



St Andrew's Academy Family Update Newsletter

Summer Term

17th July 2026

Please Download! New Parent App (Arbor)- For Sep 2026



WE ARE MOVING TO ARBOR!!!

From September 2026, St Andrew's Academy will be introducing the new Parent App - Arbor. Please support communication by downloading it now!

We currently use Arbor in school to complete registers and assess student progress and from September we will also be using it for all of the below:

- Paying for student dinners and trips
- Purchasing items from the school shop
- Booking a time slot for Parents Evening
- Reporting a student absence
- Checking and informing school of any changes to parent/student contact details
- Checking your child's attendance

All we ask that you do now, in advance of September, is to download the FREE Arbor App (you can scan the QR code to download the App) or search on your App Store for Arbor.

Login details will be sent out in September.



Summer Savings by the Department of Education

<https://summersavings.gov.uk>

Preparing for the Summer Holidays

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The summer holidays are fast approaching, and while this can be an exciting time for many families, we understand that it can also bring challenges for some children, particularly those with Special Educational Needs (SEN).

Many children with SEN thrive on routine, structure, and predictability. School provides a familiar environment and daily schedule that helps them feel safe and secure. A long break from this routine can sometimes lead to feelings of uncertainty, anxiety, or difficulty adjusting to the changes that the summer holidays bring.

As parents and carers, we recognise that this transition can be challenging not only for children but for families too. Every child experiences change differently, and what works for one child may not work for another.

To help make the transition as smooth as possible, we have put together a guide containing practical ideas, helpful strategies, and tips that may support your child in preparing for the end of the school term, managing the summer break, and settling back into school when the new term begins.

We hope these suggestions provide reassurance and support during the holiday period, helping your child feel more confident and comfortable with the changes ahead.

Follow link below;

[Survive and Thrive in any school holiday! PDF.pdf](https://shaweducationtrust-my.sharepoint.com/shared?listurl=https%3A%2F%2Fshaweducationtrust-my%2Esharepoint%2Ecom%2Fpersonal%2Fashley_allsopp_sas_set_org%2FDocuments&id=%2Fpersonal%2Fashley_allsopp_sas_set_org%2FDocuments%2Ffamily%20support%20website%2FSurvive%20and%20Thrive%20in%20any%20school%20holiday%21%20PDF%2Epdf&parent=%2Fpersonal%2Fashley_allsopp_sas_set_org%2FDocuments%2Ffamily%20support%20website&shareLink=1&ga=1&sw=bypass%2Cbypass)

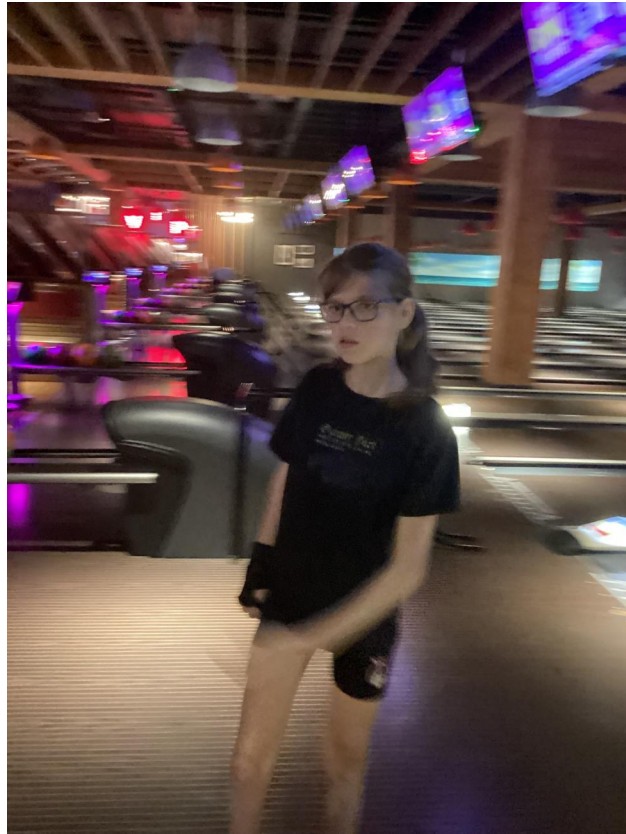
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KS3

For the end of year trip Lewis Class has had a wonderful time enjoying a game of bowling and enjoying a lovely lunch. The students were very enthusiastic during the game encouraging each other and celebrating other's successes especially when getting a strike!







The Glens

There's lots of activities and trips happening to help celebrate another successful year in the Glens. Some students from Mull class went out for lunch. They used their road safety skills to walk to a local restaurant. Everyone really enjoyed their meal and staff were really proud of how all the students waited for their food and sat together as a group to enjoy their meal. Students used their communication skills to make requests. They enjoyed a turn on the park afterwards before returning back to school. A huge well done to Mull class!





