



St Andrew's Academy Family Update Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

Week commencing 14th September 2026

Headteacher's Welcome



We've had a wonderful two weeks working with the amazing St Andrew's team and getting to know all the fantastic pupils. Our new Year 7s are settling in brilliantly and already feel part of the community. We're looking forward to welcoming their families for our Year 7 parents' evening this afternoon.

We're also excited to welcome families and friends to our **Macmillan coffee morning this Friday (25th)**. I'm particularly looking forward to meeting as many families as possible. It's always difficult to replace a well-liked headteacher, and I'm aware this can be challenging for families, especially since we rely so heavily on relationships. Hopefully, these events will help us develop new relationships. If anyone would like to meet me individually, please contact the office and we'll arrange it.

Quick update: thanks to everyone who has shared their feedback about Arlo, our school dog! We'd love to welcome him to St Andrew's and believe he'll be able to do some wonderful support work across the school. However, we want to do this in partnership with families, so please let us know your views on his introduction if you haven't already.

We're also adjusting our social media posting practices. Our pupil's safety is paramount, and we're currently advising class teams to post photos where pupils can't be identified. This is to avoid the risk of photos being manipulated by AI, which is unfortunately becoming more common. On the other hand, we understand the benefits of seeing and sharing your children's amazing school experiences, so we'll review our decision later this term once we have more updated advice from the DfE.

Suzanne Walters

Headteacher

Arlo



Macmillan Coffee Morning - Fri 25th Sep, Main School Hall

☕ Macmillan Coffee Morning ☕

Friday 25th September | 10:00am - 11:30am

We warmly invite parents and carers to join us as we celebrate Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 25th September.

This will be our first coffee morning of the academic year and a wonderful opportunity to meet our staff, get to know other families, and learn more about life at our school. Come along, enjoy a tea or coffee, and see what makes our school such a welcoming and supportive community.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing a morning of conversation, connection, and fundraising for a worthy cause.

We hope to see you there! 

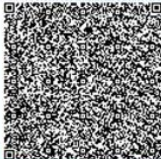


COME ALONG TO OUR

MACMILLAN COFFEE DAY

JOIN US FOR THE FUN

£2 FOR COFFEE AND A CAKE



DONATE NOW

JOIN US IN SCHOOL FOR A DELICIOUS HOT DRINK AND CAKE £2. YOUR CHANCE TO COME AND SEE WHAT OUR SCHOOL SPIRIT IS ALL ABOUT

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TO HELP MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT TO HELP THOSE LIVES WITH CANCER

FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2026
10:00 – 11:30
ST ANDREWS ACADEMY

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU

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WE HAVE MOVED TO ARBOR!



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From September 2026, St Andrew's Academy have introduced the new Parent App - Arbor. Please support communication by downloading it!

We use Arbor in school for the below:

- Taking attendance and dinner registers
- 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

Please download the **FREE Arbor App** (you can scan the QR code to download the App) or search on your App Store for Arbor.

We have sent login details via email, but if you need them resending, please contact the relevant school office.



KS3

Starting at a new school is a daunting experience, but our new year 7s in Barra class have had an excellent start! They have spent time exploring the school building and grounds, learning new routines and getting to know one another. They have now also had introductory sessions for all curriculum subjects, and have engaged with all learning activities with positivity and curiosity. A highlight in the first week was a 'team challenge' activity, where students worked in small groups to create towers and structures from paper cups and pots. This provided an opportunity for students to get to know each other and develop their skills in teamwork and communication. Everyone had lots of fun and joined in brilliantly.

