

St Andrew's Academy Family Update Newsletter

Summer Term 1

25th April 2025

Headteacher's Welcome



What an exceptional first week back. It has been incredibly impressive to welcome back our school community and seamlessly start the Summer Term with the same purpose and engagement as we finished the Spring Term, especially considering it has been a short 3-day week. Our INSET on Tuesday was spent working hard on further developing details on pupil profiles to ensure each pupil's needs are not only thoroughly documented but also current and comprehensive in readiness for the upcoming transition to their new class team in September.

The Summer Term is jam packed with exciting outdoor learning opportunities, trips, residentials and sporting ventures which we look forward to sharing and celebrating in the coming weeks. A date for your diary is the fundraising day on Saturday 24th May; please see details within this newsletter and on our socials.

Have a great weekend,

Family Fun Day - Saturday 24th May @The Pavilion



Campus reminder

Reminder: Campus will remain OPEN on Thursday 1st May

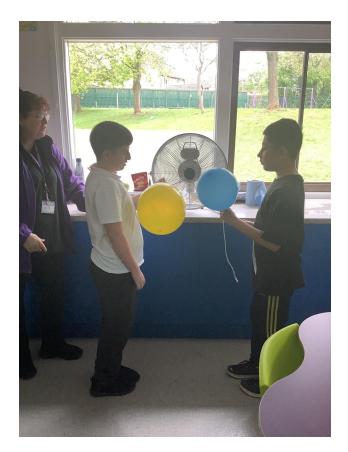
A reminder to all Campus students and staff that local elections are no longer taking place at Campus on Thursday 1st May, so Campus will remain open. We welcome all students as usual.

Key Stage 3

Barra class worked on looking at different weather conditions. This week, we looked at the force of wind and did an experiment with balloons. The class went outside to experience the wind and observe what happened when they released their balloons.



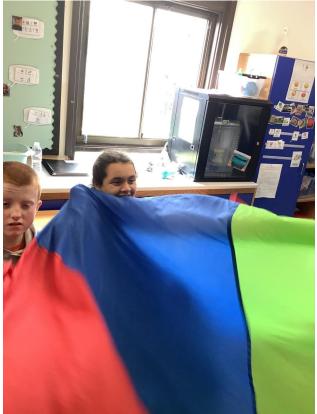




The Glens

Mull class had a great time exploring their new immersive story for the first time, "Oh Can You Say, What's the Weather Today?". Students explored lots of different props that link to the story, they particularly liked the water spray and the umbrella! Some great creative thinking and engagement from Mull class, well done everyone!

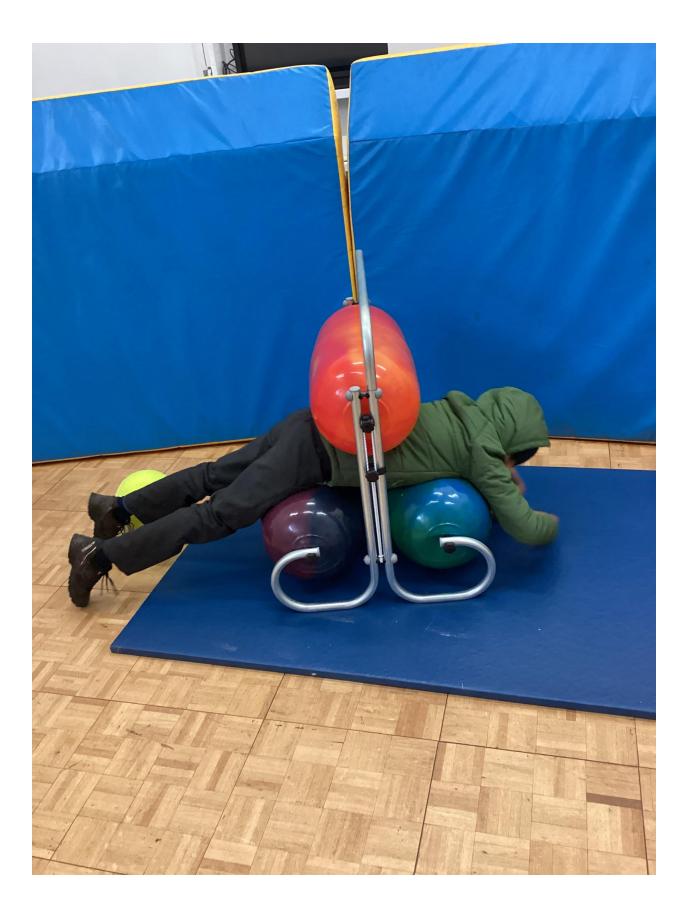








Therapy Input



Fine motor interventions can look different from one student to the next. When attending the fine motor program in school, we start by working on hand strengthening as well as core strengthening. Yoga moves are a great way to build up hand strengthening as you're holding your weight through your arms and hands. We then move on to hand and finger control, either by using putty/ playdough or even throwing a bean bag into a net or a hoop over a cone.







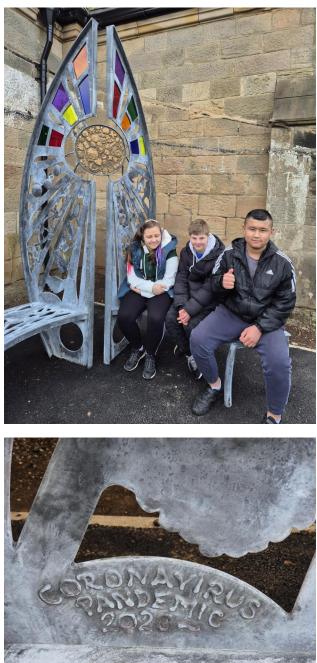
Residential Department



A great first week back, all students have settled in well and enjoyed a return to residential activities.

On Thursday a select group were invited to Nottingham Road Cemetery to mark the installation of a new COVID-19 reflection sculpture. Students from St. Andrews were involved in its development, and it was great to see the final piece on show, and meet up again with the artist.







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



195 Days - including up to 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff.

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