



# St Andrew's Academy Family Update Newsletter

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*Spring Term 2*

*13th March 2026*

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## Headteacher's Welcome



The grass doesn't grow under our feet- literally! This week we have welcomed back FDL, the very same contractors that delivered our amazing refurb last Summer. This time they are relandscaping behind the Willows building to include a fully inclusive Outdoor Ed area that includes a sheltered area, fire pit and wildlife area. The anticipated completion date coincides with our first day back after Easter, Tuesday 14th April. If you're accessing the site in the next 2 weeks, feel free to have a peek through the fence on your way in or chat to the contractors. There will be opportunities in the future for us to use the space on open days and events so we can offer you a toasted marshmallow and hot chocolate.

A perfect opportunity to see the progress of the Outdoor Education area would be the Spring Fair, next Friday 20th March. The young people are currently working hard to prepare their class stall for the day. The event is between 9:30-11:30am on our Main Site with activities and entertainment for all!

**David Braybrooke - Headteacher**

# St Andrew's Spring Fayre



## Enterprise Week



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# ENTERPRISE WEEK

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

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!

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# Home to School Travel Service- A message from Derby City Council



## Home to School Travel Service School/College Newsletter – March 2026

Hello!

Welcome everybody to the Home to School Travel Service Newsletter.

It's March already, and we are in full swing with planning for the September 2026 intake!

Our application window opens soon, so please encourage all parents to complete their applications during this window to allow us sufficient time to plan routes etc., ready for September. Please see below details of who will need to apply/re-apply.

### Applications for Travel Assistance for 2026-2027

**The on-line application for travel assistance for 2026-2027 opens on 01 April 2026.  
Applications received before this date, will be automatically refused.**

### Who needs to apply?

A new application must be completed if any of the bullet points below apply:

- ❖ Family is applying for travel assistance for a child for the first time.
- ❖ A child is starting school in Reception class in September 2026.
- ❖ A child is starting a new school in September 2026.
- ❖ A child is moving into Year 3 in September 2026 (Infant to Junior Schools only).
- ❖ A child is moving into Year 7 in September 2026.
- ❖ A child is moving into Year 12 in September 2026 (e.g., sixth form or college).
- ❖ A student is currently in post 16 or post 19 education and will be continuing in education in September 2026 (post 16 learners and adult learners must apply every year).
- ❖ Applying for a bus pass for a child for academic year 2026-27.



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- ❖ Moving to a new home address before September 2026.

**Please note: If none of the above apply, and a child already receives travel assistance, this will remain in place for academic year 2026-27.**

### How to apply?

The on-line application window is open between 01 April 2026 and 31 May 2026. Families can apply by using the link below. If an application is received after 31 May 2026, it will still be processed, but travel assistance arrangements may not be in place for the start of the autumn term. Before making your application, please read our policy at: -

<https://www.derby.gov.uk/media/derbycitycouncil/contentassets/documents/education/send/travel/hst-assistance-policy-2025-2026.pdf>

<https://www.derby.gov.uk/media/derbycitycouncil/contentassets/documents/education/send/travel/hst-assistance-post-16-policy-statement-2025-2026.pdf>

If a student wishes to apply for travel assistance, independently of a parent or carer, they must be age 18 or over.

Supporting documents e.g., Education, Health, and Care Plan (EHCP), medical evidence, proof of free school meals, proof of baptism will need to be included with the application.

Families who do not have access to the Internet should visit a local library or the Council House for free computer and Internet access to complete the online application.

**Please note: Responses provided on the online application form MUST be in relation to the school that a child will be attending from September 2026.**

If you have any questions, please contact the team via email: [schooltravel@derby.gov.uk](mailto:schooltravel@derby.gov.uk), or by telephone 01332 642716.

For more information about the Home to School Travel Service please see [Home to School Travel Assistance - Derby City Council](#)

### Home to School Travel Service Update:

We have welcomed Lynne onto the team! Lynne joined us in January 2026 and is supporting the team by making sure our systems are all working. Lynne also oversees our appeals process and is the Clerk at Stage 2 appeal hearings.

For information about the whole team, please go to the end of this newsletter.



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### Mileage Allowance and Post -16 Personal Travel Budgets Update:

The summer term payment is due to be paid to parents during Easter 2026. Email requests for attendance data have already been sent to schools. Due to the way Easter falls and the Council's financial closedown, please provide the attendance data for the spring term by no later than 11 March 2026.

