



St Andrew's Academy Family Update Newsletter

Spring Term 2

27th February 2026

Headteacher's Welcome



It's been a great first week back after the February Half Term break. We loved welcoming our young people back, hearing about their week and picking up exactly where we left off with our learning aims and fun!

We take our membership in this school community very seriously and acknowledge the role of the school across the 52 weeks of the year. We have a range of staff on 52-week contracts who provide services and support all year round to ensure we fully meet the needs of every member of St Andrew's. We're continually looking for ways to offer more and this Easter, we will be piloting hosting a Holiday and Food (HAF) Club. This is funded by Derby City Council and comes with certain terms and conditions. It's funded for Yr7-11 pupils with eligibility criteria. We will be sending the information to those parents eligible but if you want to find out if you are eligible, please click on the link to find out more; <https://www.derby.gov.uk/education-and-learning/extra-curricular-activities/derby-haf/>

I understand the funding eligibility may mean that your young person cannot access this opportunity at this time. I want to reassure you that this is forming a package of opportunities across the school year, and we will be working hard to ensure everyone has access to enrichment opportunities across the school year.

Communications will be sent out by the end of the school day today to those families eligible. However, you're most welcome to call at any point and ask any questions.

David Braybrooke - Headteacher

LOST PROPERTY

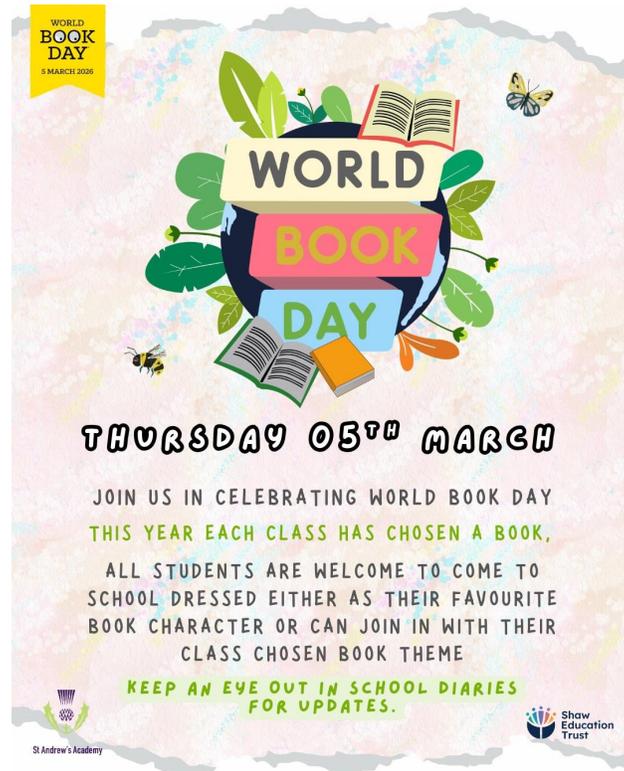
We currently have 4 coats in our lost property box, belonging to students (2 navy blue, 1 grey and 1 khaki green).

If you believe that any of these belong to your child, please contact the school office and we can hopefully reunite you with your lost items!

It would be really helpful if you could label your child's clothing (especially jackets and coats), to ensure they are sent home with the correct child at the end of the day.

Thank you!

World Book Day



The poster features a central graphic with the words 'WORLD BOOK DAY' stacked vertically in three colored boxes (yellow, pink, blue) over a globe. The globe is surrounded by green leaves, a butterfly, and several books. A yellow banner in the top left corner reads 'WORLD BOOK DAY 5 MARCH 2025'. The background is a light, textured pattern.

WORLD BOOK DAY
5 MARCH 2025

WORLD BOOK DAY

THURSDAY 05TH MARCH

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING WORLD BOOK DAY
THIS YEAR EACH CLASS HAS CHOSEN A BOOK,
ALL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO COME TO SCHOOL DRESSED EITHER AS THEIR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER OR CAN JOIN IN WITH THEIR CLASS CHOSEN BOOK THEME

KEEP AN EYE OUT IN SCHOOL DIARIES FOR UPDATES.

