



St Andrew's Academy Family Update Newsletter

Spring Term 2

27th March 2026

Headteacher's Welcome



It was an absolute pleasure to welcome so many families and members of our school community to the Spring Fair last week. I was fortunate to be welcoming people onto our school site with sign in and token sales. It's impossible to relay all of the positive comments and words of kindness that were shared as people signed out with bags of goodies! Needless to say, the praise, recognition and celebration for the hard work and brilliance sat squarely with the 169 young people we're proud to call St Andrew's pupils. Their creativity, resilience and dedication to their school day was on full display, showcasing their learning and talents and lighting up our Spring Fair.

Opportunities to connect as a community are as deliberate as they are essential. Please see information in this newsletter for the next invite that is fast approaching! You are invited to St Andrew's Main site on Friday May 1st 1:30-3:00pm to enjoy our Brave the Shave Event to raise funds for the incredible work done by MacMillan Cancer support. Sadly, our school community has recently been affected by cancer and when times get tough at St Andrew's, we stand

together. Three members of staff, including myself, will be Braving the shave and shaving our heads to raise awareness of the work MacMillan have provided to those affected. The event will run very similar to the Spring fair with stalls, food and drink. In addition, and very importantly to us, Friday 1st May marks the 10-year anniversary of the sad passing of a treasured Teaching Assistant and Friend, Roz Gregory who lost her brave battle with cancer. Ex colleagues and family members will be here on the day to spend some time remembering this special lady who gave so much to our young people.

As we turn our attention to the Easter break, please know that we're working hard behind the scenes to guarantee Summer Term is the very best it can be for our young people. As always, please don't wait for a questionnaire to share your feedback on any/ every element of your St Andrew's feedback- we're always keen to hear the good and the elements you'd like to see improvement in.

Enjoy your two weeks and we very much look forward to picking up where we left off.

Best wishes,

David Braybrooke - Headteacher

INSET day reminder - Mon 13th April

A reminder that Monday 13th April is an INSET day and both Main School and Campus at Whitaker road are CLOSED to all students. We will welcome students back on Tuesday 14th April.

BRAVE THE SHAVE- In support of Macmillan Cancer Support



Join us for a memorable afternoon at St. Andrews Academy as we "BRAVE THE SHAVE" in support of Macmillan Cancer Support!

 Date: Friday, 1st May

 Time: 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

 Location: St Andrew's Academy Main Site, DE21 4EW

Friday 1st May holds special significance for our school community, being 10 years to the day that we lost an exceptional lady and selfless Teaching Assistant Roz Gregory following her brave battle with cancer. We host this event in her honour and treasured memory.

Enjoy delicious food and drinks, browse our various stalls, and watch as brave individuals go under the clippers at 2:45 PM! Every contribution helps us support those affected by cancer.

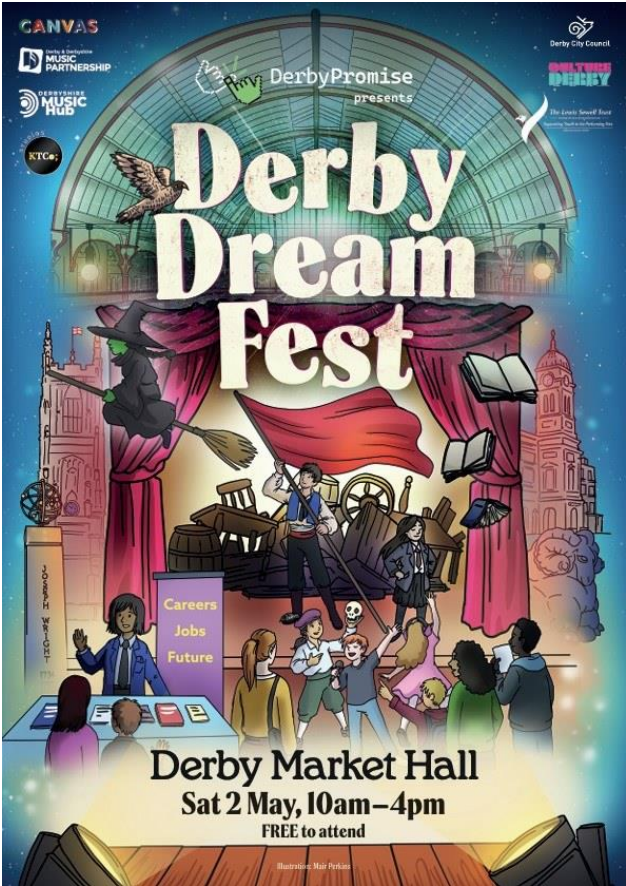
If you would like to donate, please visit our Go Fund Me page here:

<https://gofund.me/9729cf027>

Let's come together to make a difference!

