



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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This week at Next Steps we have been looking at the growth of flowers. Our focus story this week is "That's not a daffodil" a lovely story about a boy called Tom and his neighbour following the growth of a daffodil. The children have learned some exciting new vocabulary in the creative ways that Tom describes the changing flower!



The children are really excited to see their own daffodils we planted last year are now growing. We have yellow buds starting to appear and finally one flower has opened up, or a "golden trumpet" as Tom would say!



In forest school this week the children have been selecting and studying different leaves to print onto fabric. The children investigated the patterns on the leaves and their different colours and were excited to see the colours transferring onto fabric when they were hit with a wooden mallet (handmade by Libby!)



Star of the Week



The Star of the Week is

Paisley



For always being kind and helpful. Well done Paisley!



The children have enjoyed being creative this week and have made Mother's Day cards for the lovely caregivers in their families. We won't spoil the surprise but they have had some fun painting with their fingers and practicing fine motor skills by cutting paper. We hope you all like your cards and enjoy a Happy Mother's Day.



Easter Hunt

A reminder that the deadline for the Easter Egg Hunt to be held after school on 31st March is 21st March

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.

31st July—11th August: Nursery Summer Closure. The Nursery will re-open on Monday 14th August.

