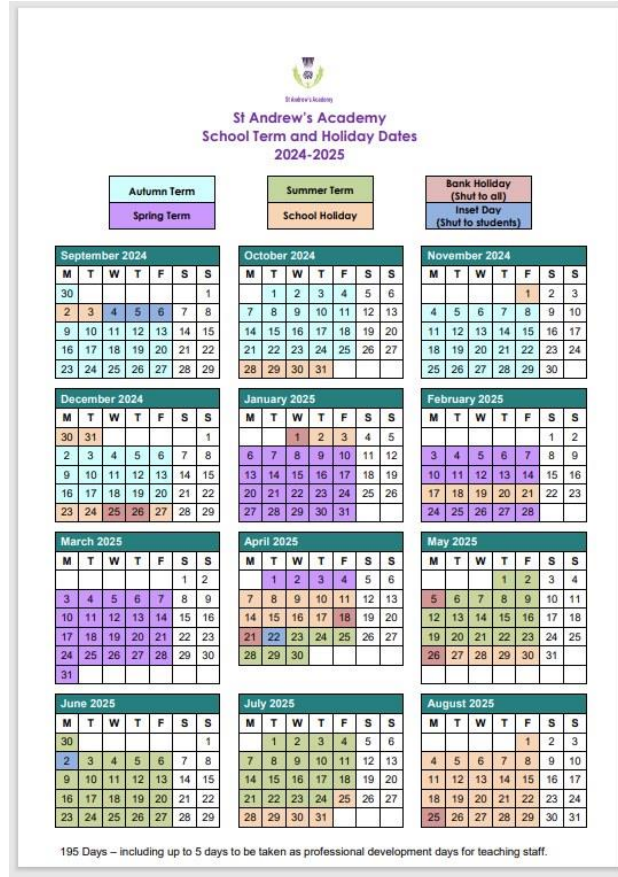
Emma and Sarah (and hopefully more of the St Andrew's team) are bravely running the Carsington 10k on 21st June 2025 to raise money for sensory integration equipment for students at St Andrew's. We are very excited to support them and cheer them on!

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



The calendar grid for St Andrew's Academy 2024-2025 is organized into three columns and four rows of monthly calendars. The columns represent the Autumn and Spring terms, the Summer term, and Bank Holidays. The rows represent the months from September 2024 to August 2025. Each calendar shows the days of the week (M, T, W, T, F, S, S) and the dates. Key dates are highlighted: 1st September (start of Autumn term), 1st October (start of Summer term), 1st November (start of Spring term), 1st February (start of Summer term), and 1st September 2025 (start of Autumn term). Bank holidays are marked with 'X' and include Good Friday (14th April 2025), Easter Monday (18th April 2025), and Bank Holiday Monday (1st May 2025). Inset days are marked with 'I' and include 1st September 2024, 1st October 2024, 1st November 2024, 1st February 2025, and 1st September 2025. School holidays are marked with 'S' and include 28th-31st October 2024, 27th-31st January 2025, 28th-31st March 2025, and 28th-31st July 2025. A note at the bottom states: "195 Days – including up to 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff."

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