### Detentions:

We have had some recent experience of students who are on Council Organised Transport receiving after school detentions. If school is giving this sanction, they must contact the transport provider and cancel the transport as the crews cannot wait until the detention is over. The responsibility for collecting a child following after school detention is with the parent/carer.

### NEW: Designated safeguarding inbox for schools

The Home to School Travel Service have created a new inbox for schools to use in the case of safeguarding incidents/concerns.

Please use this inbox instead of the general school travel one for anything related to safeguarding. The email address is [safeguarding.htst@derby.gov.uk](mailto:safeguarding.htst@derby.gov.uk)

Please **DO NOT** give this address to parents.

### Meet the Team (Snapshot of Duties):

#### Carole:

Carole is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. Please contact Carole for any safeguarding concerns.

#### Matthew:

Matt is responsible for processing travel assistance applications. Please contact Matt if you have any queries about your application. Matt is also the Presenting Officer at Stage 2 appeals.

#### Lauren:

Lauren is responsible for making the mileage allowance payments and post-16 PTB payments. Please contact Lauren if you have any questions about your payment.

#### Amelia:

Amelia is responsible for supporting Matt with processing applications. Please contact Amelia if you have any queries about your application.



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**Lynne:**

Lynne is responsible for making sure our systems are all working. Lynne also oversees our appeals process and is the Clerk at Stage 2 appeal hearings.

**Helen:**

Helen is the Designated Safeguarding Lead and is responsible for the day to day running of the team.

**Tom:**

Tom is the Commissioning Manager and the strategic lead for the Home to School Travel Service. He is responsible planning, policy development, performance and quality.

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**Designated Safeguarding Concerns:**

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Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working with you over this next half-term.

## Reminder- Allergy and Dietary forms

Dear Parents/Carers,

You will recently have received **Allergy and Dietary forms** to complete for your young person. **Please complete and return these as soon as possible**, if you have not already done so. We have sent out forms in student's diaries this week to those who have not yet returned their forms. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please call the school office.

## KS3

Bute class enjoyed making their Mother's day cards. The students carefully cut out the leaves and rolled up pieces of tissue paper to create the flowers. They used their fine motor skills to cut and stick materials, showing good control and concentration during the activity. The class was encouraged to use positional language as they placed the different parts of the flower on top, next to, and under the leaves on their cards. Everyone worked really well. Well done, guys, the cards look amazing.





Lewis class visited the Velodrome today to take part in a Derbyshire Active sporting event. Some of the students took part in a Boccia tournament against 5 other schools. They did an amazing job working as a team against other schools and really enjoyed taking part. Another group of students took part in a multisport tournament, working together as a team, they came 2nd overall, receiving a silver medal. Staff are extremely proud of the team work displayed and how proudly they represented our school.







## The Glens

### Music and Movement in Glen Nevis!

Hello everyone! We've had such a musical blast in Glen Nevis lately as we dive into our topic: Religious Music!

Our classroom has been full of rhythm and joy as we explore how music is a special part of religious practices and cultures all around the world. We've been using modelling and parallel play to help everyone join in at their own pace, whether playing alongside a friend or copying a teacher's lead.

Our "Vibration Station" was a huge hit! We used guitars and resonance boards to really *feel* the music, helping us understand how different sounds and vibrations can express feelings and traditions. We also got busy with African drums, practicing our persistence by repeating hand movements to match a steady beat.





KS4

### Shetland

This half term in English we have been exploring a range of exciting settings. We have travelled to the **desert**, the **ice caps**, and the **forest** through sensory storytelling. The students explored each environment using different sensory experiences and then described what the settings might be like if they had visited them.

We also linked our English learning to our Science topic on **global warming**. Students took part in practical experiments to observe how environments can change. For example, we explored melting ice and discovered characters trapped inside. Students worked creatively to think of different ways to help the characters escape, helping them understand how rising temperatures can affect icy environments.



