



St Andrew's Academy Family Update Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

17th October 2025

Headteacher's Welcome



Learning outside of the classroom is the bedrock of our curriculum offer. The benefits of taking learning into a real-life situations are many and the knowledge, skills and attitudes that can be developed in functional scenarios have real impact on memory and application of learning. All classes utilise the full benefit of our beautiful site, using the green spaces for Forest school and Duke of Edinburgh and many timetabled sessions take place outside. The local community becomes increasingly familiar to our young people as they move through our school, using shops, cafes and sports facilities. Just today, a new class at St Andrew's called Glen Nevis have enjoyed their time at Mr Pumpkin, using a seasonal opportunity to develop their awareness of 'field to fork' and understanding the origin and traditions of Halloween. If at all possible, please do check in with your young person on a regular basis to see what fun and learning they have enjoyed outside of the classroom.

We're always on the lookout for new venues and quality off site provision, so if you know of anywhere within a 20-minute drive of St Andrew's that could enrich our offer in any way, please do let your class team know.

David Braybrooke - Headteacher

Next Friday- Dress up for Halloween!



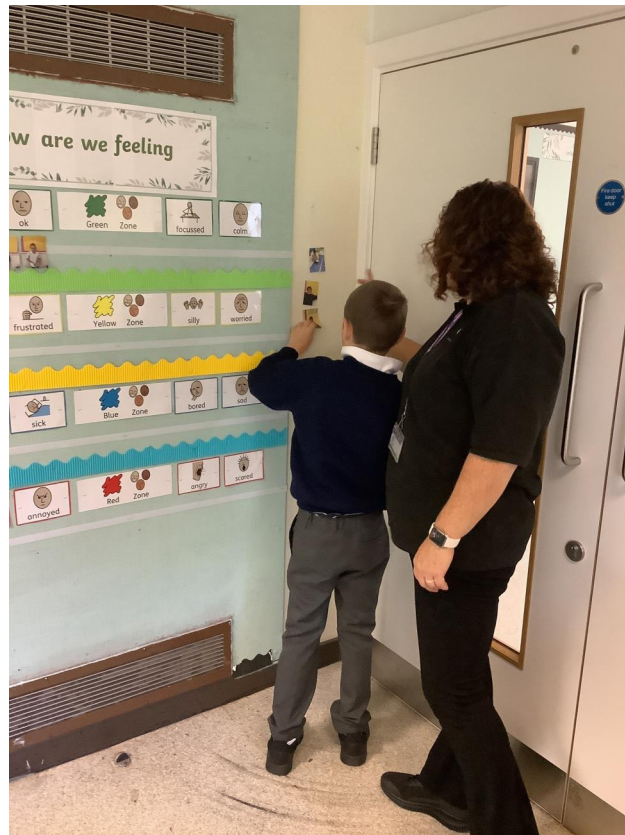
All students are invited to dress up for Halloween on **Friday 24th October!** Fancy dress is optional but it's sure to be a *spook-tacular* day!



KS3

The students in Barra class are getting to know one another. The students start each day by going to the class Feelings Board. After choosing how they're feeling, they select a friend or staff member's photo and ask them, "How are you feeling today?" This daily routine helps build

emotional awareness, encourages kindness, and supports strong, caring relationships in our classroom.





The Glens



We've had a lovely time at Mr Pumpkin today, as part of our topic on farming and learning about how vegetables grow.







KS4

Last week, six of our students had the amazing opportunity to visit **St George's Park**, the home of England Football! ⚽

The group enjoyed a **guided tour** of the world-class training facilities, learning where professional footballers train and prepare for matches. They even took part in a **training session** led by expert coaches — showing great teamwork, determination, and enthusiasm throughout!



It was a fantastic day full of smiles, new experiences, and inspiration for our budding athletes. Well done to all the students who represented our school so brilliantly. A huge thank-you to Pegasus and James M-H for organising this opportunity for our students! 💪🌟











Canna Cafe

Canna Students have been working on their skills ready to run their café slot, we have hosted a class for a drink and snack this week whilst students get used to their job roles. Its very tempting to enjoy a chocolate biscuit and a break but they are getting used to putting their customers first!







The Highlands

In Jura class this week, we have been exploring a variety of materials in our art sessions. The students used paint, chalk and collage items to create fantastic Halloween-themed pictures. We experimented with different techniques, such as using sponges to add texture to our paintings. Everyone worked really creatively and produced some wonderfully spooky artwork — and we had great fun in the process!

In Taransay this week, we had a lovely walk up to the park through the local community, where our students practised road safety. We then went on to the park with friends and had a fun time. Everyone really enjoyed themselves. Also in Taransay this week students have been looking at personal hygiene items and how to use them so students have basic understanding on how to keep themselves clean.







Therapy Input

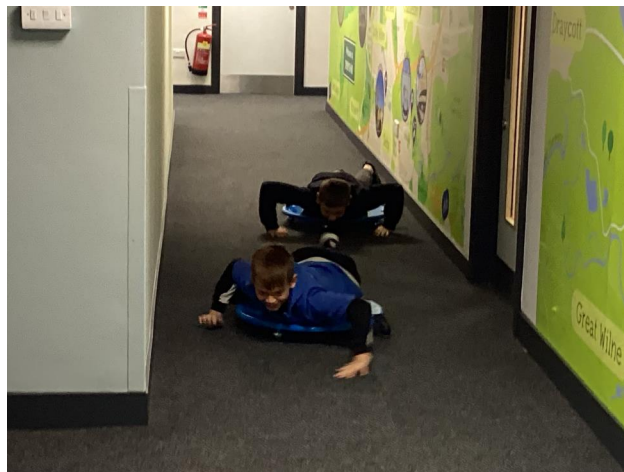


Some students from Bute class enjoyed accessing the therapy room as part of their PE lesson.

Different activities to engage their core muscles, as well as hand eye coordination and balance were put out for them to turn take.

We finished the session in the sensory room exploring sensory lights and completing a deep breathing activity.

Well done everyone!!







After School Club

Things have got a bit spooky at Art Club as the students work away on their Halloween Crafts!





Heart of the Park cafe workshop



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



1 - This Week's sign is Bread

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
info@hubbubtheatre.org



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.

CANVAS
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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Summer Holidays—OPEN MONDAY TO SATURDAY 9.30am TO 5pm (CLOSED SUN)
*subject to change without notice



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

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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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What's On Guide (number 4)
scroll down to view our latest What's On Guide

We look forward to meeting you!

**Please scan for further information**

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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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December 2025 (15 days)							January 2026 (20 days)							February 2026 (16 days)						
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March 2026 (20 days)							April 2026 (14 days)							May 2026 (15 days)						
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June 2026 (22 days)							July 2026 (17 days)							August 2026						
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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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