



# St Andrew's Academy Family Update Newsletter

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*Autumn Term 1*

*26th September 2025*

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## Headteacher's Welcome



Where did those 3 weeks go? Next Wednesday marks the halfway point of Autumn Term 1 and as we approach October Half Term, I couldn't be more impressed with how we have kick started the new academic year. We're really beginning to see the impact of our multiple new learning environments on the Main Site and at our new 6th Form on Whitaker Rd, Littleover. Whilst we now have 4 miles between the two sites, much work is taking place to connect and collaborate to ensure the new 6th form very much feels part of the St Andrew's family. I'm spending 50% on each site with Sue Turner, Assistant Head and Curriculum Manager, teaching at Whitaker Rd 1 day a week. All operations, therapeutic input and admin are also shared, ensuring a solid connection and maintenance of the highest quality offer for all.

My hope is that you, as part of our school community, feel well informed and connected through the many communications and social media platforms and that you have a direct route to contact and collaborate. As always, we're very keen to hear all feedback, good or otherwise,

in order to continue our journey of constant improvement and our shared goal of offering every young person a world class offer.

**David Braybrooke - Headteacher**

### *In memory of Erin Alger*

As you will know from last week's newsletter, we are honouring the memory and legacy of Erin Alger, a pupil who sadly passed away in 2022. Erin would have turned 18 in November of this year and as we approach her birthday, St Andrew's will be taking the time to remember and also complete some new installations in school.

This week, it's my honour to share Erin's organ donor story with you and the immeasurable impact and enormous sense of pride we all feel that Erin went on to save others.

Erin's story was published on the Nottingham University Hospital Website, please see the link below and scroll to the bottom of the page.

<https://www.nuh.nhs.uk/news/125-people-are-on-the-transplant-waiting-list-could-you-donate-and-save-a-life-10645/>

As shared previously, Erin's mother Nikki, is writing a short series of children books to raise funds to purchase a caravan that will be open to be used for young people with additional needs. Should you wish to find out how you can contribute, please search Nikki Marriott on Facebook.

## Hubbub Theatre Company- Free Workshops!



**Free! Weekly Workshops**

For Young Autistic and/ or Learning Disabled people

**We focus on wellbeing, self-confidence, self-expression and team work.**




**Where?**  
Chapel Street Arts Centre  
19 Chapel Street  
Derby  
DE1 3GU



**Ages:**  
13 - 18

**We will do:**

- Percussion
- Movement



**When: (Tuesdays)**  
From 9th Sept - 18<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Time: 4.45pm - 5.45pm

 **BOOK NOW**

Email: [info@hubbubtheatre.org](mailto:info@hubbubtheatre.org)  
or call: 07405156800

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# SEND Dance

## Who?

People who want to dance aged 11-18 (who are Learning Disabled and/ or Autistic)

## Where?

19 Chapel Street- Studio 2

## When?

4.45pm - 5.45pm  
Wednesday term times

## How much?

Free

**hubbub**  
theatre  
company

## Co-led by:



Rosie  
(she/her)



Emily  
(she/her)



To book by phone  
**07405 156800**



To book by email  
[info@hubbubtheatre.org](mailto:info@hubbubtheatre.org)



Visit our website  
[www.hubbubtheatre.org](http://www.hubbubtheatre.org)



SEND Dance is a dance session for young people with learning disabilities and/ or Autism.

The group provides a safe environment to be creative and learn new dance skills.

We explore lots of different dance styles and create dances together using everyone's ideas.

**CANVAS**  
Inspiring the next generation of creatives

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Ages:  
13 - 18




We will do:

- Movement
- Music
- Drama

When:

From 11th Sept - 20<sup>th</sup> Nov  
(Thursdays)  
Time: 4.30pm - 6.30pm

 **BOOK NOW**

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ENGLAND



## Flu Vaccination: 8th October 2025

***Dear Parent/Carer,***

***If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow this link to complete an online consent form. If you would like to decline, please complete a no consent form on the attached link.***

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/660f3a52>

***The vaccinations will take place at your child's school on the 08/10/2025***



### KS3

They have been exploring the sensory garden as part of their Work Related Learning, engaging with the different sights, smells and textures the space has to offer. They have been learning how to safely use a range of forest school tools, such as spades, rakes and trowels, to begin work on developing the outdoor area. Through these activities, they are gaining practical experience in preparing and maintaining a shared environment, while also contributing to making the garden more accessible and enjoyable for everyone.







