



St Andrew's Academy Family Update Newsletter

Summer Term 1

8th May 2026



Headteacher's Welcome

My contribution in writing the forewords to this newsletter is to share information, celebrate our young people and connect us all as a community. Please forgive me for slightly straying from that brief today.

It is with an enormous sense of pride that I am sharing my resignation from the role of Head Teacher at St Andrew's. After 10 very happy, successful and stunning years in this school, I will be leaving at the end of Summer. Please know it has been a huge honour to be a part of our very special community and my sole reason for finding a new role is to be closer to home to provide additional support to my family.

There are 9 school weeks remaining to work hard and ensure everything continues on the upward trajectory we are on. Shaw Education Trust will be advertising my role within the Trust from Monday, and I'll be sure to keep you updated every step of the way. This changes nothing in terms of the current high-quality offer and connected community. Being part of the Shaw

Education Trust family guarantees consistency, support and quality and it's an absolute certainty that their mechanisms will guide us through any transition.

There is still time for some genuine good bye's and thank you's and I wanted to welcome you along and keep you fully informed every step of the way. As always, you're welcome to contact me or anyone at the school at any point should you wish to discuss anything further.

Sincere best wishes,

David Braybrooke - Headteacher

Coffee Morning- 13th May



Big Breakfast at the Helping Hands Café on Friday 15th May from 10am-11.30am



Helping Hands Café – Community Big Breakfast ☕🔍

Come and join us for a warm and welcoming Big Breakfast at the Helping Hands Café on Friday 15th May from 10am-11.30am at Our new Community Hub at Fieldsway Drive, Oakwood, Derby DE21 4QN!

Our amazing KS4 students will be preparing, cooking and serving breakfast as part of their learning and independence skills development. This is a lovely opportunity for families to come together, enjoy good food and spend time in our new community space.

🍷 Full Breakfast & Hot Drink – £2 per person

🥦 Vegetarian option available

👶 Young children are very welcome to attend.

This event is all about bringing our families together, seeing the independent living skills our students are developing, helping everyone feel part of our growing school community, and giving parents and carers the chance to see the exciting new community space.

If you have any questions or would like dietary information, please contact **Alison Edkins** (alison.edkins@sas.set.org)

We would love to see you there! Please purchase tickets below;

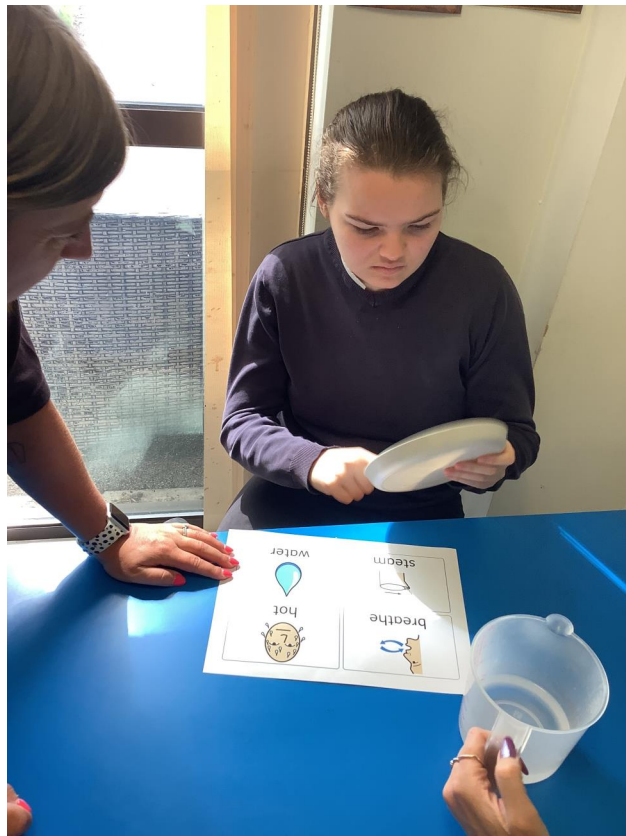
[Big Breakfast Day @ Helping Hands Café on Friday 15th May | St Andrew's Academy](#)