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Canna Class have worked very hard this year running the helping hands cafe serving students and staff weekly. This week we invited families to come along to showcase the progress the students have made in the sessions. Canna class went to Hollywood Bowl for our end of year trip this week all the students loved it!





Therapy Input



With summer holidays round the corner, here are some gross and fine motor ideas that can be done at home with items that can be found around the house. As well as promoting proprioception and vestibular input which has a calming effect on the nervous system, a lot of these activities help towards 'crossing the midline' which can help towards independent tasks such as brushing teeth and dressing skills.

Gross motor

- Making your own sensory circuit = Cushion stepping stones, masking tape balance beam and crawling under the dining room table.
- Fake "egg and spoon" race = use any round item on a serving spoon and race round the garden.
- Chores = Carrying the washing basket outside and back in once its dried.
- Washing windows with a big cloth or wallpaper paste brush
- Wiping the tables down after dinner
- Hoovering/sweeping up

Fine motor

- Using a spray bottle to rinse the washed windows down.
- Passing or pegging the washing out
- Treat hunt = Place treats in various plastic containers, so they have to open them.
- Ripping old letters/newspapers up that you no longer need.
- Practise threading old trainers laces in and out







Summer Holiday Groups



Children's Choice
Therapy service Ltd

SUMMER HOLIDAY STAY & PLAY GROUP

For children and parents to visit the Children's Choice therapy centre and access facilities with OT present!

A 1 hour session for children to come to the centre and enjoy some time playing with Ayre's sensory equipment and facilities. With a maximum of 4 children per group.

INFORMATION:
Sessions available on the following Fridays:
24th July
7th August
14th August
21st August
Running from:
9:30am-10:30am
11:00am-12:00pm
13:00pm-14:00pm

£15
per session
payable in
advance

To book please email
rowen.brooks@childrenschoicetherapy.co.uk

This group is hosted by Children's Choice Therapy Service Ltd and will be held at the Sensory Integration Centre (DE13 9PD)

SUMMER HOLIDAY FINE MOTOR SKILLS GROUP

Where children can join us to work on fine motor skills
and build confidence!

INFORMATION

Sessions available on the following Tuesdays:

21st July
4th August
11th August
18th August

Running from:

9:30am-10:30am
11:00am-12:00pm

£15
per session
payable in
advance

Come and join us for an hour
session to work on fine motor
skills in groups of up to 3
children.

Play activities based on fine
motor skill development.

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SENDance 2026



Free! Weekly Workshops for 2026

For Young Autistic and/ or Learning Disabled people

We focus on wellbeing, self-confidence, self-expression and team work.

Where?
Chapel Street Arts Centre
19 Chapel Street
Derby
DE1 3GU

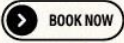
Ages:
13 - 17

We will do:

- Percussion
- Drama
- Movement

Come and join Tuesday Rhythms!
When: Tuesdays (Term Times)
Time: 4.45pm - 5.45pm



 **BOOK NOW**

Email: info@hubbubtheatre.org
or call: 07405156800

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SENDance

Who?

People who want to dance aged
11-18 (who are Learning Disabled
and/ or Autistic)

Where?

Chapel Street Arts Centre- Studio 2

When?

4.45pm - 5.45pm
Wednesday term times

How much?

Free

hubbub
theatre
company



To book by phone
07405 156800



To book by email
info@hubbubtheatre.org



Visit our website
www.hubbubtheatre.org



SEND Dance is a dance session for young people with
learning disabilities and/ or Autism.

The group provides a safe environment to be creative
and learn new dance skills.

We explore lots of different dance styles and create
dances together using everyone's ideas.



Free!
Half Term and Holiday Workshops 2026

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10 - 17

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- Percussion
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- Movement

When:
Easter, Summer and Half Terms
Time: 10.30am - 2.30pm

BOOK NOW

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Community Short Breaks

Community Short Breaks Service Consultation

Community Short Breaks are designed for children and young people aged 0–17 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) who require additional support to participate in activities. Providers deliver targeted* services by organising inclusive activities and offering the necessary support to enable participation. These activities may take place after school, at weekends, or during school holidays.

In addition to supporting children and young people, Community Short Breaks provide valuable respite for families by giving parents and carers time away from their caring responsibilities.

*Targeted services are intended for children and young people who may require additional support and, in some cases, an assessment of need to access provision.

Public Consultation

Derby City Council launched a public consultation on the Community Short Breaks Service on **21 May 2026**. The consultation will run for 90 days and will close at midnight on **19 August 2026**.