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Spring SEND event

A colorful poster for a Spring Family SEND Event. At the top, five stylized figures in colorful headscarves (orange, green, yellow, purple, pink) stand against a blue sky with butterflies and flowers. The event title 'Spring Family SEND Event' is in a blue banner, with 'SEND Event' in pink. Below it, a dark blue banner says 'Sunday, March 8th'. To the right, a pink starburst contains the text '10am till 3pm'. The main text invites people to join Derby SEND Voice for a marketplace at the Museum of Making, promising a day of information, connection, and fun. A blue banner below the text says 'Museum of Making'. A QR code is on the left, and a photograph of the Museum of Making building is on the right. At the bottom, a Facebook icon is followed by the text 'For more information please email derbysendvoice@gmail.com' and an Instagram icon.

Spring Family SEND Event

Sunday, March 8th

10am
till
3pm

Join Derby SEND Voice
for a SEND marketplace at the
Museum of Making!

Enjoy a day of information,
connection, and fun for the
whole family!

Museum of Making



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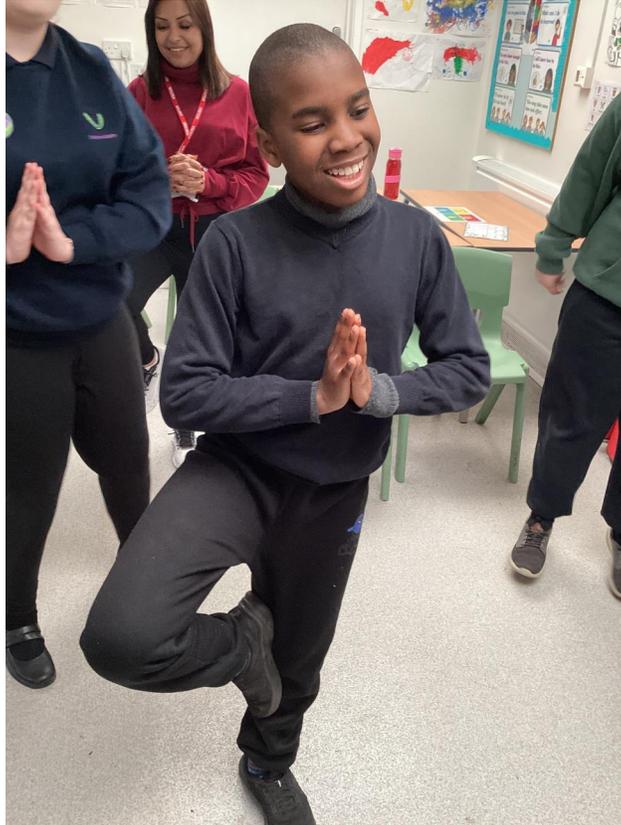


Enterprise Week

A promotional poster for St. Andrew's Academy Enterprise Week. The background is dark blue with a grid pattern. At the top left is the St. Andrew's Academy crest. In the center, there's an illustration of a person behind a counter under a striped awning, with a bar chart and an upward-pointing arrow to the right. The text 'ST. ANDREWS' is in a pink banner, followed by 'ENTERPRISE WEEK' in large white letters. Below that, the dates 'Monday 16th March - Friday 20th March' are listed. A paragraph describes the activity: 'Students will work in classes to create their own business ideas. Each class gets a budget to build a business, then sell their products at Friday's Spring Fayre. The most profitable wins!'. At the bottom, there are two pink banners: 'CONTACT US (01332) 832746' and 'MORE INFORMATION standrews.admin@sas.set.org'. The poster is decorated with green geometric shapes like a zigzag and a curve.