*1 - Exploring Leaves*



*2 - Making the leaves crunch*



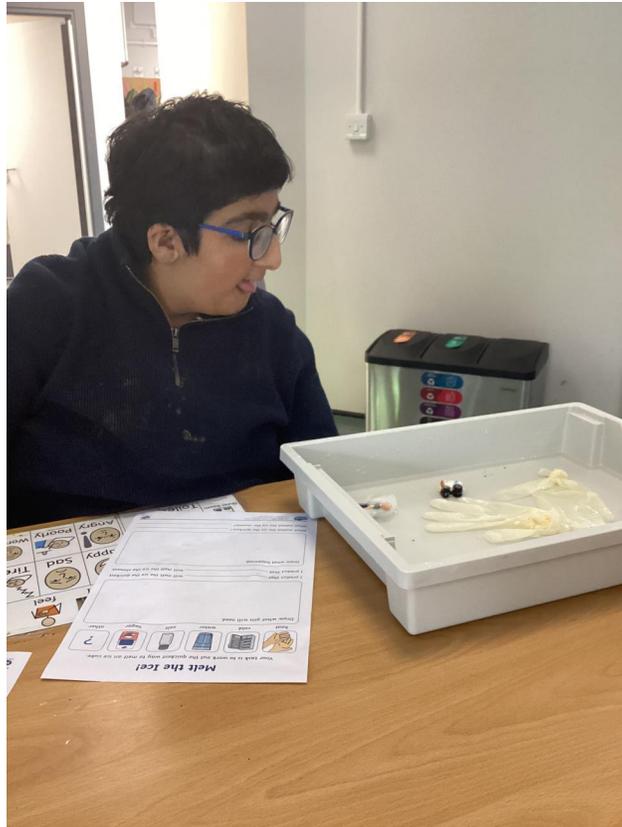
3 - Feeling the cold water



4 - Ice



*5 - Melting ice with hot water*



## The Highlands

Jura Class have enjoyed celebrating Mother's Day by creating their own gift bags for their parents/carers. The students took part in decorating a chocolate bark mixing together mini eggs, cream eggs, white chocolate and milk chocolate using their best decorative and fine motor skills to create a chocolatey masterpiece to take home! They also did some brilliant mark-making to create a teapot decoration using paint, felt tip pens and tissue paper. Brilliant work from Team Jura!!







Therapy Input

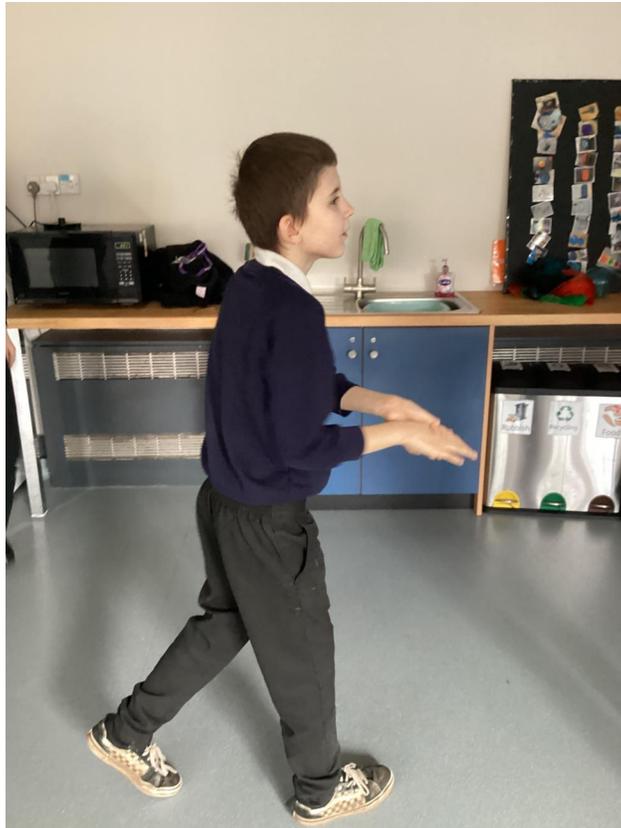


Students engaged well in the occupational therapy and music session, which incorporated dance and large proprioceptive movements. Using the parachute encouraged whole-body actions such as lifting, pulling, and coordinated group movement, supporting proprioceptive input and joint awareness. Textured balls were introduced to add a sensory element, allowing students to explore different tactile sensations while moving to the rhythm of the music. The combination of music, dance, and movement helped motivate participation, supported regulation, and encouraged students to follow rhythm and engage in shared, enjoyable physical activity.











## Tips for Reading with your Young People at home



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**WEEK 8: KEEP IT SHORT AND INTERACTIVE**

THIS WEEK WE'RE FOCUSING ON SHORT, INTERACTIVE TASKS THAT HELP STUDENTS STAY FOCUSED AND CONFIDENT.

