

17th October 2025

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 17/10/25

I hope this update finds you well. Students and staff have had a great half term so far, and we are nearly ready for the half term break. As we are all starting to feel tired and the seasonal bugs start going around, we encourage families to maintain their health by being prepared, eating well and having enough vitamins, getting a decent amount of sleep, and having vaccinations where possible. This will hopefully make the difference, as nobody enjoys being poorly.

Key Stage 4 Update

Key Stage 4 have put a newsletter together to share what they've been up to since the start of the term – please find their news on the third page of the update.

Mini Monster Marathon

Don't forget that it's our Mini Monster Marathon and Creepy Craft Day on Wednesday 22nd October! Tickets are still available for both sessions for 50p per attendee. It would be great if students could wear Halloween fancy dress for a £1 donation – please ensure these are suitable for school and taking part in the Mini Marathon too!

If arriving at school by car, please use the overflow parking which is accessed by turning left once you enter the school site – thanks for your support with this!

***Timings of sessions*:**

Creepy Craft: 11:00am-11:45am (***this is slightly earlier than advertised to support with students having an early lunch***)

Mini Monster Marathon: 1:00pm-2:20pm

School Photograph Proofs

Tempest Photography were in school yesterday to take portraits of the students in Years 7-11, as well as Martin and Hermann! The 'proofs' should arrive in school next week and will be sent home for ordering.

Workshop at Heart of the Park Café

Please find a poster later in the update for a Macrame Workshop that is taking place at the Heart of the Park Café on Monday 17th November. This is the first event of this type that we have hosted, and we hope that some of you will be able to attend – please share far and wide if you can.

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Lonsdale Swimming Course

Students in Key Stage 3 have recently had the opportunity to have swimming lessons at Lonsdale Swimming Pool. The pool are hosting a 5 day swimming course for students over the half term – please take a look at the poster later in the update for more information.

Next Steps

Today we say goodbye to Somerset King who joined our Business and Administration Team last year to support with Attendance. Somerset is moving from this role to work with young children in a nursery. We wish Somerset the best for this exciting step.

Have a great weekend,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'T. Beardmore'.

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KEY STAGE 4 UPDATE

Key Stage 4 have had a busy and positive start to the Autumn Term, and are enjoying their new Options choices on a Friday, as well as getting out into the community in their Futures lessons.

All students have made a great transition into Year 10 and 11 with lots of exciting events coming up before Christmas, starting with the Monster Marathon before the half term.

Year 11s are already thinking about their applications for Post-16, and talking about their next steps in the Annual Reviews which should be completed before we break up for half term.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Head Students

We're delighted to announce that our KS4 student leadership elections have taken place, with an impressive number of candidates putting themselves forward. Each student ran a thoughtful and engaging campaign, and the whole school took part in the voting process. Congratulations to our newly elected Head Students: Anselmo, Lataliyah, and Cody.



STUDENT COUNCILLORS

We've also elected our class School Councillors: Lana (KS4DB), Liv (KS4JM), Cooper (KS4PP), Ashley (KS4ML), Tia (KS4ZA), Gabriella (KS4FC), and Ethan P (KS4KG). Their roles and responsibilities will include gathering student voice, supporting school events, representing their form groups in council meetings, and working with staff to promote a positive and inclusive school culture. One of their first jobs was to take part in Teacher interviews by meeting and quizzing each candidate!



CHRISTMAS MACRAME WORKSHOP

KEYRINGS

**At the Heart of the
Park Cafe!**



St Andrew's Academy

**£5 ENTRY
INCLUDES A
HOT/COLD
DRINK**

**10AM - 11:30AM
MON 17TH NOV
ARBORETUM PARK
REGINALD ST,
DERBY,
DE23 8FQ**

**CHRISTMAS
TREE DECS**

**CAKES
AVAILABLE**

To book a place please contact Julie:

07783768022

Knot your average Christmas craft!

Make beautiful macrame decorations
this Christmas.

5 DAY SWIMMING CRASH COURSE



Monday 27th – Friday 31th October 2025

**Cost £20 per child for 5 days
For a 30 min lesson each day at
LONSDALE SWIMMING
POOL**

To book a place please visit our
website:

<https://www.lsst.org.uk/bookings/>

Dates for your Diaries this Half Term:

Date	Event	Information
Wednesday 22 nd October	Mini Monster Marathon	Letter has been sent home.

Term Dates 2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025

School Starts for the new Academic Year – Monday 8th September

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 24th October

School Starts Back – Monday 3rd November

School Breaks up for Christmas – Friday 19th December

Spring Term 2026

INSET Day – Monday 5th January 2026

School Starts Back – Tuesday 6th January

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 13th February

School Starts Back – Monday 23rd February

School Breaks up for Easter – Friday 27th March

Summer Term 2026

School Starts Back – Monday 13th April

INSET Day – Friday 1st May

Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 22nd May

School Starts Back – Monday 1st June

School Breaks up for Summer – Wednesday 22nd July

INSET Day – Thursday 23rd July

St Martins follows Derby City Council's term dates. Dates for next year can be found on their website – please follow the link for these - <https://derby.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/term-holiday-dates/#>

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