St Andrew's Academy is a Secondary Specialist setting within Derby. We are very proud of the 170 young people that attend our provision, working hard to build independence and overcome all barriers to learning and accessing the world around them. We are a team of 100 dedicated specialist staff who work tirelessly to champion our young people and afford them the inclusive opportunities that they deserve. Alongside our pupils, their families, our staff and Trust family, we form a unique and beautiful community with a shared goal of ensuring that every child has the opportunity to be successful, whatever their starting point in life. Nearly 1 in 2 people (approximately 50%) born in the UK after 1960 will be diagnosed with some form of cancer in their lifetime. Therefore, to stand shoulder to shoulder with Macmillan, in recognition and celebration of their service, we are hosting a fund raising afternoon to financially contribute to their mission but most importantly to stand up to cancer and use this opportunity to come together as a community, raise awareness and channel the challenge positively with love and connection.

Derby Promise Dream Fest 2026's Family Community Day- Saturday
2nd May



Morrisons- Free Breakfasts

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*From 16.03.2025 - 22.03.2025, 30.03.2025 - 19.04.2025, 25.05.2025 - 31.05.2025, 18.08.2025 - 08.09.2025, 12.10.2025 - 01.11.2025, 21.12.2025 - 03.01.2027. This offer is redeemable in the Morrisons Cafés. Simply pay for your breakfast at the till point at any UK Morrisons CAFÉ to receive breakfast, which includes 4 free portions (each of Cornflakes 25g, Six Fruitops 22g) with milk or milk alternative (150ml). Limit of 1 breakfast per customer per day. Offer is not transferable and cannot be exchanged for cash. A recommended balanced breakfast includes a source of cereal, plus milk or milk alternative, a portion of fruit and a glass of water. TH © 2025 Kellogg's.

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The advertisement features a blue background with a red circular graphic at the bottom. It includes images of a banana, a slice of apple, a spoon, a pitcher of milk, a bowl of cornflakes, and a bowl of Six Fruitops cereal.

Who can get a free Kellogg's breakfast?

The offer is available to everyone, children and adults, when they ask for a "Kellogg's Breakfast" in any Morrisons café.

What is included in the free breakfast?

A free bowl of Kellogg's cereal (Corn Flakes or Rice Krispies) with a choice of dairy or soya milk, plus a free portion of fruit (a banana, apple, or orange).

What time does the offer run?

The free Kellogg's breakfast offer will be running in Morrisons cafés across all school holidays including half terms.

Is the offer available at all Morrisons cafés?

Yes, it is offered in all Morrisons cafés nationwide, you can find your nearest café by using the store locator on the Morrisons website.

Do I need to buy anything to get the free breakfast?

No purchase is required. Simply ask for a "Kellogg's Breakfast."



KS3

This half term we have enjoyed preparing for the Spring Fayre as part of Enterprise week. In Lewis class we made key rings and bracelets to sell to our peers and their parents/care givers/friends. As a class we used the weekly build up to discuss ideas and start making our products. Overall the Spring Fayre was a great success and we enjoyed taking it in turns leading our stall as well as exploring the other different stalls our peers had created.