WE'RE ENCOURAGING QUICK, ENGAGING PHONICS PRACTICE USING EVERYDAY ITEMS - FRIDGE MAGNETS, FOAM LETTERS, EVEN CAR GAMES.



LEARNING DOESN'T ALWAYS NEED TO FEEL LIKE A LESSON!



## Makaton- Sign of the week



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# School Term and Holiday Dates

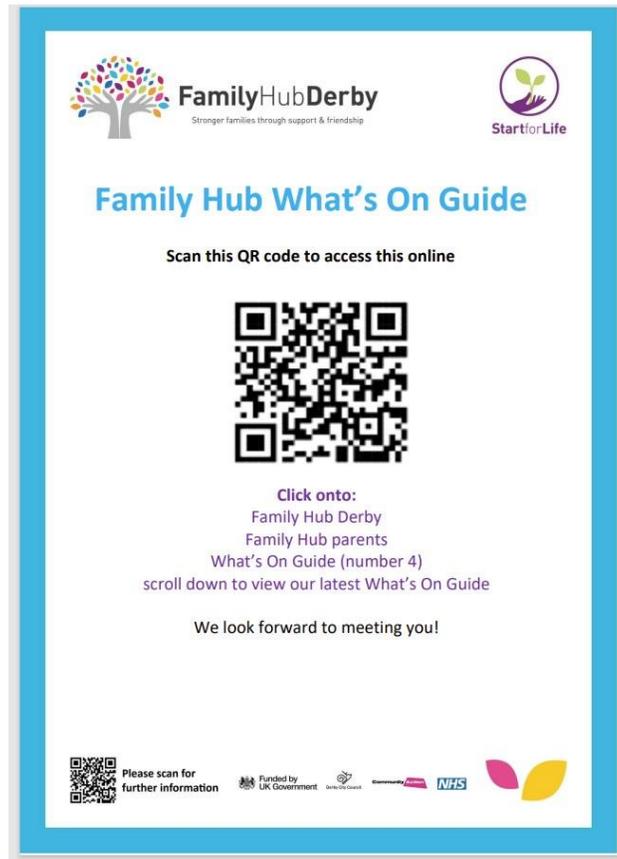


## St Andrew's Academy School Term and Holiday Dates 2025-2026

Autumn Term							Summer Term							Bank Holiday (Shut to all)								
Spring Term							School Holiday							Inset Day (Shut to students)								
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<b>June 2026 (22 days)</b>							<b>July 2026 (17 days)</b>							<b>August 2026</b>								
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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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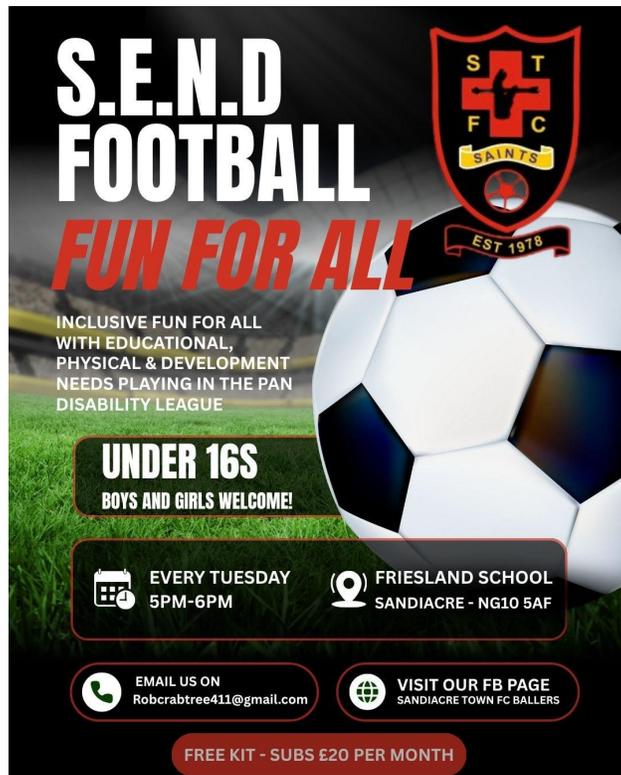


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The poster features a large soccer ball on the right side. The crest of St. Andrews Football Club is visible, with the letters 'S', 'T', 'F', 'C' and 'SAINTS' on a shield, and 'EST 1978' on a banner below it. The background is a dark, blurred image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

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