



# Family Updates Newsletter

St Andrew's Academy

Learning Together, Achieving Together

25th November 2022

## Head Teacher's welcome

Off site learning opportunities are a significant and highly valuable part of the St Andrew's curriculum offer. Careful selection and implementation of key visits, experiences and placements enrich the school day from Yr7 to Yr14 with the KS5 curriculum boasting 50% of the timetable delivered in a variety of off-site provisions. The learning, engagement and enjoyment can be seen in this weeks newsletter on P6, that shares the KS3 trip to Pickford House to bring WW2 to life.

As we continue into the run up to Christmas, keep an eye out in home school diaries, school website and social media to hear about trips and off site learning so that your young person can share their progress and enjoyment of life at St Andrew's.

Have a safe and restful weekend,

David Braybrooke

Note to parents about KS3 & KS4 Christmas performance

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

St Philip's Church

KS3 10.30

KS4 1.30

More info to follow



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Makaton forms a key role in the way we communicate at St Andrew's. Please see below for our sign of the week. This is shared with whole staff during our weekly briefing and then used within our school community thereafter.

### Sign of the week

Our sign this week is:



### Football



Index finger makes forward movement, as if kicking

### Free School Meals

If you believe your child is entitled to free school meals, please follow the link below and click on 'Free School Meals Application Form'.

The completed form can either be brought into school or returned to Derby City Council at the address shown.

<https://www.derby.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>

Alternatively, just ask someone from our Admin Team to send a form home for you!

## Important Dates

**Christmas Jumper Day**— Thursday 8th December

**Christmas Performances (KS3 & KS4)**—Friday 9th December

**School Christmas Lunch**—Friday 16th December

**INSET Day**—Thursday 22nd December

**Christmas Holidays** - Friday 23rd December to Friday 6th January

**February Half Term** – Monday 20th to Friday 24th February

**Easter Holidays** – Monday 3rd to Friday 14th April

**INSET Day** - Monday 17th April



## Survey



### Parent Survey-Deadline Weds 30th Nov.

St Andrew's Academy is part of a National Multi Academy Trust called Shaw Education Trust (SET). SET are constantly evaluating and improving outcomes for every person across the family of schools and one way they do this is through online questionnaires. Please could you click on the link below to share your views of St Andrew's to support our constant journey of improvement.

Parental Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/specialschoolparentalsurveyterm12022>

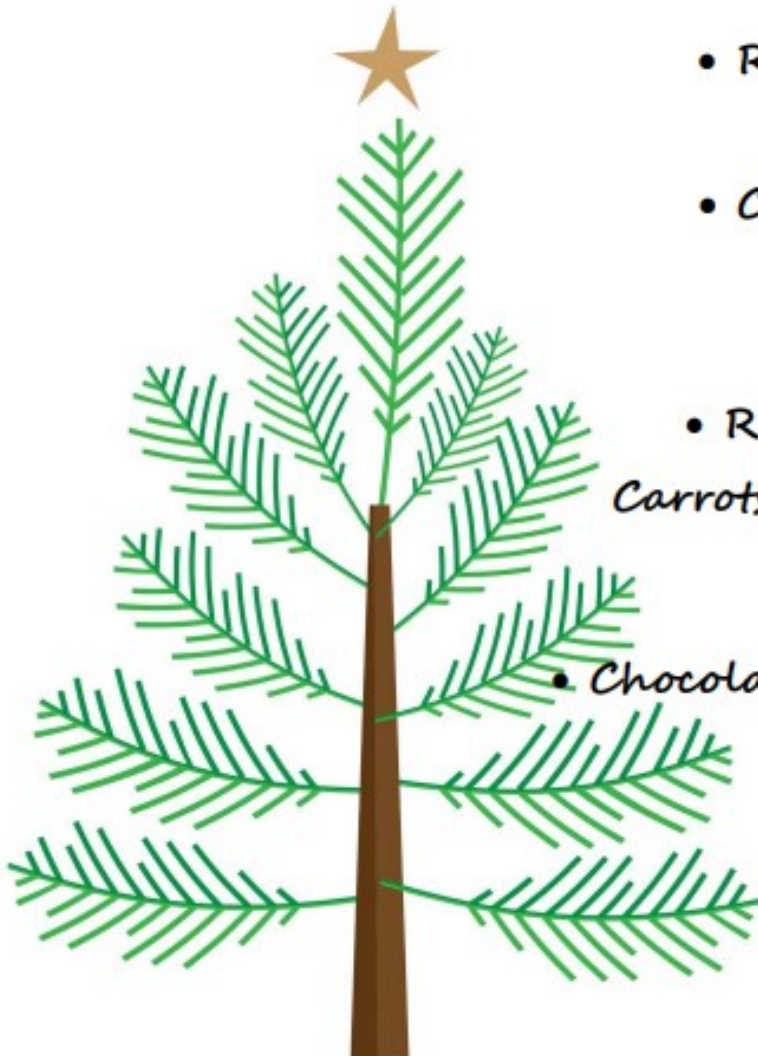
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Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022