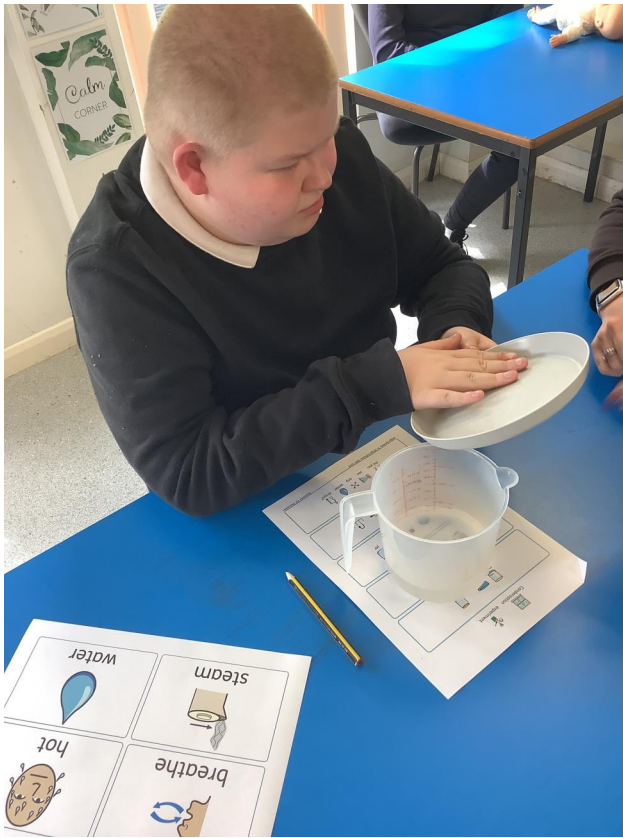
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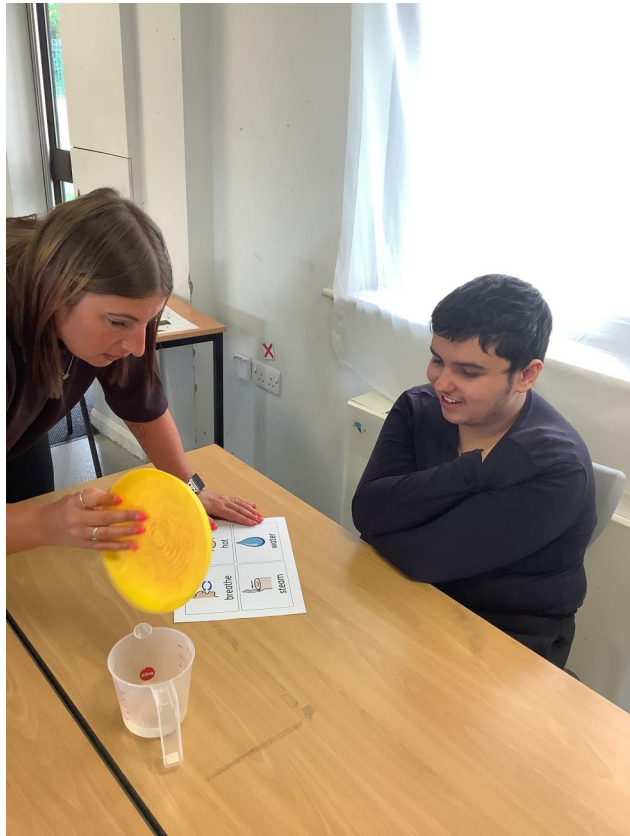
Following last week's *Shave the Brave*, Fair Isle jumped into the generous, fun-filled event, enjoying delicious slices of cake while supporting an incredible cause

KS4

This week Iona class have been doing some experiments, looking at reversible and irreversible changes in Science. Learners used a mirror to breathe on and make a shape then with staff support we poured boiling water into a jug and put a plate on top. After a period of time we turned the plate over to see the condensation on the plate.







The Highlands

Jura class enjoyed their Wednesday afternoon in the sunshine taking part in a sensory session associated with their Performing Arts Sensory Story: 'My Trip to the Beach'. Students gathered outside for a Bucket session followed by staff demonstrating the sea and the beach using glitter, shells, starfish, colourful beach balls and lots of cool water! They enjoyed exploring the water through their sense of touch, even dipping in for a paddle since it was warm out! The glitter was a big hit - with students enjoying the sparkles in the sunshine and the bright colours from the beach balls. We look forward to the sunny days to come!



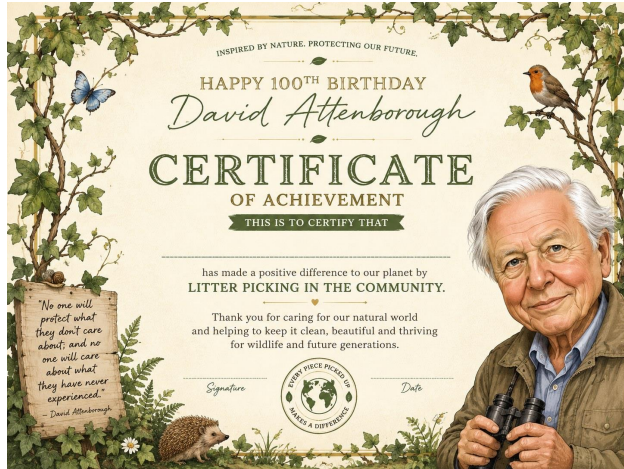






FE Campus

As you may know, today marks Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday! In recognition of this, campus students have participated in a large litter picking project in the local parks and streets around campus, doing their bit to help look after the environment. Students have been rewarded with a certificate and a meal at Heart of the Park cafe. We are really pleased with how well the students have engaged with this task and they have worked hard to fill lots of bags of rubbish!