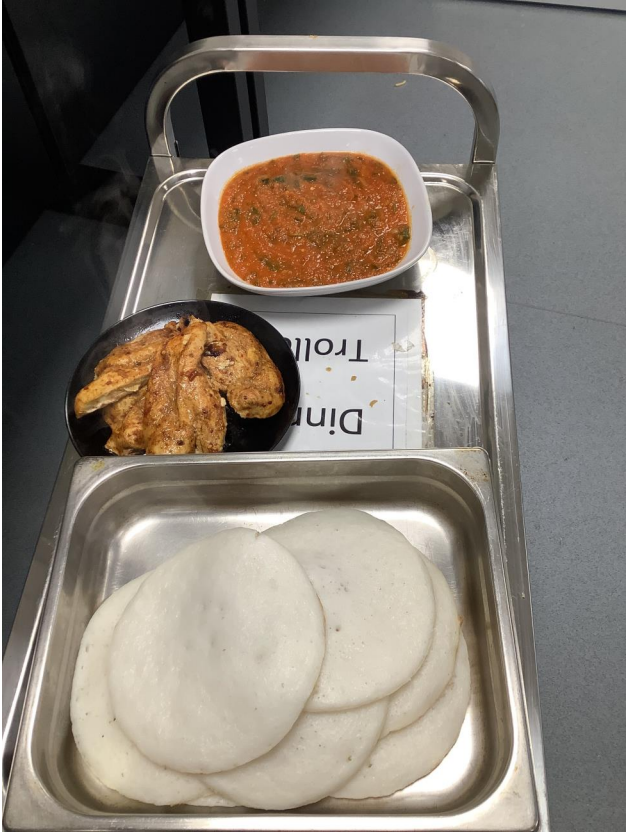
The Glens

This term we have been exploring the beautiful African continent as part of our curriculum. Fair Isle took a fantastic journey from cooking Jollof rice, Sinasir (rice pancake), making African masks to trying on African attire, then we got creative with loom weaving, making our own designs. The class enjoyed discovering new traditions filled with creativity and culture.

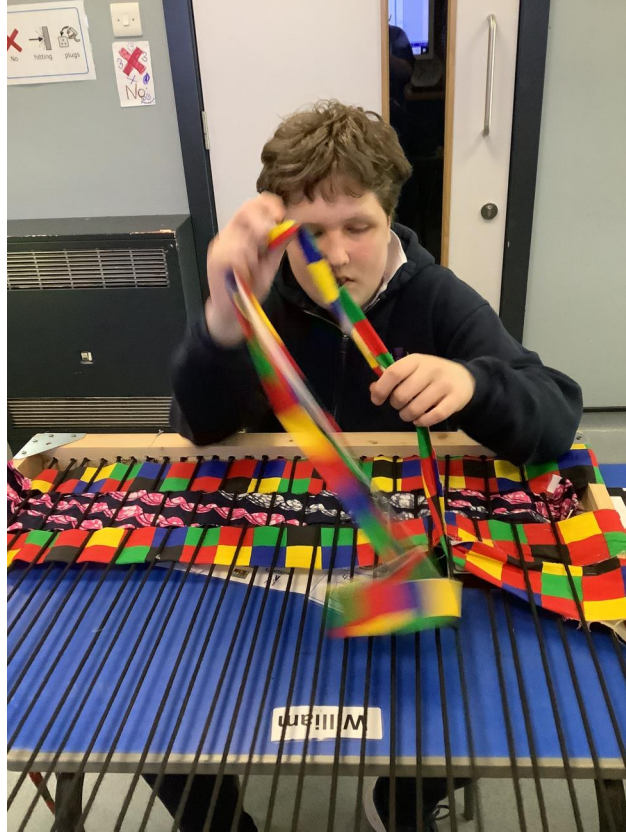














KS4

In Enterprise week Iona class have been working on their money skills by practising buying items from our class shop and counting out 1p's to match the price tag.

We were also busy prepping items to sell on our Spring Fayre stall. The learners made some sock bunnies. We filled the socks up with rice whilst developing our functional maths skills, using language such as 'more' or 'less'.







The Highlands

This week, Jura and Taransay have been preparing for Easter break by using their best arts, crafts and cooking skills to create Easter goodies to take home at the end of term. Students used fine motor skills by using plastic eggs to dab and spread paint onto their own eggs using bright colours as a decoration for home. Students also prepared sweet bags for the Spring Fayre, using great number skills to make sure each bag has an equal amount of sweets with an example plate presented to them for reference along with help from staff. They took part in a social activity, exchanging sweet bags and choosing which one they would like. Jura class also made a fresh batch of chocolate mini egg cookies as a special sweet treat to celebrate the Easter break. Well done Jura, and Happy Easter!

