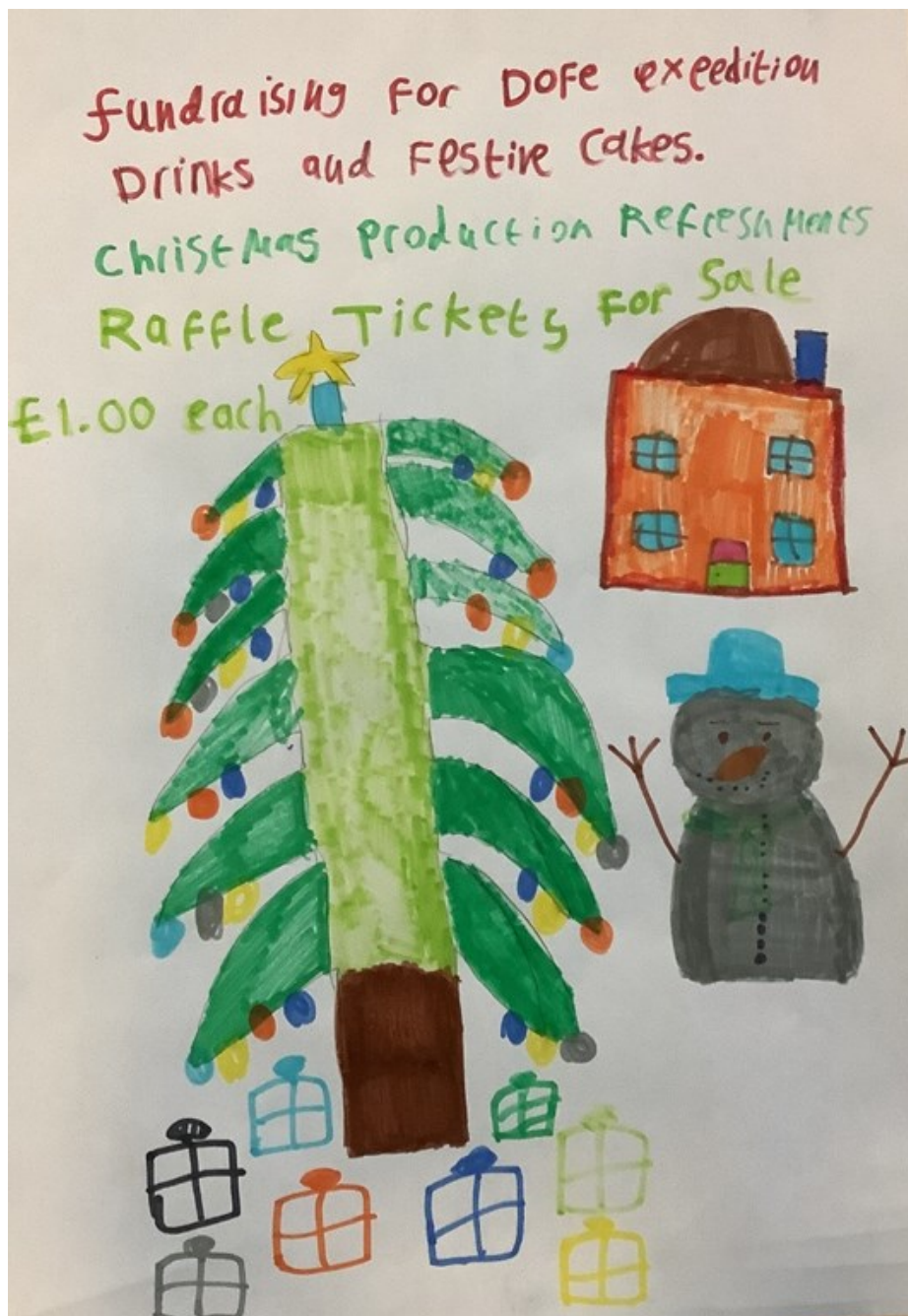
- Roast Turkey Breast
- Christmas Vegetable Wellington
- Roast Potatoes, Peas, Carrots, Gravy & Stuffing
- Chocolate Orange Brownie

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feeding the imagination

# Christmas Production

A group of students from Campus will be providing refreshments during the Key Stage 3 and 4 Christmas performances. They will be raising money towards their Duke of Edinburgh expedition by selling drinks and festive cakes for a voluntary donation. Alongside the refreshments they will also be selling raffle tickets with a Christmas Food Hamper as the prize. Tickets will cost £1.00 a ticket.

If you are unable to attend the performance but would like to purchase raffle tickets please send money in a named envelope for the attention of Campus noting the number of tickets you would like to buy.



