



St Andrew's Academy Family Update Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

Week commencing 21st September 2026

Headteacher's Welcome



It has been another busy and exciting week at school, and I wanted to take a moment to say a huge thank you to our families for your continued support.

Last week, we welcomed lots of parents and carers to our Year 7 Parents' Evening. It was wonderful to see so many of you attending, and I hope you found the evening useful and informative. As your new Headteacher, it was also a fantastic opportunity for me to meet so many of you and begin getting to know our school community. We have more Parents' Evenings coming up soon, the next one will be on Monday 19th October, so please keep an eye out for your invitations.

Our Macmillan Coffee Morning was also a great success! Thank you to everyone who came along, enjoyed a coffee and cake, and helped us raise money for such a wonderful cause. A very special thank you to Ashley and Sophie for all their hard work in organising the event — it was a brilliant morning.

We are also very excited to announce that Arlo, our school dog, will be starting his visits to school from Tuesday this week! We will be introducing him gradually and carefully, making sure that his visits are safe and comfortable for everyone. Safe to say, however, that both pupils and staff are already very excited! Keep an eye out for some photos of Arlo settling into school life.

I can hardly believe that I am now entering my fourth week as your Headteacher. I know I am still very new to many of you, but it has already been a fantastic few weeks and I have really enjoyed getting to know our pupils, staff and wider school community.

Please do get in touch if you would like to come into school and meet me for a chat. I would be delighted to see you and hear your thoughts, ideas and experiences of our school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I am really looking forward to everything we will achieve together.

Suzanne Walters

Headteacher

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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.



Macmillan Coffee Morning Success!

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of our parents, carers, families, and staff who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning. It was wonderful to see so many people come together, enjoy some delicious cakes and coffee, and help raise money for such an important cause.

Thanks to your generosity, we have raised **£140** so far for Macmillan Cancer Support.

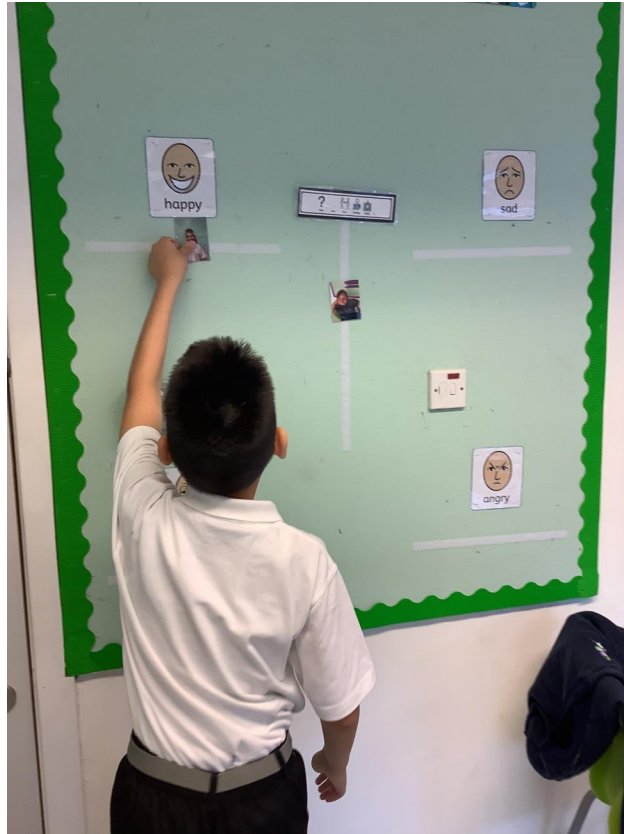
A special thank you goes to everyone who donated cakes, volunteered their time, and attended the event.