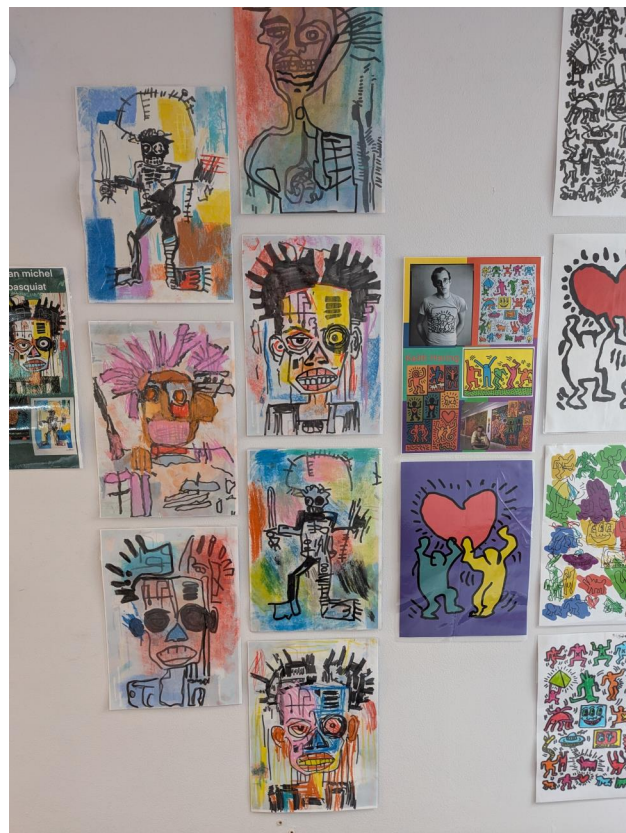
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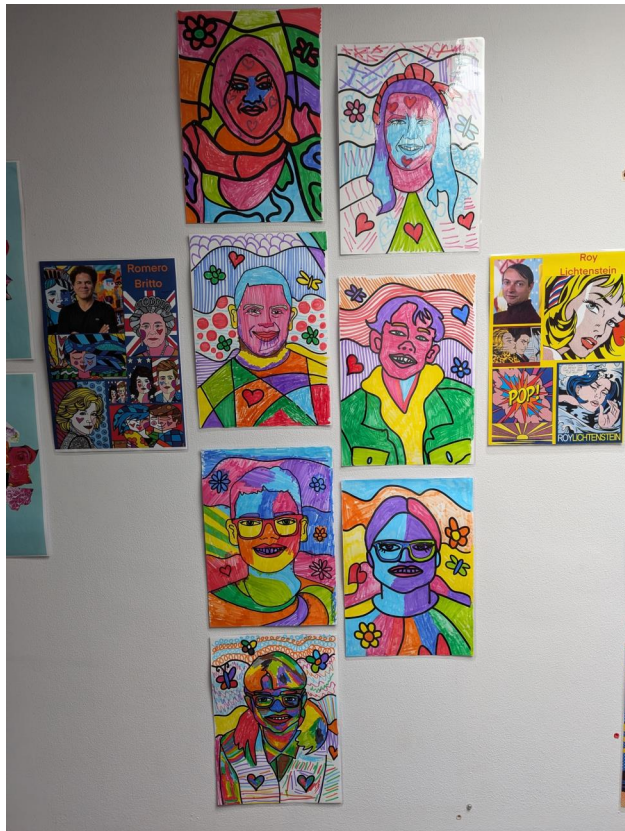
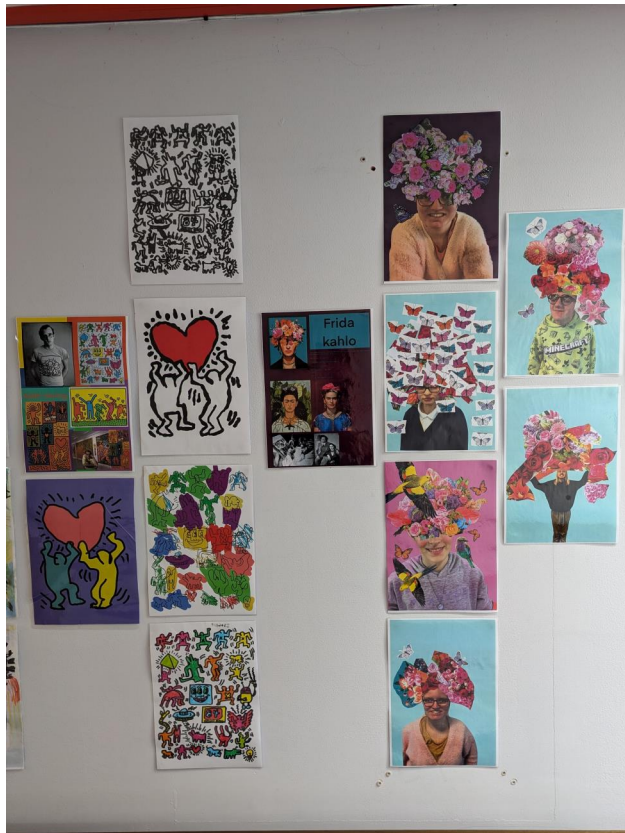
Campus students really enjoyed attending the Spring Fayre last week and were proud to sell some of the items they have been making as part of their enterprise sessions.

