



St Andrew's Academy

Family Update Newsletter

Spring Term 1

30th January 2026

Headteacher's Welcome



What is it about our offer that is working really well for you and your young person? What could you be experiencing that is a little niggle to a bigger issue? We want to know. Communication and feedback are at the heart of meeting expectations- our school motto is 'Learning **Together**: Achieving **Together**'. With 50% of our motto being the word **together**, we're committed to our promise of collaboration. There may be a school or Trust online survey from time to time, but this is unlikely to be at the point where you feel you need to feedback. Therefore, I believe the only way to fully meet your expectations is a constant open door, encouraged feedback loop and a promise to abide by our values of **Aspire**, **Respect** and **Trust** when you approach us via your chosen method.

I'd encourage all initial communication with the class team in the first instance, but you are most welcome to approach any staff member, via email, telephone or in person, to unpick anything you're experiencing. Equally, this does not have to be just the challenges, we had two beautiful parent emails this week that we have shared staff wide. I can't tell you the positive impact and pride we feel when you shine a light on the success of your young person. We don't

see the school day as a job, we take our role in your child's life very seriously and their achievements are our passion.

David Braybrooke - Headteacher

KS3

This week, Bute class have been getting active and really enjoying it. We've been exploring the gym equipment together, learning what each piece is used for and how to use it safely. The students had lots of opportunities to move their bodies, build confidence, and understand how being active helps us stay healthy and feel good.







The Glens



This week, Skye students practiced their functional maths skills. Our classroom was set up as a supermarket and students were tasked with looking at a shopping list, then putting the correct number of fruit/veg into their shopping basket. Not only do our fabulous Skye students know their numbers, they also know their fruit and veg! Next step Aldi!







The Highlands

This week in Jura class, we really enjoyed making bird feeders for the forest school area. We made some traditional feeders using lard and bird seed, and we also created others by threading cereal hoops onto string. We have been looking out for birds eating at the feeders, but so far, it has been squirrels who have been enjoying them instead!

This week in Taransay we had a BIRTHDAY 🎂! We also had a lovely fire where we cook a stew. All students took part in helping either by chopping ingredients or helping put the stew on the fire.