As part of an ongoing review of the service, Derby City Council is proposing several potential changes. We are seeking feedback from parents and carers, children and young people, and service providers. Your views will help us better understand both the potential impact of the proposed changes and perspectives on the current Community Short Breaks offer.

The consultation will include:

- Face-to-face focus groups (further details will be shared shortly)
- Surveys for parents and carers, children and young people, and providers

We are keen to engage with as many individuals as possible and would greatly appreciate your support in sharing the survey link widely across your networks.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

<https://letstalk.derby.gov.uk/short-breaks-consultation/surveys/shortbreaks261>

Summer Crash Courses at Lonsdale Pool

Monday 27th July through to Friday 31st July (5 days)

We are offering a **special price of £20 per child if booked before 19th July 2026**. It will be the **£25 per child if booked after this date**. Children need to be aged 3 and a half or over and is for level 1 (beginners) and above.

You can book onto sessions at either 10am - 10:30am, 10:30am - 11am or 11am-11:30am.

and

Monday 17th August through to Thursday 20th August (4 days)

We are offering a **special price of £20 per child if booked before 1st August 2026. It will be the £25 per child if booked after this date.** Children need to be aged 3 and a half or over and is for level 1 (beginners) and above

You can book onto sessions at either 10am - 10:30am, 10:30am - 11am or 11am-11:30am.

Please note that lessons are carried out by trainee teachers – under the supervision of a qualified swimming teacher.

You need to book and pay for these online via our Lonsdale website - www.lsst.org.uk

- select timetable & bookings
- scroll down to the week you want to book
- select your child's appropriate swimming stage at the time you wish to book
- select how many children you would like to book on and then press the blue BOOK NOW button

Any questions then email us and we'll get back to you as soon as possible.

Lonsdale Pool: 01332 516325

annie@lsst.org.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/htst-assistance-policy-2025-2026.pdf>

<https://www.derby.gov.uk/media/derbycitycouncil/contentassets/documents/education/send/travel/htst-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.



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

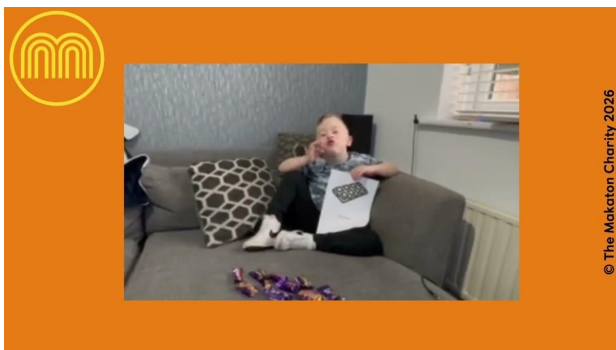
Telephone: 01332 6427416

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.

Makaton- Sign of the week



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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 (15 days)						
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March 2026 (20 days)							April 2026 (14 days)							May 2026 (15 days)						
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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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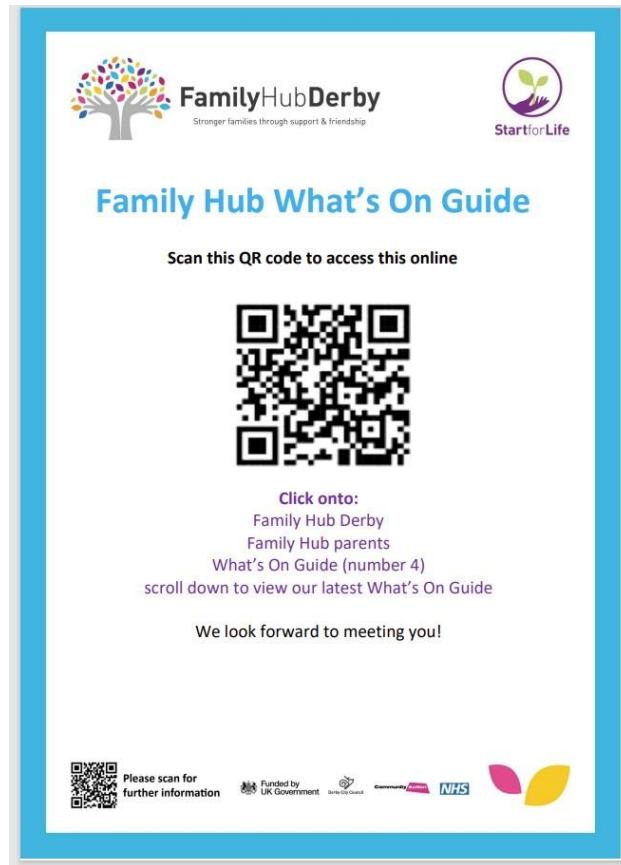
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Family Hub QR Code



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