



Next Steps @ St Johns



Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring

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This week at Nursery . . .

14th October 2022



This week at nursery the children have been enjoying lots of conker activities, including conker rolling in paint, exploring conker movements in water and making repeated patterns with conkers and leaves! The children also used some of our leaf collections to make some leaf rubbings with crayons, using a selection of different sized leaves.



Star of the Week



Milo

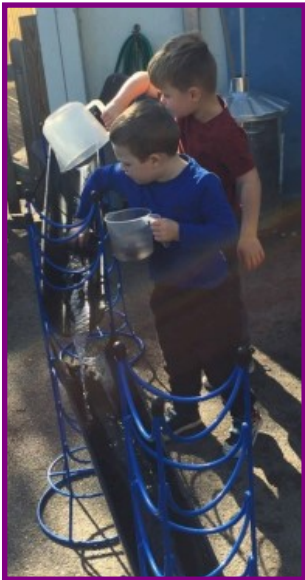


Our star of the week this week is Milo. He has been super helpful and thoughtful this week!

Well done Milo!

We have also been looking at the places we live and finding England on our globe. Using the story *Handa's Surprise*, we talked to the children about people who live in other countries too, finding them on the globe as well.





Nursery Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening for nursery will be during the week beginning Monday 7th November - exact dates to be confirmed. You will be able to book a timeslot with your child's key person via Parentmail.

Children in Need

Children in Need is on 18th November, and we welcome children to dress up to raise money for this charity. We will also be having a cake sale so any donations would be much appreciated.

Photographer

A reminder for any parents who would like to have their child's photo taken on **Monday 14th November** - If your child isn't at nursery on this day then please let a member of staff know you will be attending so you can be added to the photographers list. Parents are required to stay with their child if it isn't their usual session. Sibling photos can be arranged, but you will need to inform the nursery and the school office in advance so we can arrange collection from the correct classes.

Head Lice

We have been notified of a case of head lice within the nursery. Please check your children's hair and take the appropriate action if needed. Please read through the attached guidelines on how to check for head lice and how to treat.



Cost of Living – help with costs

Please see the links below for information relating to help with childcare bills.

Also if you are on universal credit you may be able to claim up to 85% of childcare costs, or could get 20% help with costs if you pay their bills via Tax Free Childcare.

General help with finances:

[Help for Households - Get government cost of living support](#)

Childcare help:

[Family support - Help for Households](#)



Are you choosing a school for your child for September 2023?

We know that choosing a school for your child is one of the most important decisions you make as parents.

To provide parents with an opportunity to learn more about our school and our ethos, we are inviting you to visit the school for a presentation by the Headteacher followed by a tour of the school.

Open Mornings

Wednesday 12th October, 9am - 10am
Wednesday 19th October, 9am - 10am
Wednesday 2nd November, 9am - 10am

Places are limited so must be booked in advance by contacting the School Office on 01761 412019.



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REMINDERS:

Photographer

We have a photographer booked on Monday 14th November. If Monday is not your child's usual day, then you are more than welcome to attend - please let a member of staff know in advance so we can organise this. If your child usually attends nursery on a Monday then you can drop them off as usual and we will take them over during their session here. Sibling photos with children at St. Johns can also be arranged - please let a member of staff know so that the correct teacher can be informed.

Changes to funded hours

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.

Allergies

Can we remind parents that we have a few families with nut allergies, so please can we make sure that no nuts are brought in any lunchboxes, including peanut butter, pesto pasta, chocolate hazelnut spread etc.

School Admissions

If your child is in their pre-school year, you can begin to apply for school places. The closing date is January 2023 if you haven't already applied. Details on how to apply can be found at: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/school-admissions-2023-2024>

Dates for the Diary

Monday 14th November: Photographer
Friday 18th November: Children in Need

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



Head Lice

From time to time these unwelcome visitors are found in the hair of children and adults.

Head lice are small wingless insects which only live on the human head and can only be passed on by direct head to head contact. Clean hair is no protection, although regular (weekly) hair washing and combing sessions offer a good opportunity to detect head lice and to arrange treatment, if discovered. Parents have the prime responsibility for checking their children's hair and carrying out treatment.

Head lice cannot fly, jump or swim.

An adult louse is 3.5mm in size. Anything smaller is a baby louse.

Head lice live on the hair. Adult head lice pass from one head to another during close contact.

When the baby louse hatches it leaves behind an empty white egg case this is called a nit.

Nits are not real head lice; there is no need to worry about them.

Adult head lice spread easily. All family members and other close contacts can carry head lice without knowing.

Everyone must check their hair weekly.

It can be up to 3 months before symptoms such as itching can occur.

School nurses (who are part of the NHS and not employed by the school) no longer carry out routine hair inspections, because this was not considered to be an effective method of monitoring and combating infestation. Where live lice are seen, teachers should notify the parent of the child concerned.

How to find Head Lice:

1. Wash hair well with shampoo and rinse
2. Use conditioner (makes hair slippery lice cannot hold on)
3. Comb hair from the roots to the ends with the detection comb.
4. Clear the comb of lice after each stroke.
5. Continue until the whole head is combed clear of lice.
6. Rinse off conditioner. Repeat at least weekly or after every hair wash.

Check all other close contacts immediately.

Repeat steps 1-6 every 3 days for 2 weeks

If after 2 weeks lice are still being found continue steps 1-6 until no more lice are seen.

Please do let the school know if you discover infestations at any time so that we can take steps to deal with the matter. Please treat your child before sending him/her back to school.

You can obtain lotions and shampoos from the chemists or try the above method as suggested by Bath & North East Somerset Council.

