



Next Steps @ St Johns



Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring

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This week at Nursery . . .

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At Next Steps we are learning about growth, focussing this week on plants and flowers.

The children were excited to see our role play area has been converted into a garden centre, and we have had so much fun selling and buying flowers, plant pots, gardening accessories and more.



We have been learning about the life cycle of a plant, and completed sequencing sheets of the process they go through. The children have begun some planting of their own, and will each be bringing home a cress head to look after, complete with googly eyes!



We have been busy making potions from natural materials such as leaves and twigs, and coloured water, including different scents. The children have enjoyed mixing, stirring and transporting their potions from container to container, exploring the colour changes, sights and smells!

On Wednesday the nursery was closed due to the snow, and the children have been very excited to tell us how they spent their day!



On Thursday morning we managed to enjoy what was left of the snow, even travelling down the snowy slide!



Star of the Week



The Star of the Week is

Oliver L



For great progress in communication, and always doing everything with a smile!





Funding

If you are eligible for the extended funding for 3 year olds, please remember to renew your details before the end of your grace period.

If your child has turned 3 this term and you wish to apply for extended funding for next term (April onwards), please note you will need to apply before the deadline of 31st March.

Further details are available at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/

We will be shortly be requesting you to complete a funding declaration for form the Summer Term (from 1st April). This is for you to confirm the funding you wish to claim this term and includes 2 year funding, universal funding and extended hours funding.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

3rd April - 11th April: Nursery will be closed for the Easter Holiday. Nursery will be open again on Wednesday 12th April.

3rd July—11th August: Nursery Summer Closure. The Nursery will re-open on Monday 14th