

# St Andrew's Academy Family Update Newsletter

Spring Term 1

28th March 2025

#### Headteacher's Welcome



St Andrew's are proud to be one of the 3 Derby schools of 32 Shaw Education Trust schools nationwide. It's a real asset to any school to collaborate, share good practice and go on a journey of improvement together. This year represents 10 Years since the Trust was founded, with St Andrew's joining in September 2019. To mark the occasion, we joined St Martins and Ivy House at Arboretum park to complete some laps of the park, holding the Trust 'Olympic torch' style baton and were joined by Trust leaders. Arboretum Park is the venue for our joint venture with St Martins, 'Heart of the Park' cafe where our young people can gain employment skills in the hospitality industry. The event was a great way to meet our friends in our partner school and celebrate the 10-year milestone of the Trust. If you're at Arboretum Park over Easter, please do drop into the cafe and enjoy the spoils of our hard work.

**David Braybrooke - Headteacher** 

#### Easter Raffle

Skye class are having an Easter raffle to raise money for plants and flowers to be planted outside Skye's classroom. Please buy tickets via Parent Hub or the school office. Tickets are £1 per strip and the raffle will be drawn this Friday - 4th April.



#### 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.

#### Multi Sports League



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We hosted our first Multi Sports League fixture against our visitor students from Ivy House for a table cricket match. This event was ran by our very own KS3 St Andrew's Young Leaders. The students welcomed our guests offering them support throughout the game using their leadership skills to ensure they delivered a fun, fair and inclusive game for all players. They took complete control of equipment, scoring, coaching and cheering on both teams. This event was amazing for all staff to see as we witness our incredible young people work together. The smiles and giggles throughout the game was simply amazing to witness. Credit to our opponents Ivy house who left with a win and credit to all players involved as well as our superstar Young Leaders! These events provide not only our students but SEN Schools across derby a chance to come together.

#### **Easter Activities**









### Key Stage 3









In Barra class, we have been working on positional language using Bee-Bots. This is a great way to make learning interactive and engaging for the students. The students program simple commands into the Bee-Bot to move forward, backward, left, or right. Some students used large mats and programmed the Bee-Bot to move to the tree etc. The students had great fun with the Bee-Bots.

### Key Stage 4

Canna class have been working hard this half term to create an accessible meal preparation video for them to use at home. With this they created their own instructions and followed all the steps to make the video! And they loved the way it tasted!!

Pasta Bake.mp4

#### The Highlands



Students in the Highlands have had another week of wow moments! Iona class have been improving on their various EHCP targets including practicing turn taking games to improve upon social and communication skills. Students have also been going on the bus to town to improve on their independent living skills.

Taransay class have been making paper aeroplanes for their team challenge this week. Students displayed excellent creative skills and developed their fine motor skills in the session. Students then competed to see who can fly their plane the furthest, enjoying using a tape measure to measure distance.

Jura class have been focusing on developing their fine motor skills this week for their sensory and physical EHCP targets. Students have been fantastic at modelling play dough, building towers and pinning pegs into a peg board.



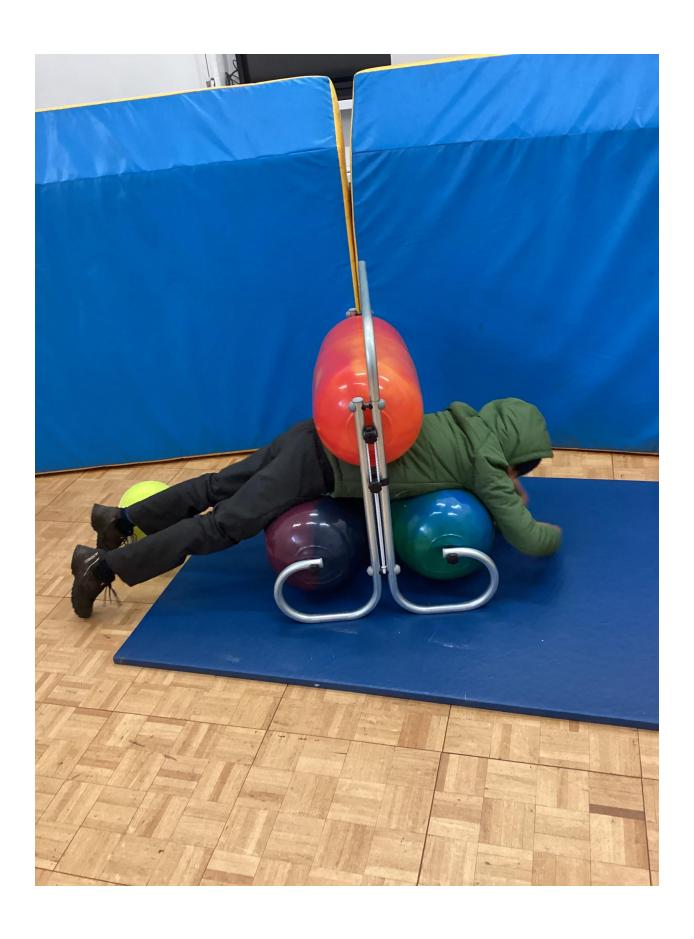








### Therapy Input



Fine motor exercises are crucial for developing the small muscle movements in hands, wrists, and fingers, essential for everyday functional skills like writing, eating, dressing, and building independence and confidence.

These exercises also enhance hand eye co-ordination, which is crucial for tasks like catching a ball or drawing. As well as developing self-care skills like buttoning their own top or brushing teeth independently.











### Residential Department



An early special Easter activity week for residential. Students enjoyed playing bowling at Tenpin Derby, a night off the cooking meant a lovely McDonalds tea. On Thursday students went to watch Snow White at ODEON Cinema Derby.





















### Autism & ADHD workshops for parents Jan-April 2025



#### Family Hub Derby - What's on Guide - January to April 2025:

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





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

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