



St Andrew's Academy

# Family Updates Newsletter

Learning Together, Achieving Together

12th December 2022

## Head Teacher's welcome

St Andrew's Academy enjoyed a very festive week last week. Thursday saw the pupils looking fantastic in their Christmas jumpers whilst busily rehearsing for Friday's church performances.

A huge thanks to the pupils for their hard work, staff for their creativity, and to all those that attended on Friday. It was a pleasure to be able to get together as a school community and celebrate the great range of talents our pupils have. Further thanks go to the KS5 pupils who did such an excellent job in hosting and catering the event. It was a new format this year and it was wonderful to hear such positive feedback from parents and carers. We are very fortunate to have such a supportive team of people at St Phillip's and we will continue to work closely with them on different projects in the New Year.

We will save our final newsletter of 2022 for the very last day of term, Wednesday 21st December, to ensure we can capture the last 3 days. There are lots of exciting activities planned to ensure all of our students have fun after what has been a very busy and productive term. I hope you have a great week!

David Braybrooke

Head Teacher



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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**



Makaton have a "Countdown to Christmas" on their website—so far there have been some lovely signed songs from groups around the country.

Please go to Makaton.org to catch up on all the videos so far and see what treats await in the coming weeks!

### **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

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

**INSET Day**—Thursday 22nd December

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

**Spring Half Term begins** —Monday 9th January 2023

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

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

**INSET Day** - Monday 17th April



**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**



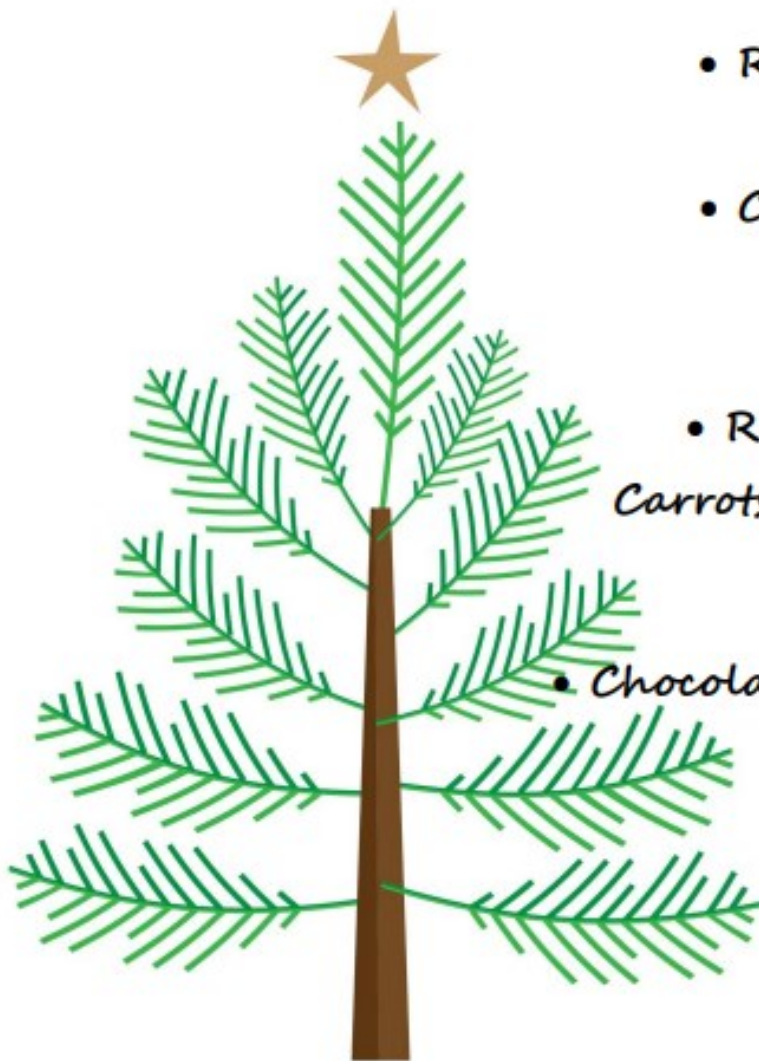
# Christmas



# Menu



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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## **CHILDREN'S COAT WINTER WRAP UP**

# **DONATIONS NEEDED**

If you have any winter coats, for ages 0-12 years, in good condition, that you no longer need, please donate them to your local Children's Centre, who will share with families who are struggling.

**For information call  
Derwent  
01332 641010**

**Rosehill  
01332 641315**

**Osmaston/Allenton  
on 01332 956850**



**or visit [derby.gov.uk/costofliving](http://derby.gov.uk/costofliving)**

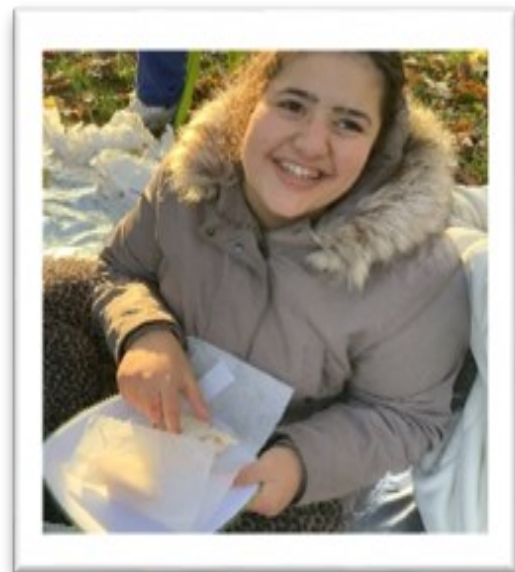


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# Taransay Class News

**As part of Taransay's Outdoor Education curriculum, the students prepared their own picnic to eat in the 'wild'!**

**Here they are enjoying their efforts!**



# Residential

Residential students have really enjoyed seeing all the local Christmas light displays, this one based in Spondon was a clear favourite with them