KS3

This week in Orkney class, we have been looking at shapes and incorporating it into everyday routines and different things we might use them for or where we might see them! We decided to make a classic style old school cake with sprinkles in the shape of a circle. It was great to get everyone involved and even better as we shared our baked cake with Hoy class for pudding as part of our meal prep on Tuesday. We also completed a yoga session as a part of PSHE on Wednesday. The children loved participating and everyone got involved and stuck in, showing great enthusiasm and effort!



The Glens

This week, Mull Class have been focusing on our 'Keep Fit, Stay Active' section of our JAS Awards. We worked incredibly hard and had lots of fun completing a fitness circuit.

Our circuit included:

- Stepping quickly and carefully through the agility ladders
- Climbing over buckets
- Taking big steps over the hurdles
- Throwing beanbags onto the target
- Pulling the elastic fitness band to build our strength

Everyone showed great determination, balance and coordination. We encouraged each other, kept our bodies moving, and demonstrated excellent teamwork throughout the session. Well done Mull Class — keep staying active! 💪 ✨











KS4

Canna Class have been looking at hot and cold in science this week. We looked at different weather conditions and objects. They enjoyed exploring cold and hot objects.







The Highlands

This week in Jura we have been exploring Spring and how plants grow through a sensory version of The Tiny Seed. Students handled real seeds, filled pots with compost, planted and watered them, helping them understand what plants need to grow. We also created seed pictures using a range of seeds, supporting choice making, fine motor skills and following simple instructions within a structured activity. It has been a hands-on and meaningful way to explore seasonal change.

In Taransay students have been making cress pot ands decorating them. Students really enjoyed picking stickers to go onto them.







Campus

It has been a lovely first week back at campus. It is nice to finally see some sunshine and lots of the spring flowers are starting to appear. Students have been continuing to develop the outdoor spaces, preparing the ground to plant a variety of wildflowers.

On Wednesday's, students visit Morley Care Farm to learn about different ways to work with the environment and encourage biodiversity. The students help to look after the goats, clearing out their enclosure and helping to prepare their food. The goats are certainly a big hit with the students!

On Thursday, students attended Derby City Boxing Academy. The students are learning different skills related to boxing as well as undertaking general fitness and gross motor skills.









Therapy Input



We had a great coffee morning in the therapy room this Wednesday. Some parents came to have a look at the the new therapy area as well as having a chat with Sarah Terry, the SI trained Occupational Therapist from Children's Choice who works with Emma our therapy lead, 1 day a week.

Feedback from the coffee morning visit was that training for parents would be really beneficial. Here's the link for Children's Choice events program, which has some parent training sessions:

<https://childrenschoicetherapy.co.uk/events/>

If there is anything more specific you would like information on please don't hesitate to reach out to Emma :)

Tips for Reading with your Young People at home

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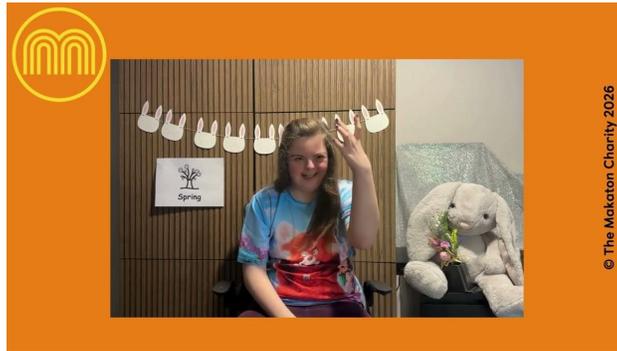
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WEEK 6: USE LETTER SOUNDS, NOT LETTER NAMES

WHEN HELPING CHILDREN DECODE WORDS, USE THE SOUND ("MMM") INSTEAD OF THE NAME ("EM").

IT MAKES BLENDING WORDS TOGETHER MUCH EASIER AND HELPS BUILD CONFIDENT, INDEPENDENT READERS!!

