



St Andrew's Academy Family Update Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

Week commencing 5th October 2026

Headteacher's Welcome



The half term is flying by, and it has been wonderful to see so many enriching experiences taking place across the school. Our pupils have been enjoying a wide range of opportunities, and it is a pleasure to see them engaging so positively in school life.

Many of you will be pleased to hear that Arlo, our school dog, has now spent time at both Main Site and Campus and is proving to be a great success with both pupils and staff. We are gradually increasing the amount of time he spends in school to ensure that both Arlo and our pupils become comfortable and confident with him being around. He particularly enjoys being outdoors, playing with his ball, and, most of all, having pupils who are eager to chase him around!

We hope you enjoy reading this week's newsletter and finding out more about the exciting activities taking place across the school. As always, if you are a parent or carer who has not yet had the opportunity to meet me, please know that you are very welcome to come and have a chat. I always enjoy hearing from our families and getting to know our school community better.







Coffee Morning



JOIN US FOR A

COFFEE *Morning*



WEDNESDAY
4TH NOVEMBER
10AM–11.30PM



EVERYONE WELCOME

JOIN US FOR PICA ADVICE AND
EATING HABBITs

Please phone or email to book a place
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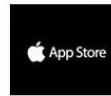
From September 2026, St Andrew's Academy have introduced the new Parent App - Arbor. Please support communication by downloading it!

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.



Erin Madison Foundation Raffle



Erin MADISON FOUNDATION
Keeping Erin's memory alive
Making a difference
Creating magical memories

CHARITY RAFFLE
Fantastic prizes up for grabs!

TICKET PRICE £5 EACH

DRAW DATE Thursday 29th October

Live on our Facebook page
LIVE ON ERIN MADISON FOUNDATION PAGE
<https://www.facebook.com/share/1Hot19CqLS/>
Be sure to follow our page for the live draw!

TOP PRIZES

- 1st**
TWO NIGHT STAY IN BLACKPOOL FOR UPTO 4 PEOPLE
- 2nd**
£200 DINING OUT VOUCHER
- 3rd**
£100 PAINTBALLING VOUCHER

PLUS LOTS MORE AMAZING PRIZES!

- DCFC TICKETS
- AFTERNOON TEA FOR TWO
- TRAMPOLINE PARK TICKETS
- AND SO MUCH MORE!

Small tickets Big impact
In memory of Erin

Support Erin's Foundation and help make a difference for special children

Brighter days for brighter tomorrows

Please follow Erin's page for the full list of prizes & daily updates, and all information on how to purchase a ticket.

Every ticket makes a difference

Thank you for your support

ERIN MADISON FOUNDATION | SUPPORT ♥ INCLUDE ♥ CREATE ♥ BELIEVE ♥

Nicola Marriott



Scan to pay Nicola Marriott

Umbrella - What's on Guide



🍁 Our October What's On Guide Has Arrived! 🍁

Autumn is here, and we have a fantastic month ahead! We're delighted to share our October What's On Guide, packed with exciting opportunities for families across Derby and Derbyshire.

Inside, you'll discover a wide range of groups, activities, workshops, events, and family-friendly opportunities designed to help you connect, learn, have fun, and make memories together. From seasonal celebrations and creative activities to support groups and chances to meet other families, there's something for everyone to enjoy this October.

🌸 Whether you're looking to try something new, build friendships, learn new skills, or simply spend quality time together, we'd love to welcome you along.

Thank you for being part of the Umbrella community. We can't wait to see you at our events and activities throughout the month. If you'd like any further information, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

🌟 Let's make October a month full of connection, laughter, and fun!

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Please click below to see Umbrella's October What's On Guide;

[October Whats On](#)

Derby SEND events



Parent carers of children and young people with SEND are warmly invited to join us for our friendly monthly drop-in session. There is no need to book and no formal agenda, just an opportunity to meet other parent carers who understand the joys and challenges of raising a child or young person with additional needs.

