

St Andrew's Academy
Family Update Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

Week commencing 9th November 2026

Headteacher's Welcome



We have enjoyed welcoming everyone back after the half-term break and it has been wonderful to see pupils settle quickly back into their routines and learning. Last week, we also enjoyed taking part in Pyjama Day for Children in Need. A huge thank you to everyone who supported this event and helped us raise money for such an important cause. As we look ahead to the coming weeks, please remember that school will be closed to all pupils on **Friday 27th November** for an INSET day. We appreciate your support and look forward to continuing a busy and successful half term together.

Beyond 16: Spaces still available!

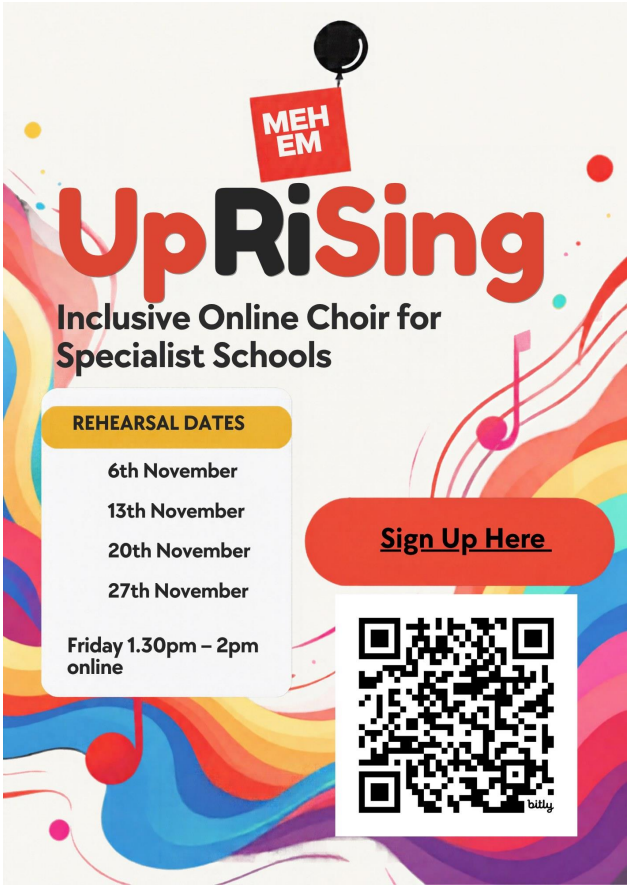


Parent's Survey

If you have a few spare minutes we'd love to hear your feedback;

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Online Choir!



WE HAVE MOVED TO ARBOR!



The Glens and Glen Nevis

Who knew learning about light and dark could be so colourful? 🎨. 🎨This week in Fair Isle our Art lesson brought Science to life! Building on our learning about light and dark, we explored colour and contrast using black paper and bright colours. Everyone had a turn to get creative, make choices and add their own splash of colour. A lovely combination of Art, Science and fun! 🌈✨

Campus

A large focus of the FE curriculum is on developing the independence skills of our students in order to increase their ability to undertake tasks with less support. We have a number of sessions each week where staff support students to develop their independent travel skills. These sessions may cover road safety, navigation, money skills and support to use the public bus.

In addition to these travel training sessions, students are also supported to undertake shopping for food tech sessions.

We are seeing some fantastic progress with the development of these skills and are hopeful that the students will continue to develop their skills, knowledge and confidence as the year progresses.




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Therapy Input

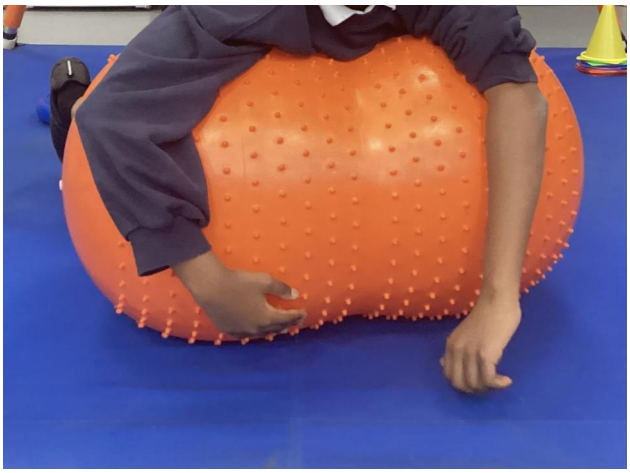

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The therapy ball is an important and much-loved piece of equipment in our therapy rooms! It's used to support students during both Occupational Therapy (OT) and Physiotherapy sessions.

