



St Andrew's Academy Family Update Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

19th September 2025

Headteacher's Welcome



We're extremely excited to open our doors and welcome families from KS3 & The Glens on Monday 22nd September for Parents Evening. Invites and full information will follow for the other departments in school in the coming weeks. As shiny, new and impressive as our new building is, our celebration and pride is directed towards the young people and their early achievements within the first 2 weeks of term. I've had the pleasure of moving through each class, getting to know our new pupils and witnessing their enjoyment and engagement in our curriculum offer since the start of term. I genuinely can't wait for those parents who can make it on Monday to see the fruits of your young people's hard work. That being said- no need to wait for an invite at St Andrew's! We do our very best to offer a range of opportunities to engage with the school site and class staff but fully respect that everyone has different commitments. If you'd like to pop in at any point for any reason, please do reach out to me directly and we look forward to welcoming you on site.

We're very active on Facebook as well as Instagram, so please do look to follow and interact with our social media platforms. We're very lucky to have a wonderful lead for Marketing called Sophie who pulls together our content to keep you informed.

Have a great weekend,

David Braybrooke - Headteacher

In memory of Erin Alger



Those of you who have been with us for over 3 years will no doubt be aware of a very special young lady called Erin Alger. Erin came to us from Springfield ERS in Year 7 and started St Andrew's in the Willows. It's fair to say she was full of character and loved school. She loved to wear a woolly hat and crocs and would always ask everyone who was in their family. She could remember every one of your family member's names, no matter how many names you shared! Erin was a big fan of Haribo and had many cherished soft toys, including Benji the puppy. School was a happy place for both Erin and Nikki, Erin's mum, and the work the staff team did with them as a family will always be a source of genuine pride for me as the Head Teacher and source of strength and connection for Nikki.

Sadly, in Year 9, Erin had a short battle with a serious illness and lost her life. Erin touched the lives of those staff fortunate enough to share her journey at St Andrew's far beyond what my words can convey. This week, I welcomed Nikki back into St Andrew's to reconnect and discuss ways in which we can support Erin's legacy and Nikki's future plans as we approach what would have been her 18th birthday on the 15th of November.

We have plans for an installation into the new Art room as Erin loved to draw and colour. Also, Nikki is in the process of writing a series of children's stories about Erin with the royalties planned to be spent on a caravan to provide holidays for disadvantaged young people with additional needs. Erin loved being in a caravan, not for the location, as she would have been happy on her drive, but just the experience of being in a caravan.

I'm sharing this information now as we plan to celebrate Erin in the coming weeks and I'm keen that our school community, old and new, know who Erin is and the special place that she will always have in our school.

I'll be sharing information in the coming weeks' newsletter throughout the Autumn Term to ensure Erin's legacy is celebrated and honoured. Feel free to find Nikki on Facebook- Nikki Marriott, if you're interested to find out more about her books and how you can support.

It's memories and connections like these that make St Andrew's a truly unique family that you all belong to.

David Braybrooke

Broomfield Open Day

Pathways Open Day At Broomfield Derby college

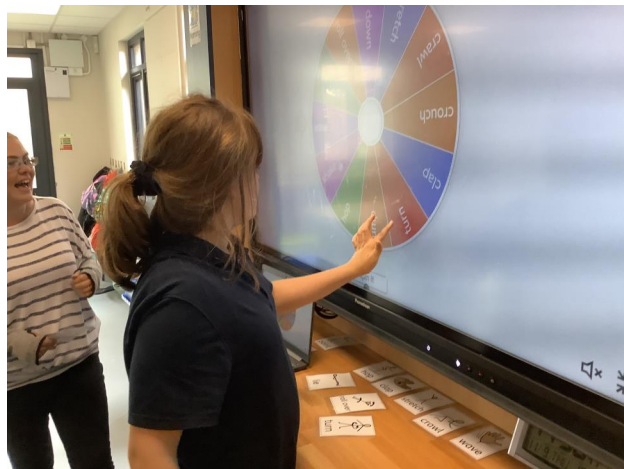
- A chance to meet the teaching team
 - Look around campus and explore the options available.
 - Ask any questions about your young adults' next steps in education
 - Enroll for this academic year 25/26 spaces available.
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- Monday 20th October
 - 1.30-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



The Glens



Skye class have settled in to the new school year brilliantly and we've loved welcoming new year 7 students to the class. Our PE topic this term is movement; exploring how we can move our bodies in different ways to stay healthy, and participating in lots of different movement activities to find out what motivates us to move. This week we had great fun with the big gym ball!





