



Next Steps @ St Johns



Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring

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This week at Nursery ...

31st March 2023

At Next Steps we have had a very exciting week!



We have had new sensory experiences, using our hands to explore the texture of tapioca 'frogspawn.' We have been investigating the life cycle of a frog, learning new vocabulary explaining the stages a frog goes through.



We have enjoyed reading the story "Who is in the egg?" Finding out about which animals come from eggs, and the children have made some lovely pictures of the animals in the book, hatching from an egg.



In forest school, the children have enjoyed Easter egg hunts, searching high and low for the hidden eggs.



We have also had Easter egg hunts in maths, where the children have found numbered eggs, and putting them into sequence or finding the same number of items to match the numeral on the egg. The children have enjoyed hiding the eggs themselves, for their friends to find.



Also in maths, the children have been counting chicks into a nest, matching numeral to quantity, some children even enjoying the challenge of adding two groups together. We think they may be preparing to keep an eye on their Easter eggs, in case any go missing!!

We have learned about the true meaning behind Easter and the children have showed a good understanding and recall of the stories we have shared.

Star of the Week



Our Star of the Week is

Leo W



for marvellous mark making.

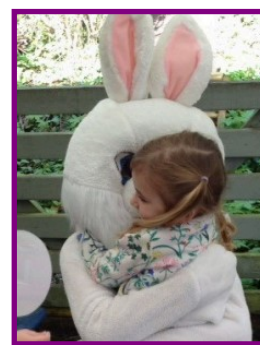
Well done Leo!





On Thursday, the children were happily enjoying a story when there was a knock at the window and there stood the Easter bunny! She had lost her eggs and needed help finding them. The children went on another egg hunt and had the chance to meet, hug and high five the Easter bunny!

We would like to wish all of our families a very Happy Easter!
From all at Next Steps



Nursery & School Closure Reminder

A reminder that the nursery will be closed from 3rd April to 11th April, returning on Wednesday 12th April. Please note that as the school will still be closed during this week, there will be no meals available from the school kitchen. Please could we remind you to send a packed lunch with you children for those days AND also Monday 17th April, when the kitchen will be closed for a school INSET day. Thank you.

Summer Term Funding

A reminder to return the funding declaration form to inform us of the funding you wish to claim for nursery sessions for the summer term (from April 1st). This includes all 2 year funding, universal funding and extended hours funding. PLEASE RETURN THIS BY 31st MARCH.

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/

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 - 1th August: Nursery Summer Closure. The Nursery will re-open on Monday 14th August.

