



St Andrew's Academy Family Update Newsletter

Spring Term 1

9th January 2026

Headteacher's Welcome



A belated welcome back after our 4-day first week back! I hope your festive break was exceptional, we're excited to build on 2025 at St Andrew's Academy and continue to exceed all expectations in 2026. With the snow a distant memory, we're keen to plough on with the full delivery of our diverse and bespoke curriculum offer. I have the pleasure of supporting 3 young men in Key Stage 4 this afternoon to access The Workshop which is a Therapeutic Woodwork and Craft service for young people with additional needs. This is one of an extensive range of off-site provisions that enrich our curriculum offer and are researched, selected and adapted to ensure every pupil benefits from specialist input and learning outside the classroom. With every class enjoying learning off site, check in with your young person, in a way that works for them, to see where they've been and what new skills, they have learnt.

2026 promises to be another huge success and we look forward to working together with you on our shared goal of excellence for all.

David Braybrooke - Headteacher

Campus

Students returned to campus refreshed and excited for the new year!

We have been having some building work done at Campus over the last week and the builders have been busy installing new fencing to increase the space available to the students. We are also very pleased to have been awarded a financial grant to help develop and encourage biodiversity and this week students have started to prepare wood for building a range of outdoor planters. We have a lot of plans for the site and are excited to see what wildlife we can attract! We will keep you updated as the work progresses.



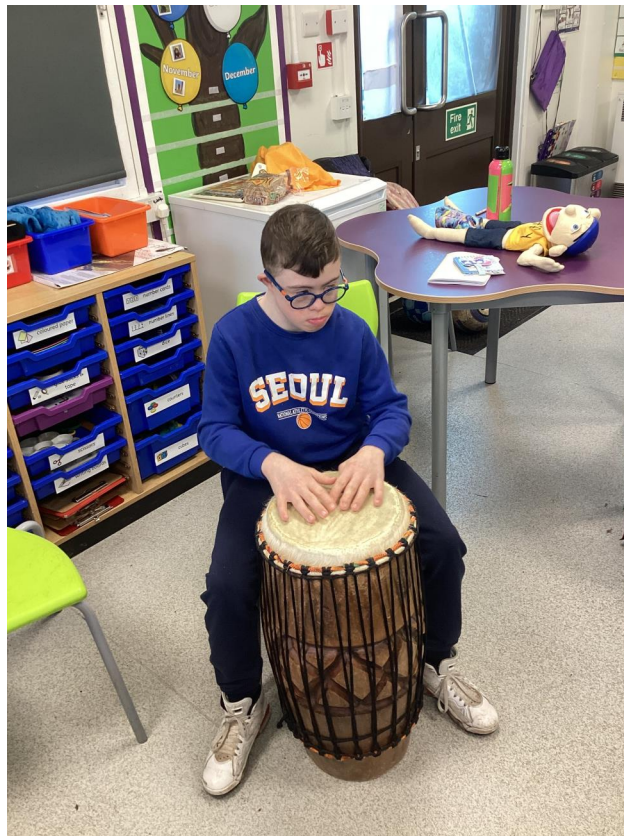




Key Stage 3

The students returned to school full of excitement and energy, happy to see their friends and ready to learn. The class started the week excited to start a new topic on Africa, discovering its wildlife and history. The students had a lively music session with the Africa drums.





The Glens



This term our topic is on the African continent. We explored Africa using the globe as well as colouring the map of Africa and...yes there is the high chance that the Jollof Rice showdown will make a comeback in The Glens this year again!





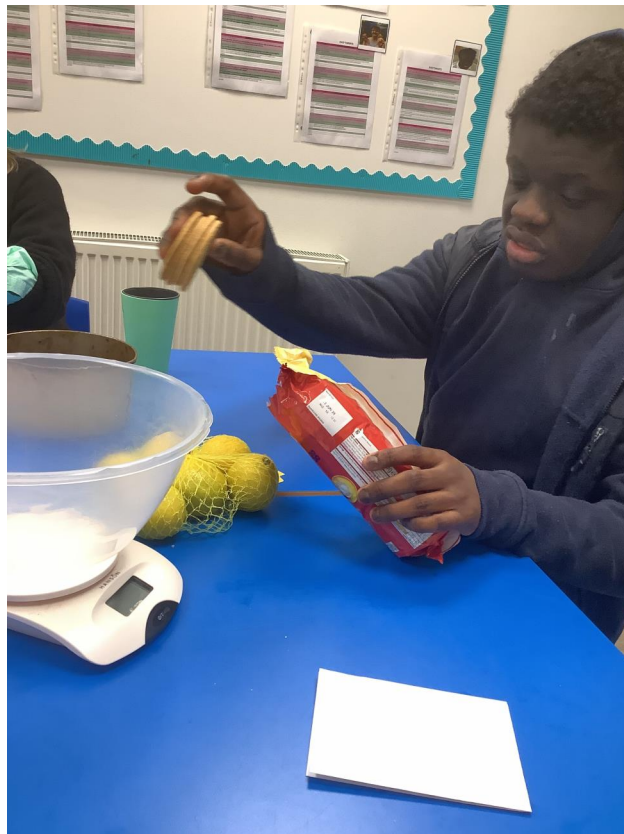




The Highlands

This week in Taransay we have been looking at cooking different things. This week we made a lemon cheesecake. All students helped weigh out all the ingredients and mix them all together to make lemon cheese cake.







Therapy Input



Students have enjoyed accessing the therapy room after their 2 week break. Lots of co-regulating and self-regulating happening in the therapy room, classroom and even corridors 😊





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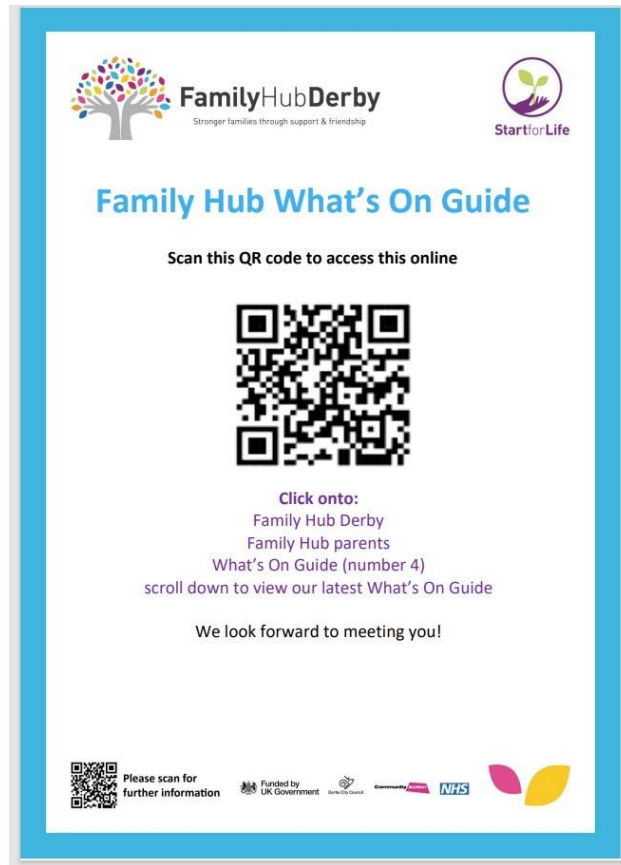
December 2025 (15 days)							January 2026 (20 days)							February 2026 (16 days)						
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March 2026 (20 days)							April 2026 (14 days)							May 2026 (15 days)						
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June 2026 (22 days)							July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

Family Hub QR Code and Family Fun Sessions



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