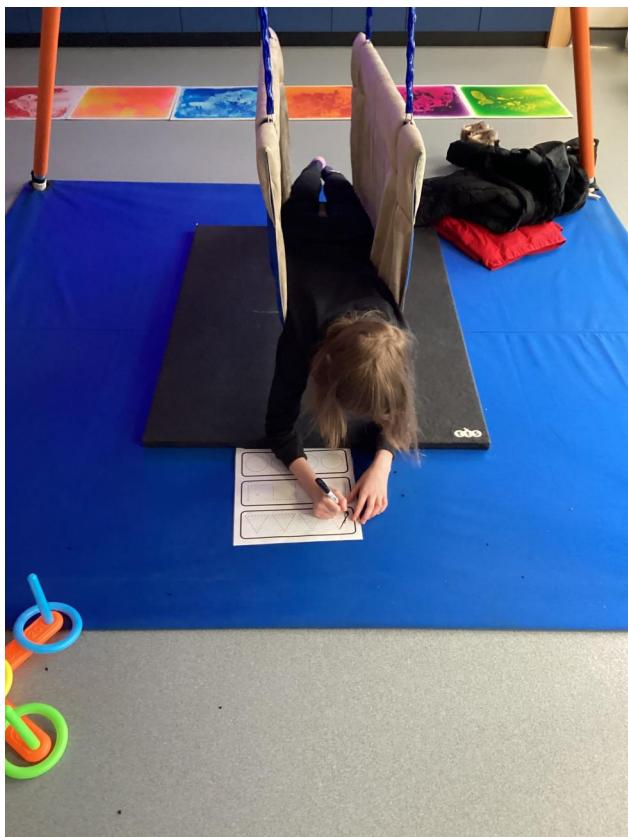


Therapy Input

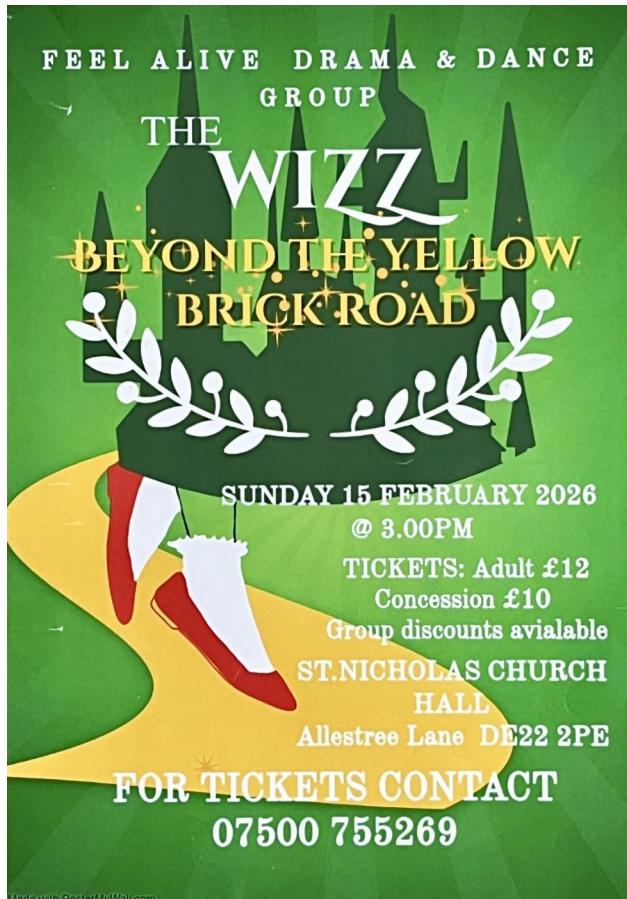


Lying in prone (on the tummy) in a sensory swing provides deep proprioceptive and vestibular input, which helps regulate the nervous system and promote a calm, alert state. This position encourages weight-bearing through the shoulders and core, supporting postural stability and body awareness, while the gentle, rhythmic movement of the swing helps reduce sensory overload and anxiety. As a result, students are better able to organise their sensory systems, improve attention and focus, and feel settled and ready to engage in learning tasks when they return to the classroom or therapy activities.





Feel Alive Drama Group Performance of- "The Wizz- Beyond the Yellow Brick Road"



Derby Promise Presents: Roots, an afternoon of creative careers inspo for young people aged 14-18



Derby Promise Presents: Roots, an afternoon of creative careers inspo for young people aged 14-18. Come and see where your creativity can take you, with activities and advice from people

who take pride in what they do. There'll be advice and guidance stands for parents and carers too. Did we mention the free pizza? There's free pizza.

 February 19th

 Electric Daisy

Derbypromise.org

A message from Derbyshire Immunisation Service - Upcoming Year 9 vaccinations

Dear Parents/ Carers

Tetanus, Diphtheria & Polio (Td/IPV) & Meningitis ACWY Immunisations are due to take place at your school on **Friday 27th February 2026**. These vaccines are free of charge.

Most children have been immunised against Tetanus, Diphtheria & Polio and Meningitis C as part of the childhood UK schedule. Guidance from NHS England recommends that your child now receives a booster dose of Tetanus, Diphtheria & Polio and Meningitis ACWY.

Information regarding these vaccines is available on the website:

MenACWY vaccine - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

[3-in-1 teenage booster overview - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

If you have any questions, please contact us on the below contact number.

Please complete the link below to give consent for the vaccinations, this will close on **13th February 2026**. If you do not wish your child to have the immunisations, you can complete a refusal via the same link.

<https://nhsimmms.azurewebsites.net/session/0e962013>

Please be aware that if we do not receive either a completed consent form or a refusal, each young person will be individually assessed by a healthcare professional to self-consent on the day. If they are deemed Gillick competent, they may be offered the vaccination.

If your child is outstanding their MMR vaccination and you would like for them to receive this vaccination, please contact our office on the details below.

[MMR \(measles, mumps and rubella\) vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/measles-mumps-and-rubella-mmr-vaccine/)

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Immunisation Team on 033 3358 3397 option 5 or Immunisations.Derbyshire@intrahealth.co.uk

Tips for Reading with your Young People at home



Makaton- Sign of the week



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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195 Days – including up to 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff.

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