



St Andrew's Academy

Family Update Newsletter

Spring Term 1

13th February 2026

Headteacher's Welcome



The sun will come out- tomorrow! It's difficult to anticipate the run up to Summer when it's raining cats and dogs. However, with the shorter 5 week term starting after February half term, we're on the run up to better weather and a chapter in the academic calendar that has so much promise and potential to maximize the St Andrew's experience, connect and continue our shared goal of excellence for your young person.

Our Summer Fayre is on Friday March 20th, the penultimate Friday before the Easter Holidays. This will again run cashless with a token system. There will be a £20 budget which classes can access with the goal being to take the money and make a profit. There will be small, purple tokens which visitors and students can spend worth 50p each. The curriculum offer is entwined with teaching and learning related to the event in the 4 week build up to the Summer Fayre- we'd love to see as many of you as possible there. The young people excelled last year, and this year is expected to be even better! Don't worry if this opportunity doesn't work for you, we have plans for events in May and across the Summer Term too.

I hope you get to spend some time over the Half Term doing what you love, with the people you love, and we're already looking forward to welcoming our young people back to make the most of the second half of the year.

David Braybrooke - Headteacher

Coffee Morning- Come and see our Occupational Therapy room! 25th Feb- 10-11am





Join us for a coffee morning on Wednesday 25th February 10-11am in our therapy room with Emma! Discover the amazing equipment available and learn about the insightful sessions she runs. Sarah Terry SI trained OT will be there as well to answer/go through all questions. It's a great opportunity to connect, share, and explore wellness together. Don't miss out!

St Andrews Spring Fayre



Enterprise Week



A message from Derbyshire Immunisation Service- Upcoming Year 8 and year 9 vaccinations

Dear Parents/ Carers,

The school age immunisation team will be delivering the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine at your child's school on: 08th June 2026

The HPV vaccine protects against many genital-based cancers and warts. It also protects against mouth, throat, head and neck cancers caused by Human Papillomavirus.

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

Please complete the link in the below to give yes to consent, this link will expire on 25th May 2026 If you do not wish your child to have the immunisations, please also complete the link to register a no consent.

<https://nhsImms.azurewebsites.net/session/a80678c7>

Please be aware that if we do not receive completed consent forms, each young person will be assessed on an individual basis by a healthcare professional to self-consent and if deemed Gillick competent offered the vaccinations on the day.

If your child is outstanding their MMR vaccination and you would like for them to receive this vaccination, please contact our office on 0333 3583 397 **option 5**

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

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Immunisation Team on 0333 3583 397 **option 5**

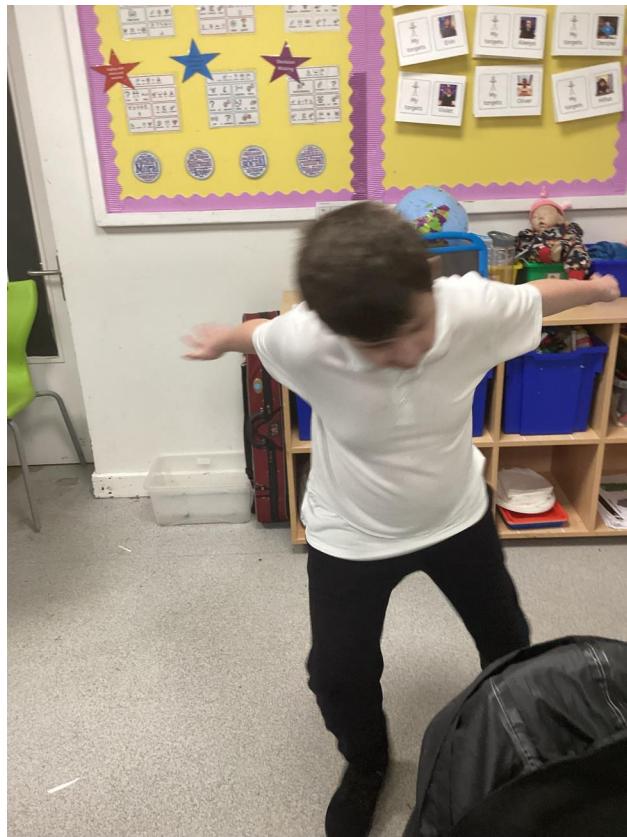
Kind Regards,

Immunisation Team

KS3

Lewis class has enjoyed this half term exploring Africa through dance in Music lessons and by exploring African cities in Humanities. We have also been looking at Nelson Mandela's biography. In music the students have finally started to enjoy African dance movements and rhythms and together they have danced and played instruments to the music! In English the students have researched and made their individual biography about Nelson Mandela's life, with lots of content! Violet in particular was inspired and over the weekend did a lovely piece of work by herself about Nelson Mandela!