In art sessions this term, students have been working through an 'Alphabet of Artists', focusing on different artists each week and attempting to replicate their styles. The artwork is now brightening the walls of campus and we are very proud of how well the students have done.

Work continues on developing the campus site and students have been working hard to move 12 tons of soil into the different planters that have been created around the site. Yesterday, they worked hard at finishing the new nature pond area and clearing ground for wildflowers. We will be busy getting lots of plants into the ground after the Easter break.

We hope you have a lovely break and look forward to seeing everyone back in the Summer Term.











Therapy Input



Following the feedback from the parent's Coffee Morning in the therapy room, Children's Choice therapy are delivering Online training on sensory feeding which is aimed for parents. Please feel free to contact them if it's something you're interested in.



Feeding is an intricate combination and coordination of skills. It is the single most complex and physically demanding task an infant will complete for the first few weeks, and even months, of life. Many children with sensory sensitivities have eating and drinking difficulties. Difficulties can range from a very restricted or limited diet (due to taste or dislike of how it feels) to mouthing or chewing objects (food and non-food). Having big reactions to different foods and smells and struggling to sit in an upright position.

This online course will discuss the many different difficulties children with sensory sensitivities have with eating foods, the processes for 'sensory eating' and help parents to develop practical at home strategies to help children eat a wider range of foods.

The course will be delivered by Jess Quinn and Sarah Terry, Occupational Therapy Sensory Practitioners, and Sequential Oral Sensory (SOS) trained therapists.

Date and Time: Thursday 9th July at 10am till 11:30am. Cost £10 per person.

Email rhiannon.hallam@childrenschoicetherapy.co.uk to book a place

FREE SCHOOL MEALS APPLICATIONS

Derby City Council have announced that parents can now apply for free school meals online on the DCC website:

<https://www.derby.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>

The link below will take you directly to the 'Apply for Free School Meals Online' form:

https://myaccount.derby.gov.uk/en/service/Apply_for_Free_School_Meals

If you believe your child is eligible for free school meals, please use the link above to apply.

Tips for Reading with your Young People at home

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WEEK 10: WHAT IS SEE & LEARN AND HOW DOES IT SUPPORT READING?

SEE & LEARN IS A STRUCTURED, VISUAL PROGRAMME DESIGNED TO HELP STUDENTS BUILD EARLY LANGUAGE, VOCABULARY, AND READING SKILLS. IT USES CLEAR PICTURES, MATCHING ACTIVITIES, SPOKEN WORDS, AND SIMPLE PRINT TO HELP CHILDREN RECOGNISE AND UNDERSTAND NEW WORDS.