You'll spot lots of different therapy balls around our school – from small and large balls to peanut-shaped and even spiky ones! Each type offers different opportunities to support our students' sensory and physical needs.

Therapy balls are fantastic for providing sensory input, including proprioceptive (body awareness) and vestibular (movement and balance) input. These experiences can help students develop body awareness, support sensory processing and promote a sense of calm and regulation.

By helping students feel more settled, comfortable and organised, therapy balls can support them to feel ready to engage, explore, learn and enjoy their school day!





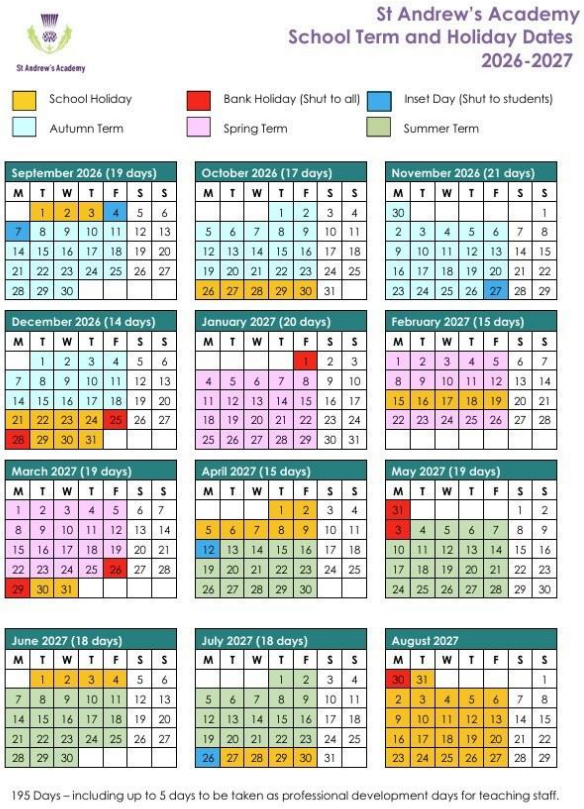


Derby SEND Tribunal survey

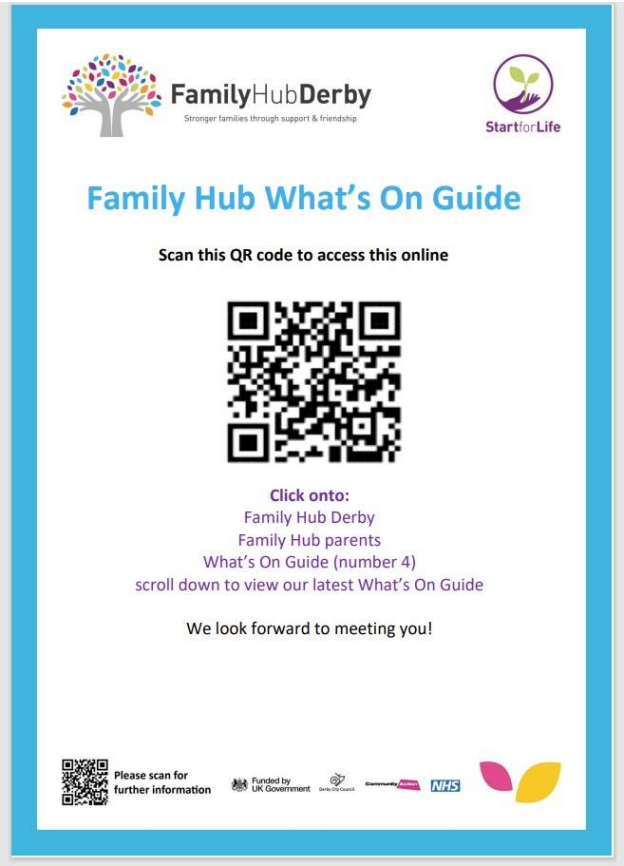
We do also currently have a survey running to gather views of families who have either gone through or started on a tribunal journey. If you feel that this would apply to any of your parent carers, we would really appreciate you sharing this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd8oEJfMSx9LuZOiGSezJx3a_35Jj8uH60KqT7mlx5ZhBtB3A/viewform?usp=header

School Term and Holiday Dates



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