Whether a child has a diagnosis, is awaiting assessment, or a family is just beginning to seek support, all are welcome.

Families will also have the opportunity to speak with representatives from:

- **SENDIASS Derby (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information, Advice and Support Service)**
- **Derby SAL (Derby SEND Advice Line)**

We offer a listening ear, peer support, signposting, and a free drink for Derby SEND Voice members. Membership is free and can be completed on the day.



As SEND parent carers, we often spend our time ensuring everyone else is okay, while our own wellbeing slips to the bottom of the list. This free online wellbeing session will explore practical and realistic ways to introduce mindfulness into everyday life.

The session will cover:

- What mindfulness is (and what it isn't)
- Why mindfulness can help stressed and busy nervous systems
- How mindful moments may already exist in daily routines

No experience is needed, and there are no expectations or judgement, just a gentle opportunity for parent carers to pause and focus on their own wellbeing.

To book a free place, please use the following Eventbrite link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/finding-mindfulness-in-the-everyday-tickets-2002517203863?aff=oddtcreator>

Derby SEND Tribunal survey

We do also currently have a survey running to gather views of families who have either gone through or started on a tribunal journey. If you feel that this would apply to any of your parent carers, we would really appreciate you sharing this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd8oEJfMSx9LuZOiGSezJx3a_35Jj8uH60KqT7mlx5ZhBtB3A/viewform?usp=header

KS3

This week Lewis students have been very busy learning all about World War Two. We have made poppies to discuss remembrance and built shelters in forest school. Students have been encouraged to think about what it might have been like to live through World War Two



KS4 & The Highlands

In Taransay this week we have been looking into the story of 'around the world in 80 days'. The students have enjoyed exploring the different countries and experiencing the cuisines and religions each week.

School Term and Holiday Dates

St Andrew's Academy

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2026-2027

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

September 2026 (19 days)							
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October 2026 (17 days)							
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November 2026 (21 days)							
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December 2026 (14 days)							
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February 2027 (15 days)							
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March 2027 (19 days)							
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April 2027 (15 days)							
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May 2027 (19 days)							
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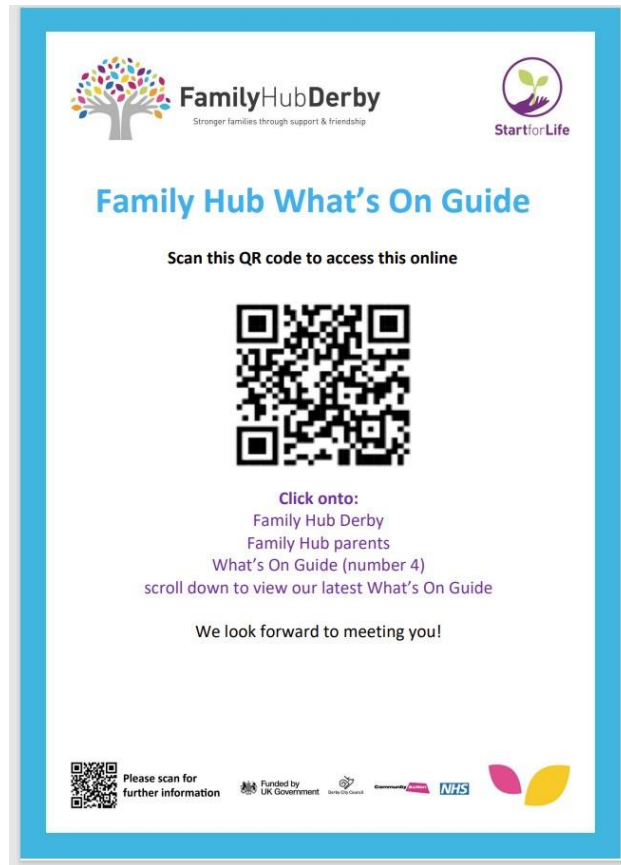
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July 2027 (18 days)							
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August 2027							
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195 Days – including up to 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff.

Family Hub QR Code



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SEND Football



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