



St Andrew's Academy Family Update Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

10th October 2025

Headteacher's Welcome



At St Andrew's Academy we carefully select the national and global initiatives and theme days that we support. Today is World Mental Health Day and a day that we use to prioritise awareness and teach effective strategies to maintain and promote good mental health. It's been a pleasure to see so many staff and pupils wearing yellow to raise awareness. The tangible strategies and activities that have been shared today across the school have been varied and highly effective in promoting enjoyment and positivity. These have included a wide range of food technology including baking and making, joint activities and games as well as off site visits to places of interest in the local community. We work hard each day to model good habits and interactions to promote great wellbeing and enable all pupils to communicate their needs and wants through a range of communication strategies.

A huge thank you to you for supporting our World Mental Health Day, to the staff for making it possible and as always, our students for their creativity and enthusiasm to take on every challenge

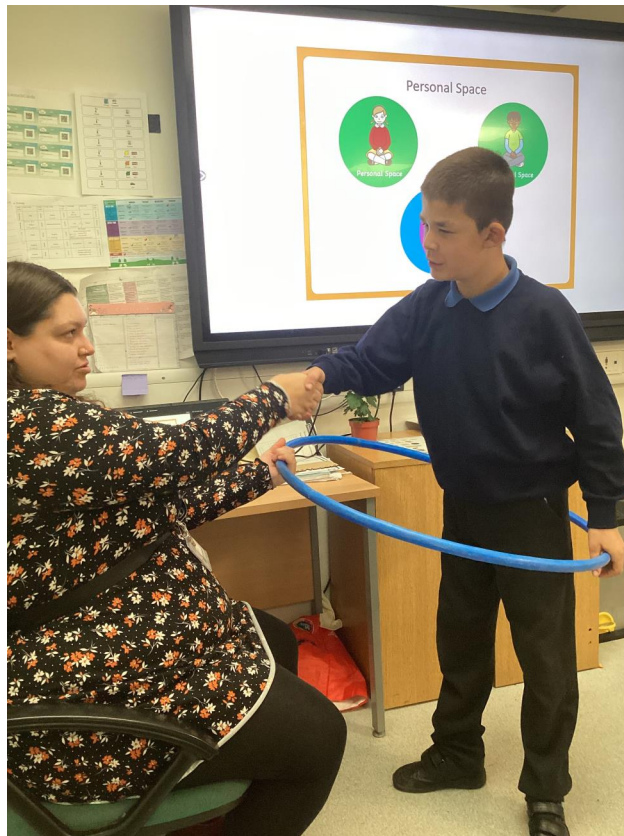
David Braybrooke - Headteacher

KS3

This week in Orkney class we have been doing lots of sensory activities and learning about personal space in PSHE in prep for mental health awareness day. We enjoyed some sensory activities that make us happy whilst also practising our fine and gross motor skills. We have also been completing meal prep as a class once a week, making some lovely lunches and feel good puddings!









The Glens



We've had a busy and fun-filled week in Mull Class!