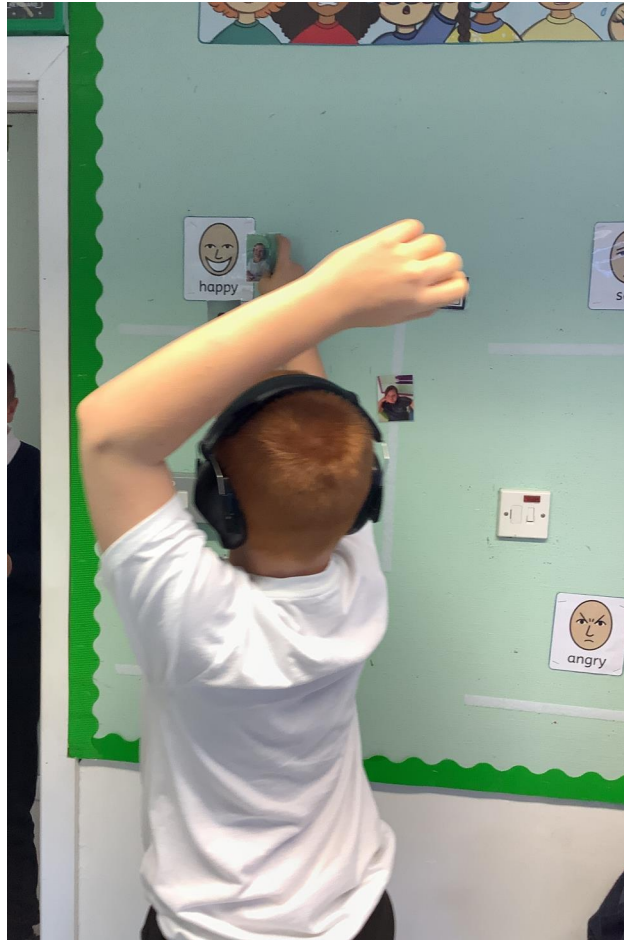
The morning was filled with smiles, conversation, and perhaps a little too much cake, but that's exactly what a coffee morning is all about!

KS3

This week Bute students have been learning to recognise and communicate how they are feeling. We have focused on 'happy', 'sad' and 'tired' through simple activities, pictures and discussion. Students have been encouraged to identify each emotion and begin to show or tell others how they feel. It has been great to see them building confidence in expressing themselves and understanding their emotions.





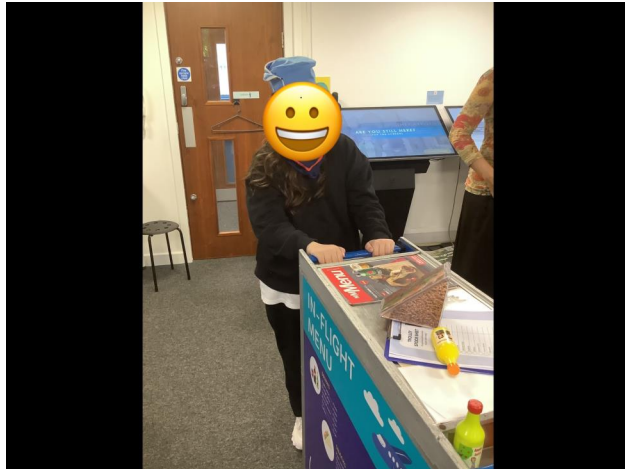


The Glens

We have been working very well altogether focusing on our maths work, especially counting numbers to 10. In art we were learning all about the colours of Autumn and created amazing Autumn artwork.

KS4 & The Highlands

This week KS4 students visited the aero zone at East Midlands airport as one of our Employee Encounters for work related learning. We walked to the Departures terminal and visited some of the staff working there to ask them questions. We met Security, check in staff and staff from the shops as well as currency exchange. We even met some police officers and asked what they had to do when they patrolled the airport. At the aero zone we learned all about how security works and got to have a go as a pilot on a flight simulator! We then dressed as cabin crew and served and looked after the guests. It was a brilliant experience!

