



# Next Steps @ St Johns



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

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## This week at Nursery ...

16th September 2022

We would like to welcome our new families to Next Steps Nursery.

It has been a busy first 2 weeks, filled with lots of fun! Our new children have been settling into the routines and exploring all areas of the nursery, with the help of the children who were already with us showing them the ropes! We have spent time getting to know the children, and introducing them to each other too. Lots of new names to remember for us all! To make it easier for the parents, here are pictures of the staff, we understand it can be difficult at drop off and pick up times to meet us all and even though we have our own key groups, all of the team work together to support all of the children, so this should help put names to faces. If at any time you have any questions, we are all happy to help!



Libby (EYFS Teaching Lead)



Lou (Deputy Manager)



Laura (Nursery Nurse)



Steph (Nursery Nurse)



Bessie (Nursery Nurse)



Jo Nursery (Assistant)

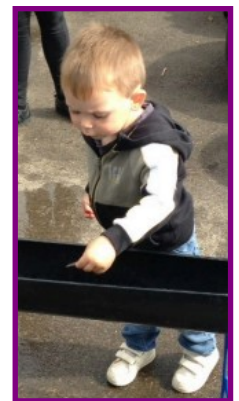




Our topic is "All about me" so we have been busy creating pictures to represent our families, and using mirrors to see the features of our faces and painting self portraits.

Our Christian value this term is Love. We have been exploring stories based around the topic of love and family and this has promoted positive conversations about who loves us and why.

The children have really enjoyed exploring the outside area which has been transformed over the summer; we now have a larger physical area allowing the children more space to ride the bikes freely. We have a water tray, sand shed and a mud kitchen outside which the children access daily, so please can we remind parents to provide the children with appropriate clothing for the day, including coats and practical shoes and spare clothing for the messy days! The great British weather has been keeping us all guessing at the moment!





Please can we ask you to ensure all forms have been handed back to us or the school office. If you have not been able to access the Tapestry online learning journal yet please speak to your child's key person.

ParentPay letters have been handed out for our new families, if you have any difficulties in setting up your account please speak to a member of staff. A reminder that school dinners need to be ordered on ParentPay by 12noon on a Thursday for the following week.

Please note, any permanent changes to your child's funded hours need to be confirmed in writing and can only be accepted every half term. If you need to make changes during the term the extra hours will be charged. Funded hours are allocated to cover the hours your child attends every week for the term. Any extra hours needed at short notice can be accommodated where possible, but will be charged.



### **Dates for the Diary**

22nd December 2022 - 2nd January 2023: Nursery is closed for Christmas and New Year