## KS3 WW2 Experience

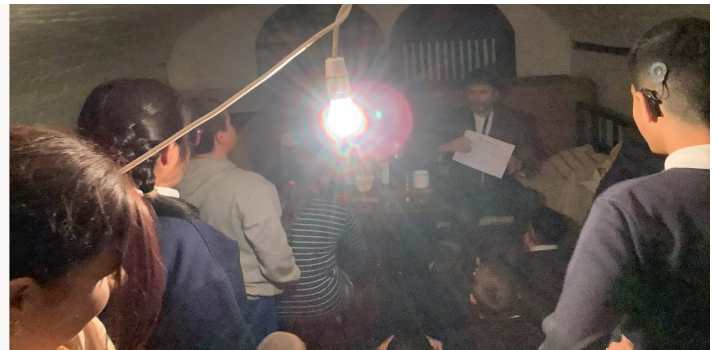
**On Wednesday 23rd November, members of Bute, Lewis and Hoy class visited Pickford's House to experience what life would have been like in Derby during The Blitz.**



**We all became ARPs (Air raid precaution wardens) and learned about the incredible job they did to protect citizens.**

**All students were a credit to school!**

**A massive thank you to Victor (Graham) and Mel for a lovely morning.**



# Residential

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November, three residential students visited Deda in Derby, for a Wellbeing CPD event. It was a fantastic experience full of creativity, warmth and ideas. It included the Hub-bub team, who lead us through some movement for wellbeing, a fantastic QUAD artist leading a Sashiko stitching session, live music from Sinfonia Viva's Jack Ross and of course tea and cake.



# St Andrew's Academy Council

The Academy Council currently consists of 6 members and 6 invitees from across the whole school community and is chaired by Philip Harrison.

Parent nomination deadline is Friday 25th November at 3:30pm. Thanks to those who have already put their nominations forward. We will be working through those next week and be getting back with the outcome in due course.

We look forward to announcing the new Parent Academy Councillors in the upcoming newsletter.



St Andrew's Academy



A big warm welcome to Lizzie and Julie who have been nominated by our staff to be part of the St Andrew' Academy Council.

Lizzie joined us last year as a new Teacher. She has been an asset to the team and made huge impact on the learning of those who she has taught. Julie has been with us since 2000 and has vast knowledge and experience with supporting our young people.



# School Dinner Price Increase



**We wish to let you know that  
as from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January,  
the cost of a school dinner will be increasing  
to £2.30.**

**This will automatically update on the  
Parentpay app**



Transition 2

# Winter Fayre

Monday 12th December 2022



10:30am



12:30pm

Transition 2, Whitaker Road, Derby, DE23 6AR

Join us for our learners' festive celebration at T2 and find out more about our provision while you shop for presents!

Cakes & Drinks

Plants

Gifts & Treats

Raffle

More information

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@T2Derby

Transition2 is a specialist SEND provision for young adults in Derbyshire with a 'one size fits one' approach to learning which maximises active citizenship and community contribution

Some of St Andrews' staff took part in the #WeareSEN charity five-a-side football tournament at the Willows Sports Centre. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and as a collective, the teams raised £791.76. Money raised will go towards SEN United, which will then be passed on to St.Andrews.



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# **Formal Parents Coffee Mornings at the café will re-commence in the New Year**

**Sam Summer Rell and Nabila Talit will be present and we will  
arrange for various guest speakers to attend and answer  
questions from parents and carers.**

**We would welcome any of your suggestions if you need advice  
from any organisation in particular.**

**Please contact Sam - [SSummerrell@standrews.derby.sch.uk](mailto:SSummerrell@standrews.derby.sch.uk)**

**Or the School Office - [admin@standrews.derby.sch.uk](mailto:admin@standrews.derby.sch.uk)**

**Dates to be confirmed**



## Derby Children's ICU Present drive

Many children within Derby City will spend Christmas Day in hospital. Sadly, this was the case with one of our young people last year. During her stay, she was given a present from the Hospital and it really helped them through a worrying time.

This year, in recognition of this, we are supporting the parent to repay the kindness and donate wrapped presents to the hospital.



If you'd like to support the present drive and provide a wrapped gift for a boy or girl up to the age of 16, please drop by or send them in with your young person for the attention of David by

**Wednesday 21st December**

We know that Christmas can be a difficult time financially. Please note this is purely optional and only support if you feel able to.

# SALT & PEPPER CAFÉ

Run by our fabulous FE students  
Open Wednesday and Friday 10.00 till 11:30am  
Find us at Taddington Road Church Hall Chaddesden  
DE21 4JU

Voluntary contributions welcomed

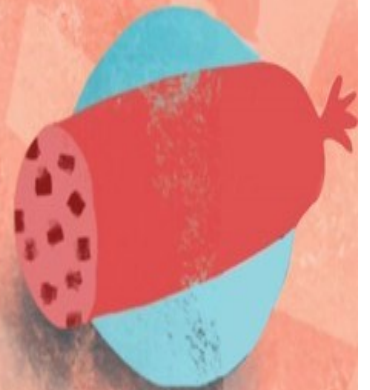
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