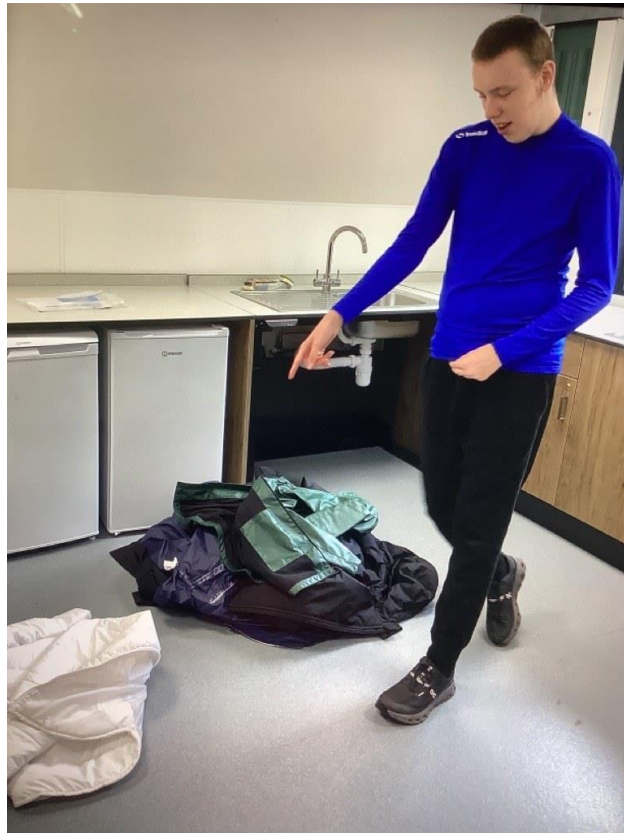


KS4



Canna class are enjoying the new space and fantastic new facilities in key stage 4. As part of our Home Economics Curriculum we have been looking at Laundry and how to identify washing instructions and symbols on clothing.

We have also been practicing our independence skills in Food Technology where we handled equipment and worked together to prepare a snack.







The Highlands

In the Highlands this week we continue to settle in to our new routine with our new friends and staff. This week we have been learning all about ourselves, recognising different foods in food technology and experienced toasting marshmallows and drinking hot chocolate around the campfire in Outdoor Education.

In maths in Jura this week we have been sorting clothes into big and small light and dark and matching. Developing our functional skills.