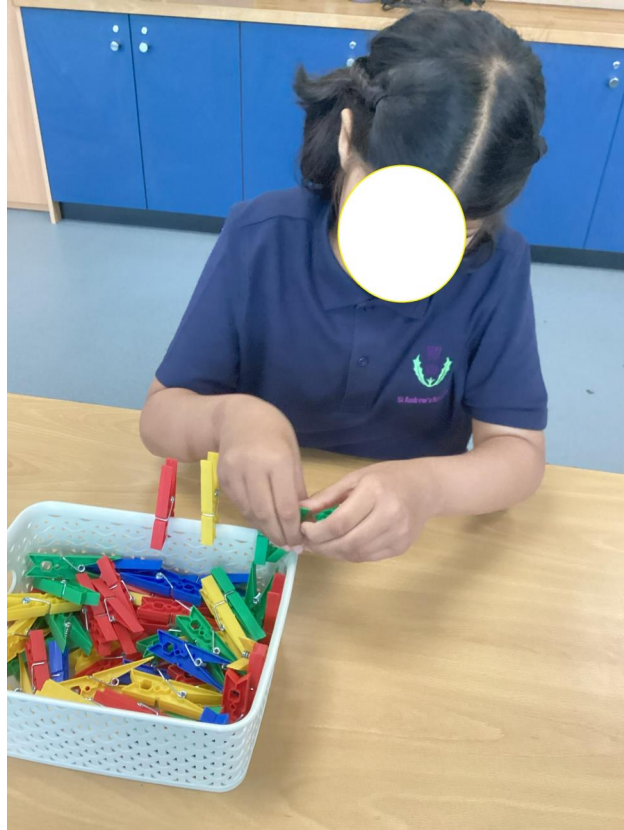




The Glens

Mull class have had an amazing first week settling in as a new group and welcoming our new year 7 students. We've done lots of activities together all around getting to know each other's names and who is in class. Students have also been working on their gross and fine motor skills as part of their daily routine. Staff are really proud of how everyone is settling in, well done Mull class!





Campus

It has been a pleasure to welcome everyone back to Campus and we have been really pleased with how the students have all settled in to the new academic year. Students have been enjoying starting up their offsite placements and we are looking forward to seeing how well they all get on. Many students at campus undertake work placements throughout the year and have the opportunity to work with new and unfamiliar people. These opportunities can really help to develop their knowledge and skills.



Therapy Input



It's been a lovely start to the school year welcoming new students to the therapy room. There's been lots of laughing and positive reactions to the therapy input that has been happening in the therapy room as well as in the classrooms :)





School Term and Holiday Dates



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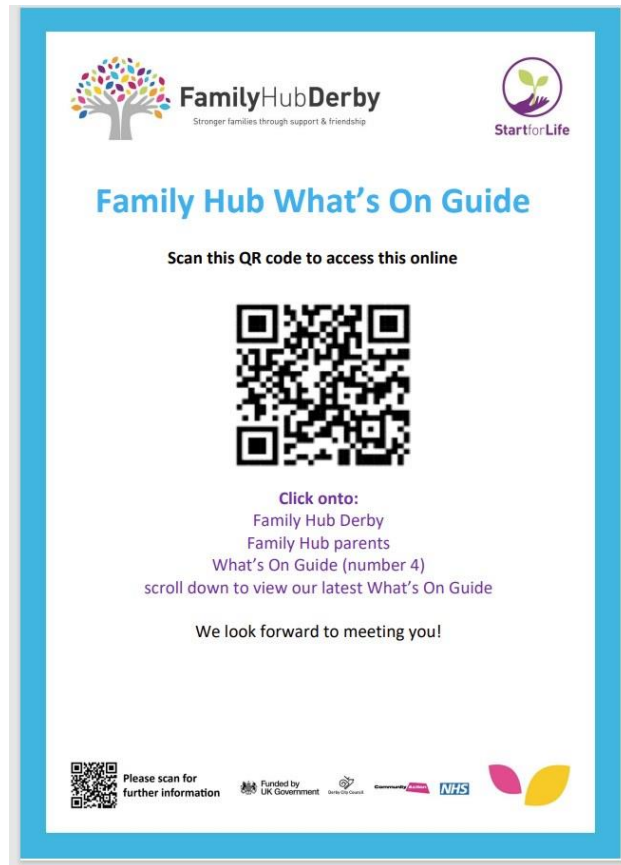
St Andrew's Academy School Term and Holiday Dates 2026-2027

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

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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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