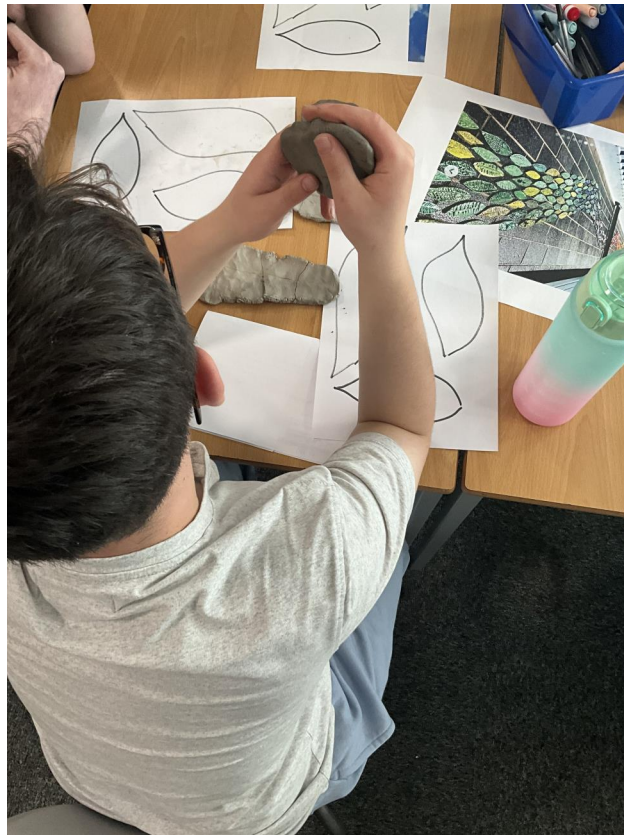




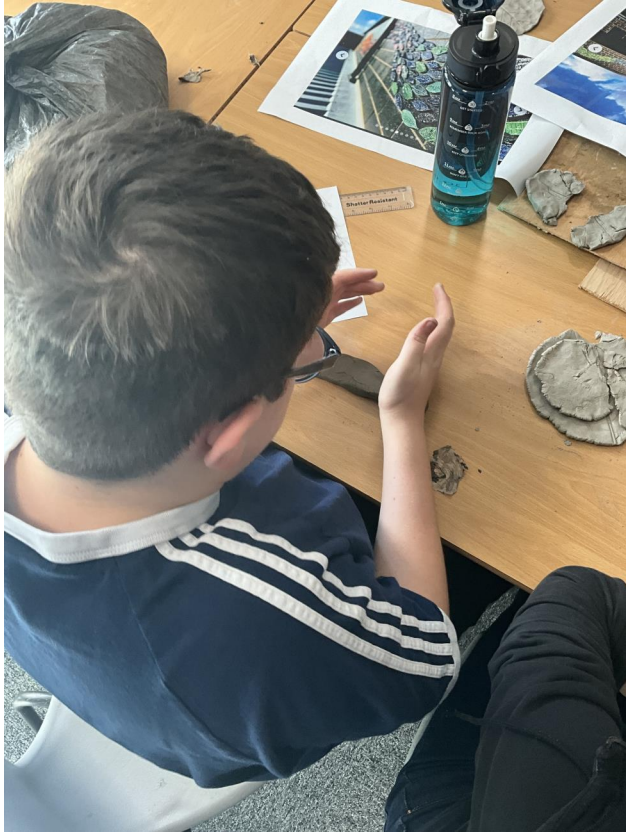
Campus

As part of the ongoing project to improve the look of the campus site, students have started an art project based on the natural world, involving the use of clay. The aim is to create an art piece inspired by seasonal changes, to display on the outside of the building. It is hoped that all students will have the opportunity to contribute towards this project and we look forward to seeing the finished result!

Different students have also been planning the first FE social event of the year. This event will be taking place at Whitaker Road and details of how to buy tickets have been sent out to all families. Please note that due to staffing levels, there is a maximum number of 25 tickets for this event and these will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Entry to the event is only confirmed upon payment being received. We are looking forward to an evening of food, dancing, games and fun!







School Term and Holiday Dates



St Andrew's Academy

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

September 2026 (19 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

October 2026 (17 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

November 2026 (21 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
30						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

December 2026 (14 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

January 2027 (20 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

February 2027 (15 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

March 2027 (19 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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April 2027 (15 days)

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May 2027 (19 days)

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June 2027 (18 days)

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July 2027 (18 days)

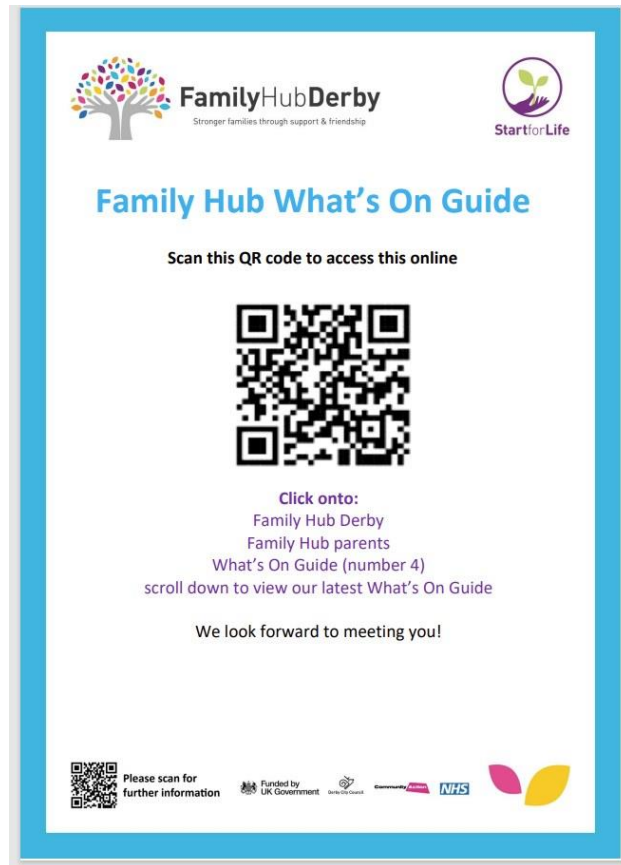
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August 2027

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
30	31					1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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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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