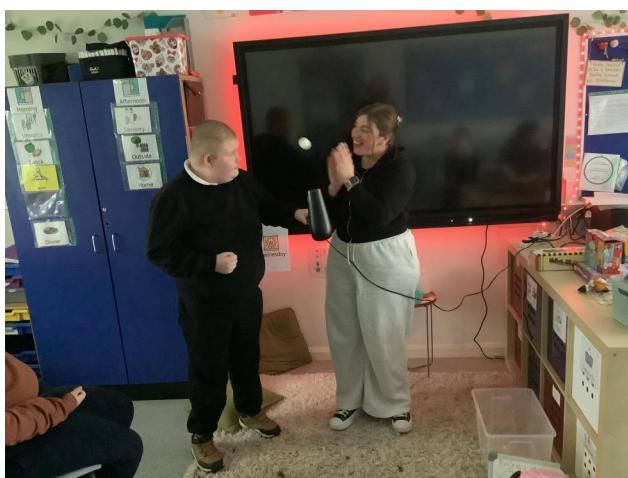




KS4

This week the students in Iona class have been manipulating objects to achieve an effect. By adjusting the airflow, the students demonstrated control to generate lift causing the ball to float.





The Highlands

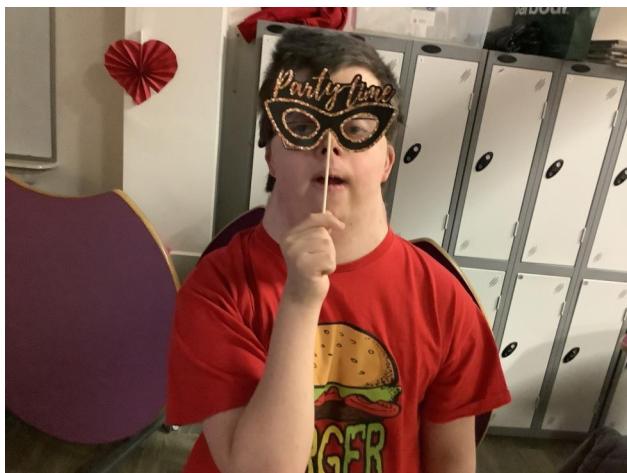
This week in Jura we had a great time making pancakes. Students had a go at flipping them and then chose the topping they wanted. Then came the fun part — eating the pancakes they had made! The activity also gave students the opportunity to practice making choices and following simple instructions within a familiar class routine.





Campus

It has been a busy week at Campus, culminating in a very successful Valentines Meal and Disco last night as part of our ongoing provision for providing social opportunities for current and past students outside of school hours. We welcomed 19 students to the event, including 4 members of our Alumni. The students enjoyed a Spaghetti Bolognese, followed by ice cream and pancakes before enjoying some valentines games and a disco.









Therapy Input



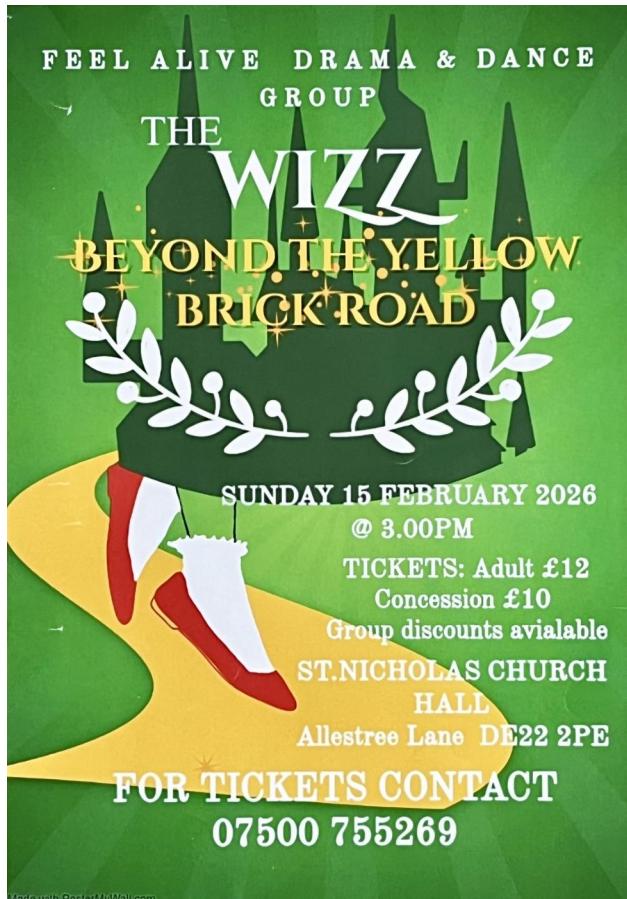
On the last day of term, our whole school celebrated all things French, and we brought the theme straight into the therapy room! Pupils worked on their proprioceptive input by rolling over or sitting on therapy balls while completing a French-themed colouring activity. Fine motor skills and hand strength were encouraged by squeezing oranges to make fresh juice for our French crêpes, and construction skills were challenged by building a tower as tall as the Eiffel Tower. A brilliant mix of fun, culture, and meaningful therapy input.







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



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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

Tips for Reading with your Young People at home

ST. ANDREWS ACADEMY

WEEK 5: MAKE READING FUN, NOT FORCED

- Use silly voices
- Take turns reading
- Act out scenes
- Talk about favourite characters
- Ect...

A RELAXED, PLAYFUL APPROACH LEADS TO POSITIVE READING HABITS.



St Andrew's Academy

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)
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September 2025 (19 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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