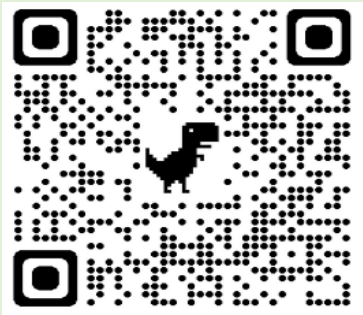


# Has your child got their free Gold Card yet?

**Travel free on local buses  
(at selected times).**

**Discounts at more than  
700 businesses in and  
around Derbyshire.**

**Library card**



**Apply here or  
ask in school  
for an  
application  
form.**



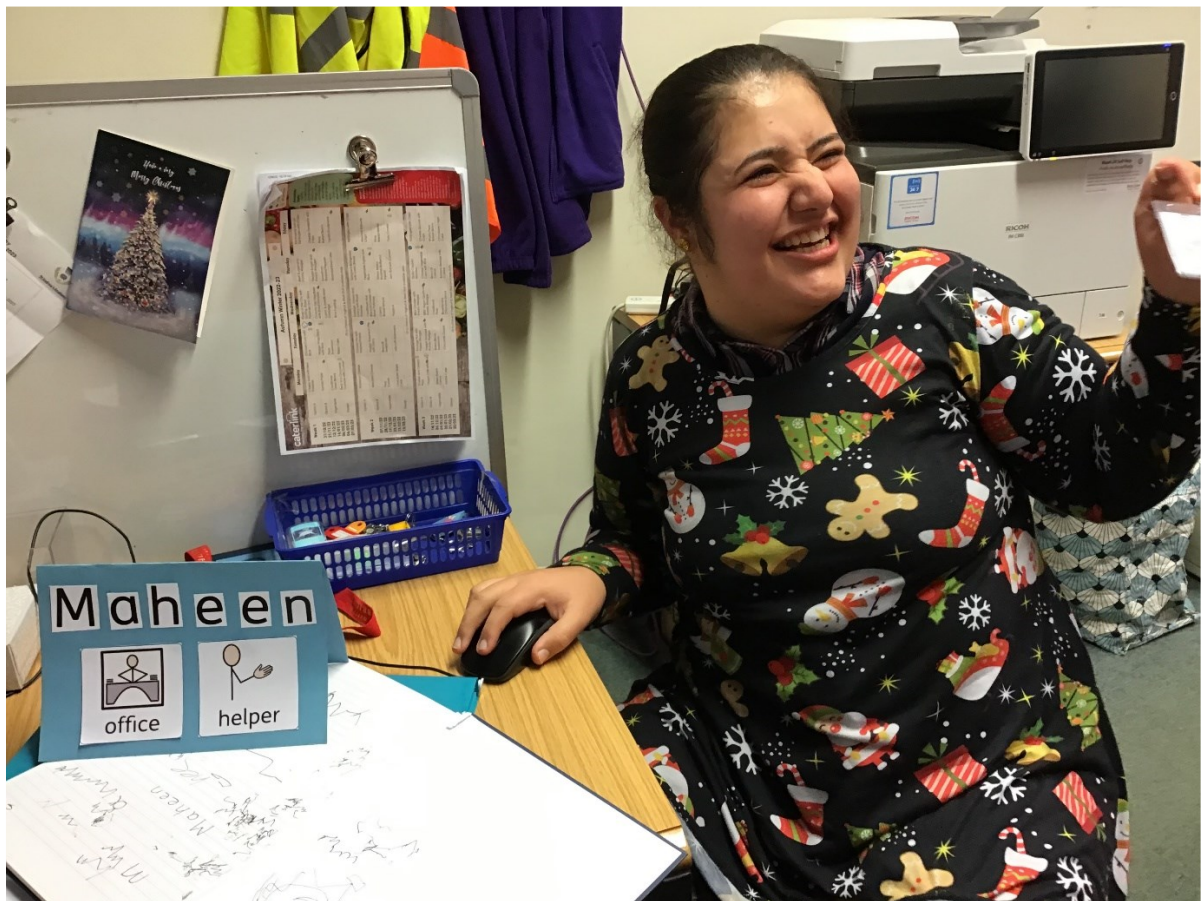


# Office Helper

**Welcome to our new office helper!**

**Maheen has been helping the office staff with greeting visitors and taking messages to class.**

**Thank you very much for your hard work Maheen.**



# **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 an unwrapped 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

**Friday 16th December**

(please note the earlier deadline)

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

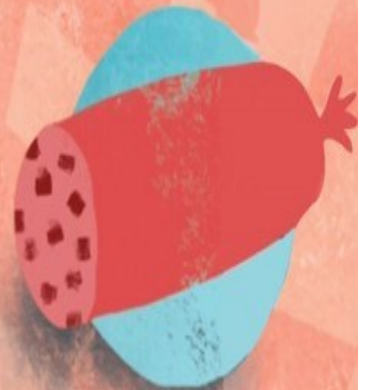
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