IN SCHOOL, STUDENTS MIGHT:

- MATCH PICTURES TO WORDS
- IDENTIFY AND NAME OBJECTS
- PRACTISE READING SINGLE WORDS AND SIMPLE PHRASES
- BUILD EARLY SENTENCE SKILLS USING VISUAL SUPPORTS

THIS APPROACH IS ESPECIALLY HELPFUL FOR LEARNERS WHO BENEFIT FROM REPETITION, CLEAR VISUAL CUES, AND STEP-BY-STEP LEARNING.

Makaton- Sign of the week



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The image shows three children in blue school uniforms standing on a stage. They are performing Makaton signs. The child on the left has their hand near their chin, the middle child has their hand near their mouth, and the child on the right has their hand near their chest. The background is a dark curtain. The Makaton logo is in the top left corner, and the copyright notice '© The Makaton Charity 2026' is in the bottom right corner.

Home to School Travel Service- A message from Derby City Council



Home to School Travel Service School/College Newsletter – March 2026

Hello!

Welcome everybody to the Home to School Travel Service Newsletter.

It's March already, and we are in full swing with planning for the September 2026 intake!

Our application window opens soon, so please encourage all parents to complete their applications during this window to allow us sufficient time to plan routes etc., ready for September. Please see below details of who will need to apply/re-apply.

Applications for Travel Assistance for 2026-2027

**The on-line application for travel assistance for 2026-2027 opens on 01 April 2026.
Applications received before this date, will be automatically refused.**

Who needs to apply?

A new application must be completed if any of the bullet points below apply:

- ❖ Family is applying for travel assistance for a child for the first time.
- ❖ A child is starting school in Reception class in September 2026.
- ❖ A child is starting a new school in September 2026.
- ❖ A child is moving into Year 3 in September 2026 (Infant to Junior Schools only).
- ❖ A child is moving into Year 7 in September 2026.
- ❖ A child is moving into Year 12 in September 2026 (e.g., sixth form or college).
- ❖ A student is currently in post 16 or post 19 education and will be continuing in education in September 2026 (post 16 learners and adult learners must apply every year).
- ❖ Applying for a bus pass for a child for academic year 2026-27.



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- ❖ Moving to a new home address before September 2026.

Please note: If none of the above apply, and a child already receives travel assistance, this will remain in place for academic year 2026-27.

How to apply?

The on-line application window is open between 01 April 2026 and 31 May 2026. Families can apply by using the link below. If an application is received after 31 May 2026, it will still be processed, but travel assistance arrangements may not be in place for the start of the autumn term. Before making your application, please read our policy at: -

<https://www.derby.gov.uk/media/derbycitycouncil/contentassets/documents/education/send/travel/hst-assistance-policy-2025-2026.pdf>

<https://www.derby.gov.uk/media/derbycitycouncil/contentassets/documents/education/send/travel/hst-assistance-post-16-policy-statement-2025-2026.pdf>

If a student wishes to apply for travel assistance, independently of a parent or carer, they must be age 18 or over.

Supporting documents e.g., Education, Health, and Care Plan (EHCP), medical evidence, proof of free school meals, proof of baptism will need to be included with the application.

Families who do not have access to the Internet should visit a local library or the Council House for free computer and Internet access to complete the online application.

Please note: Responses provided on the online application form MUST be in relation to the school that a child will be attending from September 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact the team via email: schooltravel@derby.gov.uk, or by telephone 01332 642716.

For more information about the Home to School Travel Service please see [Home to School Travel Assistance - Derby City Council](#)

Home to School Travel Service Update:

We have welcomed Lynne onto the team! Lynne joined us in January 2026 and is supporting the team by making sure our systems are all working. Lynne also oversees our appeals process and is the Clerk at Stage 2 appeal hearings.

For information about the whole team, please go to the end of this newsletter.



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Mileage Allowance and Post -16 Personal Travel Budgets Update:

The summer term payment is due to be paid to parents during Easter 2026. Email requests for attendance data have already been sent to schools. Due to the way Easter falls and the Council's financial closedown, please provide the attendance data for the spring term by no later than 11 March 2026.

Detentions:

We have had some recent experience of students who are on Council Organised Transport receiving after school detentions. If school is giving this sanction, they must contact the transport provider and cancel the transport as the crews cannot wait until the detention is over. The responsibility for collecting a child following after school detention is with the parent/carer.

