



# Next Steps @ St Johns



*Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring*

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## This week at Nursery . . .

21st July 2022

Last week we focussed on transition to school and how to keep our bodies healthy. We made lots of visits over to reception with the older children, and worked hard organising sequencing of a school routine. The whole nursery made use of the shaded areas in the school forest to keep cool in this hot weather. The children have really enjoyed exploring these areas - and managed to get quite muddy even though it has been so dry!! We have been promoting the importance of sun cream, hats and drinks in the heat waves and the children have shown a good understanding of the need to keep safe in this extreme weather.

On Friday our pre-school children spent the morning at school, exploring the reception classroom and investigating all of the lovely resources on offer. We enjoyed a fish and chip lunch and a party afterwards with a children's entertainer. We enjoyed magic, balloon modelling, dancing and party games. It was so much fun! Afterwards parents/family were invited to see the graduation ceremony. It will be time to say goodbye to our pre-school children and their families between now and the end of August. We have loved being part of your journey and wish you all the best at school.

It is also time to say goodbye to Jen who is leaving us to work in a school supporting children in reception and year one. We have loved her as part of the team, and enjoyed lots of laughs! We will miss her but wish her lots of luck in her new job.

As we announced previously, Libby Jones will be joining the team from September on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and Jo is staying with us on Thursday and Fridays.

Parent reminder - from and including Friday 22nd July, you will need to send your child with a packed lunch, as the dinner hall will be closed until the school reopens in September.

Please note: Nursery is closed for the first two weeks in August, from the 1st, returning on the 15th.

Wishing you all a lovely summer!  
The Next Steps Team.

### Nursery Closure Dates

1st August – Friday 12th August (back open on Monday 15th August)  
Bank Holiday - Monday 29th August  
Staff Training - Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September.

### Funding from September

Please note that funding codes for extended hours need to be renewed by 31st August. Please ensure that a new declaration form for September is completed and returned as soon as possible.