## The Glens



This week in Fair Isle, our students have been learning about farming, and this has tied in with our science work- learning about the different parts which make up a plant. In the pictures, our students are enjoying sensory exploration of a farm, such as hay, soil, and grass.



KS4



In Shetland class we have been working towards the 50 things to do as part of our Outdoor Education sessions with Dan. This half term we are working towards exploring the woods, riding a bike, catching a falling leaf and building a den. We have been able to explore the bikes on the playground as well as a walk in the local area over the last two weeks. We have been having lots of fun developing our confidence in our outdoor skills.











## The Highlands







Jura Class had a fantastic learning experience this week, combining both maths and functional life skills to make cookies for our pudding. The pupils worked together to gather the ingredients and, with support, measured out the correct quantities, practising their number skills. We followed the recipe step by step, taking turns to add ingredients and mix them together, encouraging turn-taking, communication, and teamwork.

The mixture smelled wonderful as it was prepared! With support, pupils placed the cookies into the oven and set a timer, developing their awareness of sequencing and time. Everyone listened carefully for the timer before staff took the cookies out to cool. Finally, pupils sampled a small piece to taste their hard work, before storing the rest safely in a container, ready to enjoy for pudding the following day.

In Taransay this week we have been looking at Yorkshire pudding day measuring ingredients to make our very own Yorkshire pudding pizzas. Each student made their own Yorkshire pudding pizza and they all really enjoyed it.

Therapy Input



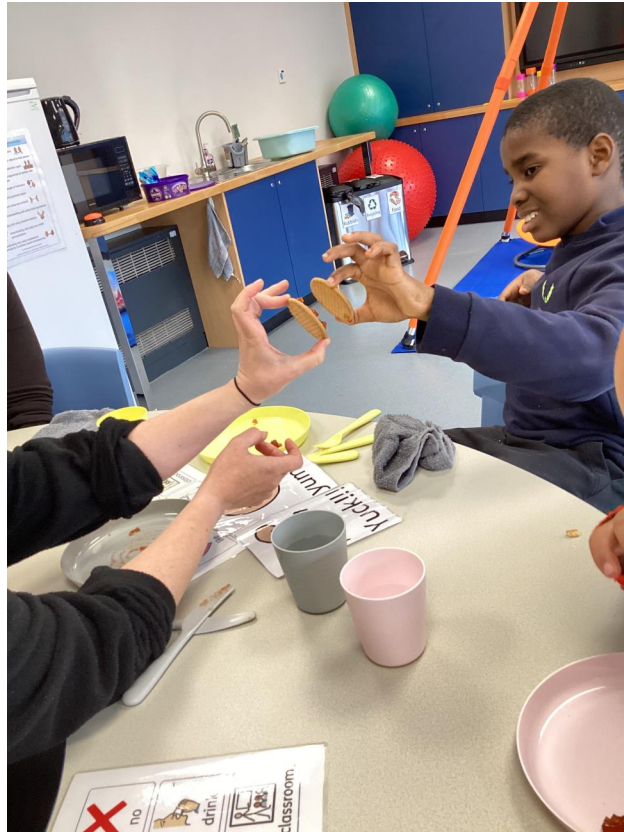


We've had a great start to the feeding group 😊 Both students have coped really well with the new foods we've introduced.

As well as exploring the foods through play, we also emphasize that's its ok to say no, wash hands straight after touching something that makes them feel uncomfortable or even spit the food in the bin. There's no pressure at all when it comes to exploring/tasting or tolerating new foods. Well done 👍