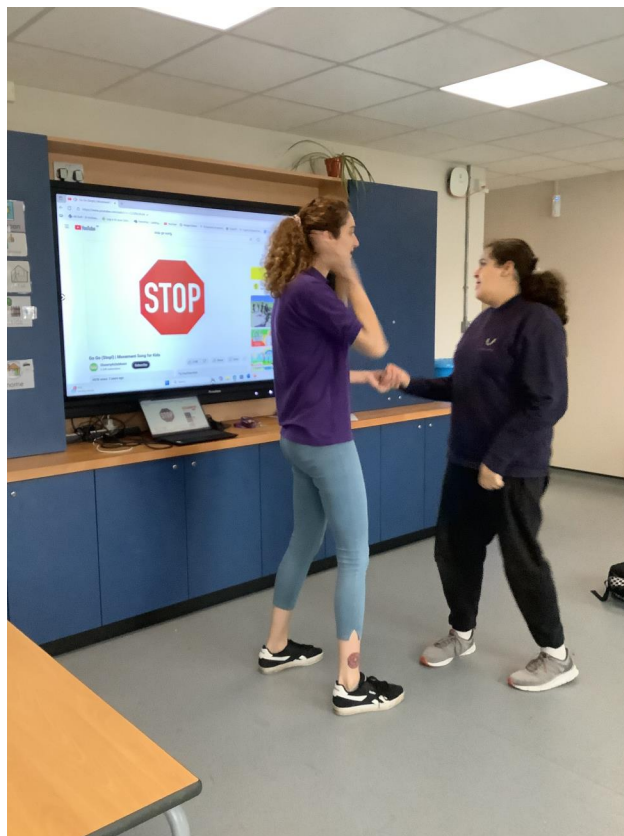
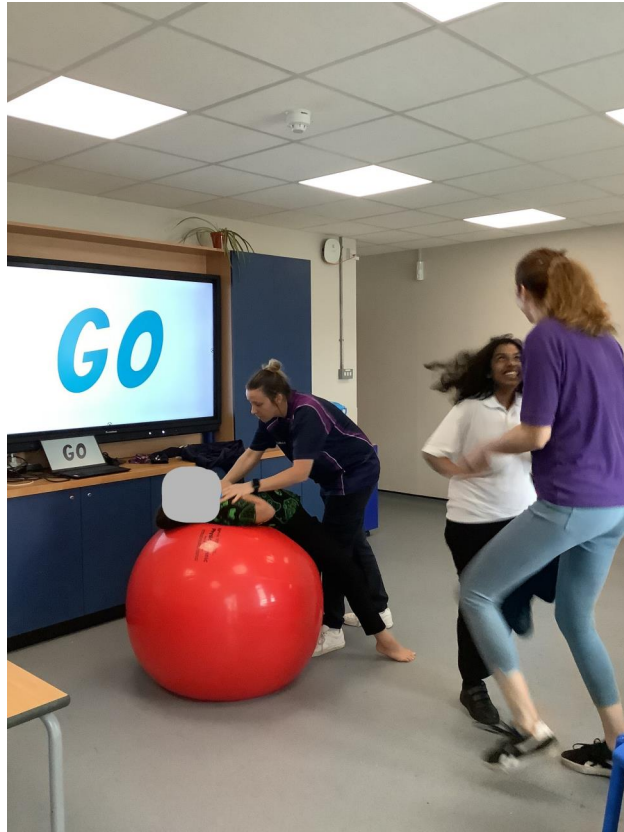
In Science, we learned all about what plants need to grow. The children were super curious and loved getting involved in the activities. We also had a great time dancing and following instructions to our STOP GO song—lots of smiles and energy all around!

On Wednesday afternoon, we had our very own campfire (don't worry—it was pretend - this time!). We sang some songs and even made yummy s'mores. It was such a lovely way to spend the afternoon together.

Later in the week, we explored the idea of clean and dirty with some messy play. There was mud, soapy water, and lots of giggles as we got stuck in and had fun learning through play.

Another brilliant week in Mull Class—well done, everyone!













The Highlands

This week in Jura class, we thoroughly enjoyed taking part in one of our “50 Things to Do” activities — riding the bikes! We began by putting on our helmets to ensure everyone was safe and ready to ride. With great enthusiasm, the students were supported to climb onto the bikes and set off around the outside area. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces as the students were supported to practise their balancing skills and develop new skills. It was a brilliant experience, and we are already looking forward to our next cycling adventure!

This week in Taransay we have been exploring the local community. We have been picking flowers, improving our fine motor skills and spending time with peers at the park. The students have also been learning about road safety and road awareness while walking around the local community.







Therapy Input



A group of students in Hoy have been meeting weekly with a trainee OT from Derby University to work on their gross motor skills with a TA from their class. They have been getting used to sitting on a therapy ball while engaging in hand/eye co-ordination activities and taking turns on a sensory circuit focused on core strength activities.

Great work everyone :)







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 20th October
- 1.30- 3pm
- Please sign in at reception



Makaton- Sign of the Week



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

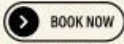


We will do:

- Percussion
- Movement



When: (Tuesdays)
From 9th Sept - 18th Nov
Time: 4.45pm - 5.45pm

 **BOOK NOW**

Email: info@hubbubtheatre.org
or call: 07405156800

Funded By:  FamilyHubDerby

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
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Visit our website
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.

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Inspiring the next generation of creatives

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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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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!

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Look Out For Our Special Late Night Shopping Events—



Perfect for New Starters

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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


StartforLife

Family Hub What's On Guide

Scan this QR code to access this online



Click onto:
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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
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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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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)
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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
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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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