NEW: Designated safeguarding inbox for schools

The Home to School Travel Service have created a new inbox for schools to use in the case of safeguarding incidents/concerns.

Please use this inbox instead of the general school travel one for anything related to safeguarding. The email address is safeguarding.htst@derby.gov.uk

Please **DO NOT** give this address to parents.

Meet the Team (Snapshot of Duties):

Carole:

Carole is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. Please contact Carole for any safeguarding concerns.

Matthew:

Matt is responsible for processing travel assistance applications. Please contact Matt if you have any queries about your application. Matt is also the Presenting Officer at Stage 2 appeals.

Lauren:

Lauren is responsible for making the mileage allowance payments and post-16 PTB payments. Please contact Lauren if you have any questions about your payment.

Amelia:

Amelia is responsible for supporting Matt with processing applications. Please contact Amelia if you have any queries about your application.



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Lynne:

Lynne is responsible for making sure our systems are all working. Lynne also oversees our appeals process and is the Clerk at Stage 2 appeal hearings.

Helen:

Helen is the Designated Safeguarding Lead and is responsible for the day to day running of the team.

Tom:

Tom is the Commissioning Manager and the strategic lead for the Home to School Travel Service. He is responsible planning, policy development, performance and quality.

Contacts:

General Enquiries:

Schooltravel@derby.gov.uk

Telephone: 01332 6427416

Designated Safeguarding Concerns:

safeguarding-htst@derby.gov.uk

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working with you over this next half-term.

Reminder- **Allergy and Dietary forms**

Dear Parents/Carers,

You will recently have received **Allergy and Dietary forms** to complete for your young person. **Please complete and return these as soon as possible**, if you have not already done so. We have sent out forms in student's diaries this week to those who have not yet returned their forms. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please call the school office.

School Term and Holiday Dates

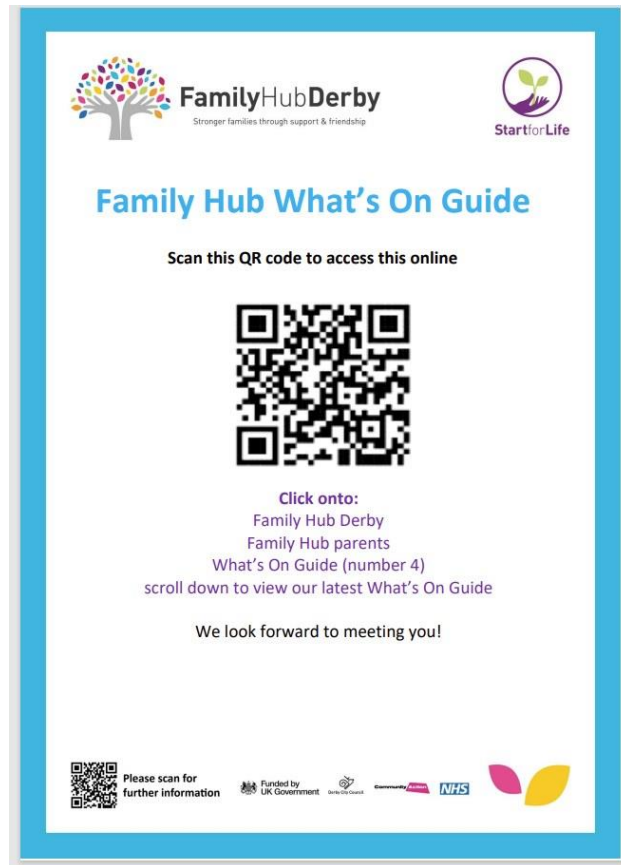



St Andrew's Academy School Term and Holiday Dates 2025-2026


Autumn Term		Summer Term		Bank Holiday (Shut to all)	
Spring Term		School Holiday		Inset Day (Shut to students)	
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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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The poster features a large soccer ball on the right side. The crest of St. Andrews Football Club is visible, with the letters 'S', 'T', 'F', 'C' and 'SAINTS' on a shield, and 'EST 1978' on a banner below it. The background is a dark, blurred image of a soccer field.

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