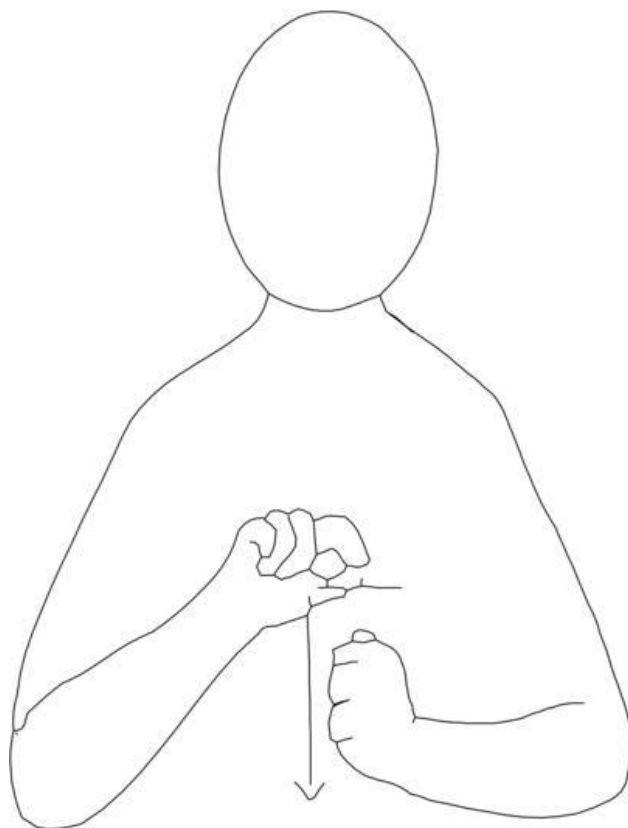




## Makaton- Sign of the Week



1 - This Weeks' sign is **Coffee**



*2 - Our Curriculum signs are Maths and Number*

***Maths***



3 - Number

## Broomfield Open Day

### Pathways Open Day At Broomfield Derby college

- A chance to meet the teaching team
- Look around campus and explore the options available.
- Ask any questions about your young adults' next steps in education
- Enroll for this academic year 25/26 spaces available.
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October
- 1.30 - 3pm
- Please sign in at reception



## 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](#).





Proud to be the official uniform supplier for



St Andrew's Academy

Navy Crew Neck Sweatshirt with Logo	from <b>£9</b>
Navy Cardigan with Logo	from <b>£9</b>
White Polo T-Shirt with Logo	from <b>£7</b>
Black Trousers	from <b>£15</b>
Black Stitch-Down Pleated Skirt	from <b>£15</b>
Navy Fleece Jacket with Logo <b>*optional—special made to order item</b>	from <b>£18</b>
White P.E. T-Shirt with Logo	from <b>£6</b>
Navy OR Black P.E. Shorts	from <b>£4</b>
Navy OR Black Girls P.E. Sports Leggings	from <b>£15</b>
Navy OR Black Track Bottoms	from <b>£11</b>
P.E./Gym Bag	from <b>£8</b>
20 Personalised Iron-On Nametapes	only <b>£3.50</b>

BASE JUN 2025

✓ <b>March-June</b> Best time to order	✓ <b>July</b> Expect Some Delays	X <b>Aug-Sept Extreme Delays</b> 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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Term Time—OPEN MONDAY TO SATURDAY 9.30am TO 5pm (CLOSED WEDS & SUN)  
Summer Holidays—OPEN MONDAY TO SATURDAY 9.30am TO 5pm (CLOSED SUN)  
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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!