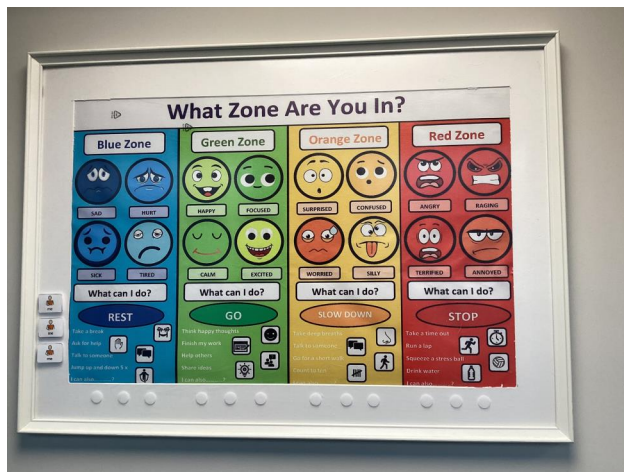


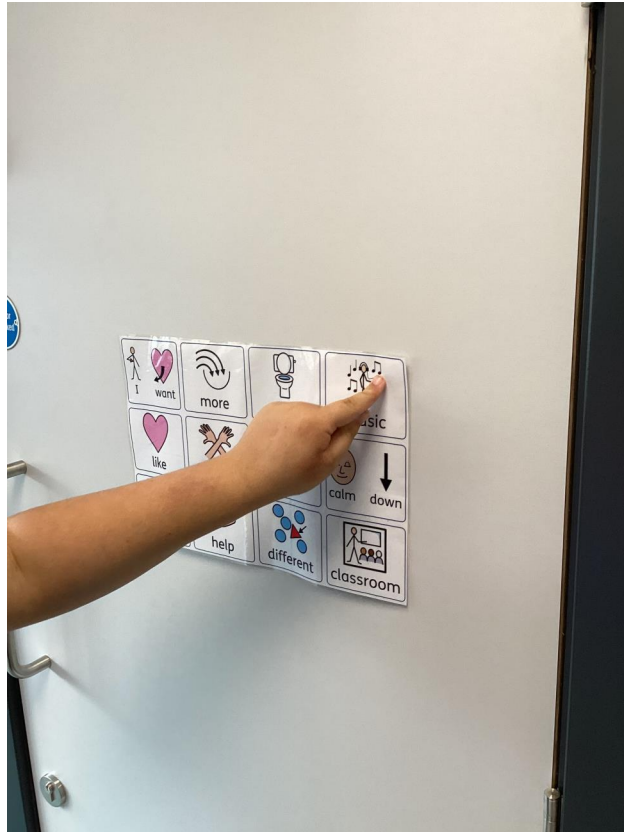
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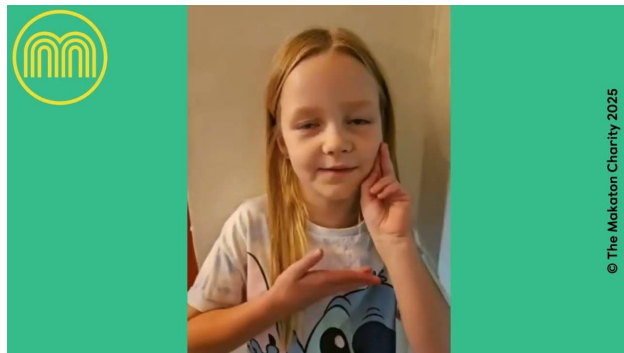


Students from all departments have been enjoying accessing the purpose built therapy room in school. As well as OT and physio programmes being completed, students can also build on their communication skills, from using photos, PECS, communication boards or even intensive interaction.



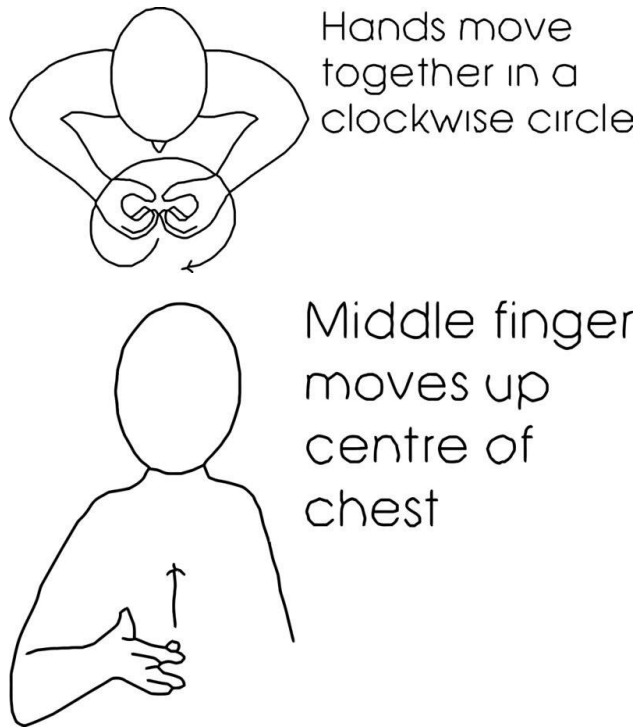


Makaton- Sign of the Week



1 - This week's sign of the week is **Avocado**

Please also see our focused signs linked to our Curriculum:



2 - Feelings

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


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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)
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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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