FE Campus Info Evening for new starters



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FE Campus Information Evening

Please come along to our FE Campus site at Whitaker Road to have a look around the building and ask any questions you may have about your young person's transition into FE in September 2026

Thursday 21st May 4pm – 6pm

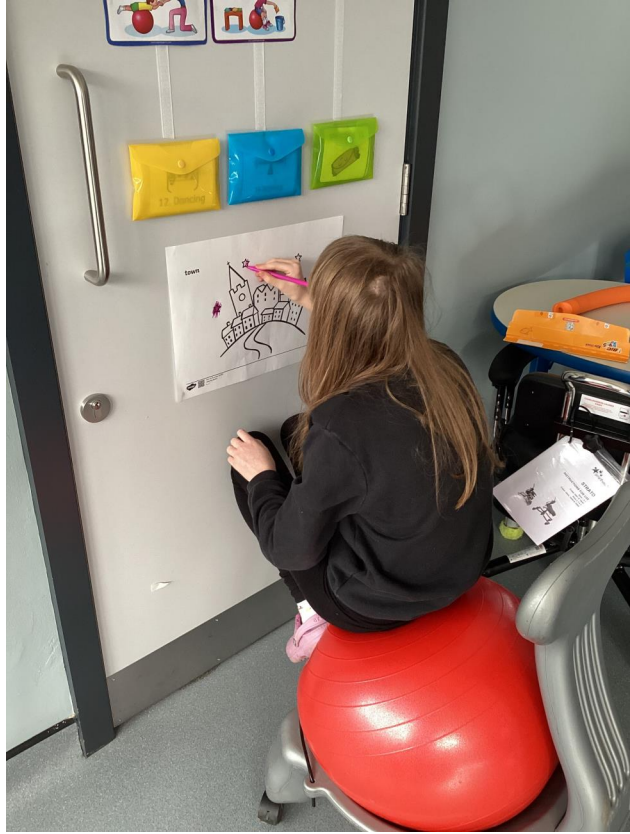
St Andrew's FE Campus, Whitaker Road, Derby, DE23 6AR

Therapy Input



Working on a therapy ball can really help pupils feel more settled and ready to learn. The gentle movement gives the body important sensory input, helping with balance, body awareness, and posture. When an adult supports the activity in a calm and responsive way, it also encourages co-regulation, as the child can tune into the adult's rhythm and feel more secure. This shared experience can help reduce feelings of overwhelm and support the child to feel more organised, making it easier for them to focus and take part in learning.





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](https://myaccount.derby.gov.uk/en/service/Apply%20for%20Free%20School%20Meals)

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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Inclusive Cycling Open Day

Discover cycles designed for people of all ages, abilities and confidence levels.

13th May ~ 10am to 3pm
at Markeaton Park

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- Explore our inclusive cycles
- Try a range of adapted cycles
- Find the right cycle for you or someone you support
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Open to individuals, families, carers, support workers and health professionals.

Designed for riders aged 5+, our inclusive cycles support a wide range of needs, including riders returning to cycling after injury, with a health condition or looking for extra support. Have a question before attending? Please get in touch with us at cyclederby@derby.gov.uk

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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

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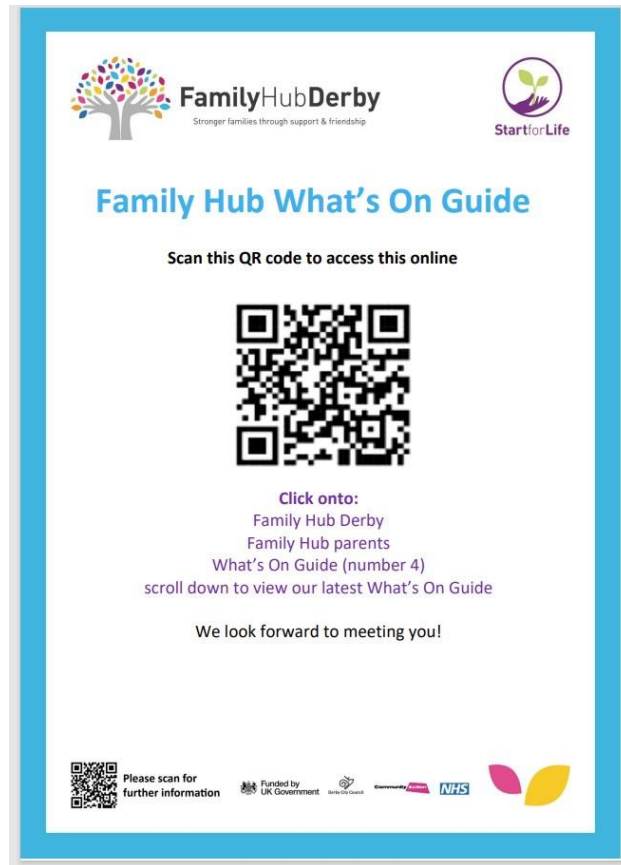



St Andrew's Academy School Term and Holiday Dates 2025-2026


Autumn Term							Summer Term							Bank Holiday (Shut to all)								
Spring Term							School Holiday							Inset Day (Shut to students)								
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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 football pitch.

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