Makaton- Sign of the week



School Term and Holiday Dates


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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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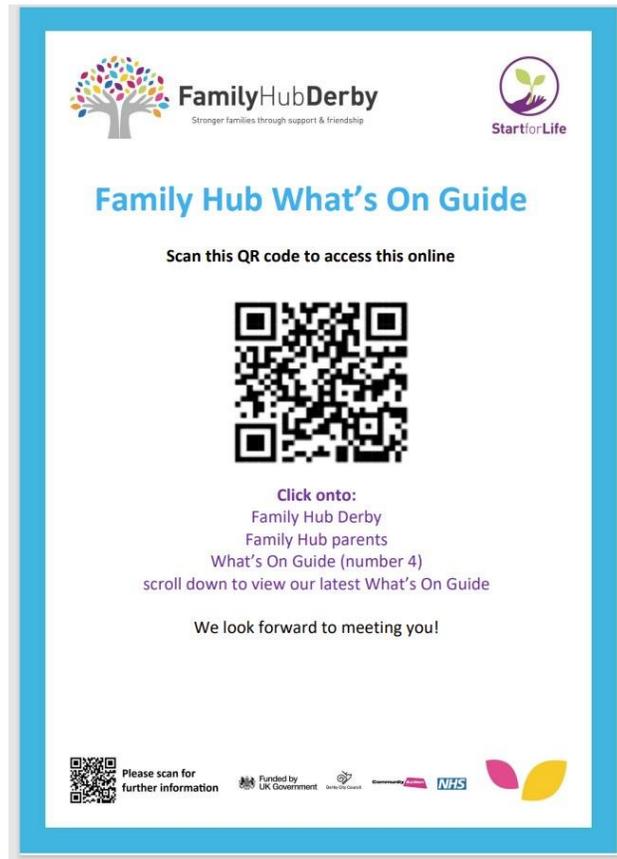
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March 2026 (20 days)							April 2026 (14 days)							May 2026 (15 days)								
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June 2026 (22 days)							July 2026 (17 days)							August 2026							
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195 Days – including up to 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff.

Family Hub QR Code



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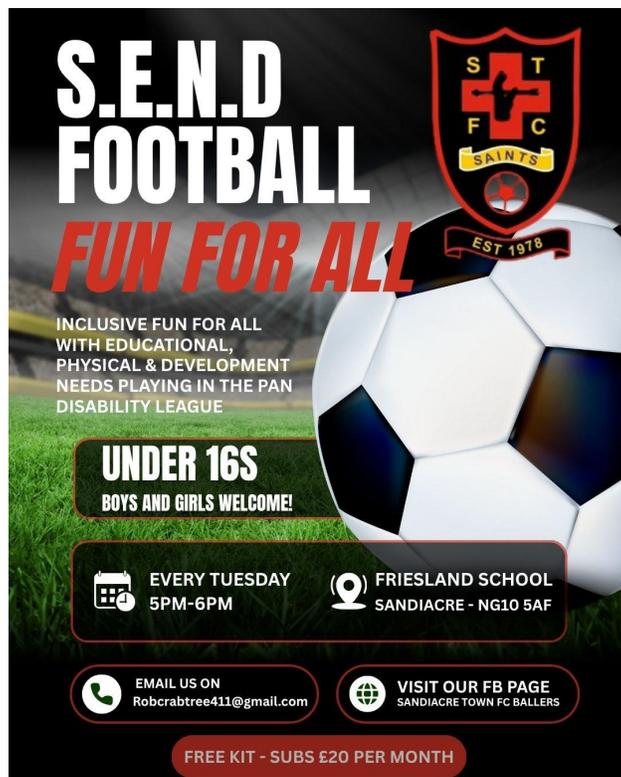


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SEND Football



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The poster features a large soccer ball on the right side. The crest of St. Andrews Football Club is visible, with the letters 'S', 'T', 'F', 'C' and 'SAINTS' on a shield, and 'EST 1978' on a banner below it. The background is a dark, blurred image of a football pitch.

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