### ✓ Order before 31st July



Look Out For Our Special Late Night Shopping Events—



Perfect for New Starters

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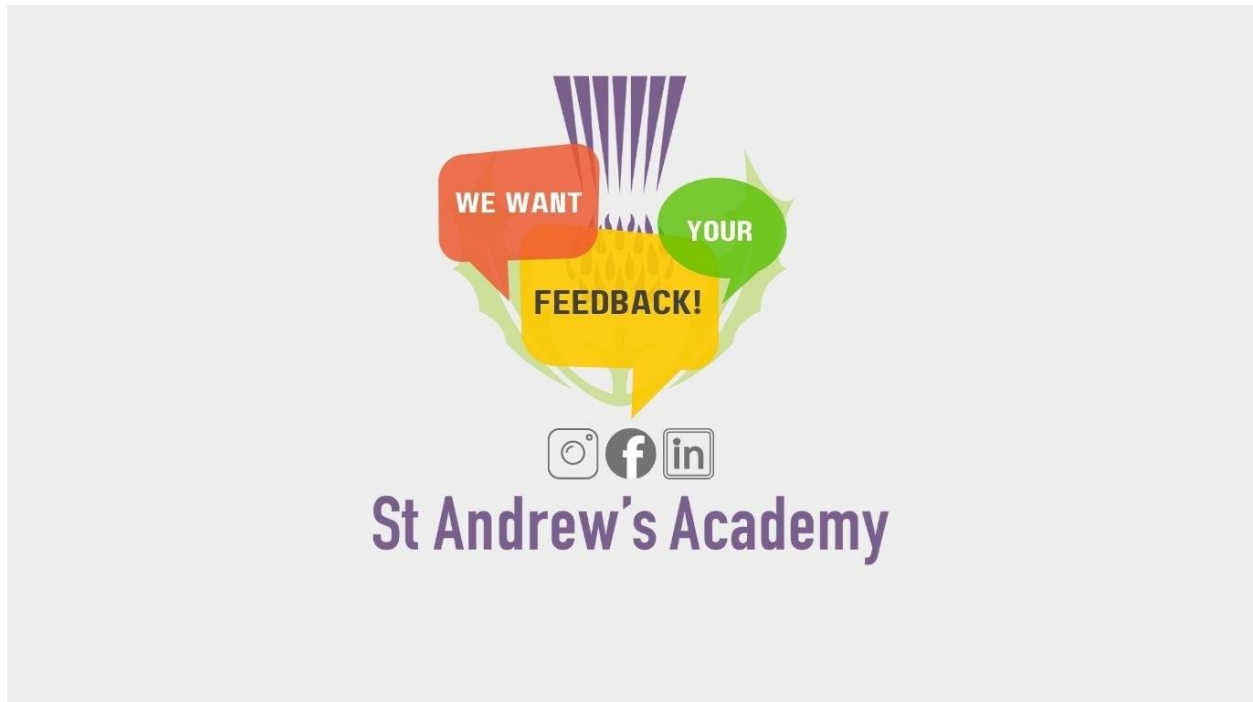
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## Newsletter & Social Media Feedback – Help Us Improve!




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


## Family Hub QR Code and Family Fun Sessions

**FamilyHubDerby**  
Stronger families through support & friendship

  
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### Family Hub What's On Guide


Scan this QR code to access this online





Click onto:  
Family Hub Derby  
Family Hub parents  
What's On Guide (number 4)  
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We look forward to meeting you!


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# School Term and Holiday Dates



## St Andrew's Academy School Term and Holiday Dates 2025-2026

Autumn Term	Summer Term	Bank Holiday (Shut to all)
Spring Term	School Holiday	Inset Day (Shut to students)

September 2025 (19 days)	October 2025 (18 days)	November 2025 (20 days)
M T W T F S S	M T W T F S S	M T W T F S S
1 2 3 4 5 6 7	1 2 3 4 5	1 2
8 9 10 11 12 13 14	6 7 8 9 10 11 12	3 4 5 6 7 8 9
15 16 17 18 19 20 21	13 14 15 16 17 18 19	10 11 12 13 14 15 16
22 23 24 25 26 27 28	20 21 22 23 24 25 26	17 18 19 20 21 22 23
29 30	27 28 29 30 31	24 25 26 27 28 29 30

December 2025 (15 days)	January 2026 (20 days)	February 2026 (16 days)
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8 9 10 11 12 13 14	5 6 7 8 9 10 11	2 3 4 5 6 7 8
15 16 17 18 19 20 21	12 13 14 15 16 17 18	9 10 11 12 13 14 15
22 23 24 25 26 27 28	19 20 21 22 23 24 25	16 17 18 19 20 21 22
29 30 31	26 27 28 29 30 31	23 24 25 26 27 28

March 2026 (20 days)	April 2026 (14 days)	May 2026 (15 days)
M T W T F S S	M T W T F S S	M T W T F S S
30 31	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3
2 3 4 5 6 7 8	6 7 8 9 10 11 12	4 5 6 7 8 9 10
9 10 11 12 13 14 15	13 14 15 16 17 18 19	11 12 13 14 15 16 17
16 17 18 19 20 21 22	20 21 22 23 24 25 26	18 19 20 21 22 23 24
23 24 25 26 27 28 29	27 28 29 30	25 26 27 28 29 30 31

June 2026 (22 days)	July 2026 (17 days)	August 2026
M T W T F S S	M T W T F S S	M T W T F S S
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15 16 17 18 19 20 21	13 14 15 16 17 18 19	10 11 12 13 14 15 16
22 23 24 25 26 27 28	20 21 22 23 24 25 26	17 18 19 20 21 22 23
29 30	27 28 29 30 31	24 25 26 27 28 29 30

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

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