



# Next Steps @ St Johns



Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring

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## This week at Nursery ...

13th October 2023



It has been another busy week at Next Steps! We have started to learn about autumn and are noticing changes in the environment.

You may have noticed the pumpkin notice board at the front of the nursery - we decided to celebrate Steph's 'nearing due date' and have been appreciating pumpkins to welcome her little pumpkin to the Next Steps family! Steph's last day at nursery before she begins her maternity leave will be Monday 16th October. We are all very excited to meet the new arrival and will of course keep you all updated when we have news!



The children have been exploring all the different textures of a pumpkin, scooping out the seeds and using all of their senses to investigate them. We have read the story 'Pumpkin Soup' and have enjoyed making pretend soup in the mud kitchen. We have had pumpkin sales and deliveries on bikes and have used scales to weigh them too.



### STARS OF THE WEEK

**Woody**



for adapting well to change, always with a smile on his face!

**Harlow**

for building confidence and being brave coming into nursery.



**Well done!**





In forest school the children have really enjoyed looking at animal homes, investigating any holes and nests that they come across and deciding what animals they may belong to. We shared the story 'Owl Babies' and searched for homes that an owl might like, before searching for natural materials to make homes for the animals.



Physical mindfulness this week was really fun as the children pretended to be different animals and learned some new relaxation techniques. We balanced crystals on our foreheads and kept our breathing calm to ensure that the crystals did not fall off!



### **Reminder: Packed Lunches Required**

As it is school half term, Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October followed by a school inset day on Monday 30th October, the school kitchen will be closed. If your child is staying for lunch on these days, please provide a packed lunch. Thank you.

# Are you choosing a school for your child for September 2024?

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 followed by a tour of the school.



## Open Mornings

Tuesday, 17th October 9.30am  
Tuesday, 31st October, 9.30am  
Friday, 3rd November, 9.30am

FULL

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

We can offer:

- Dedicated teaching rooms for cookery, music and pottery
- Forest school sessions
- Extra-curricular clubs
- Large playing fields and playgrounds with age-appropriate activity areas
- Outdoor classroom



**St. John's Primary School is a 'Good' School:**

*"Pupils behave well in school... Classrooms are calm and pupils work hard. In the playground, pupils socialise happily together."*

*"Pupils are taught a well-considered curriculum to support their broader development. This is a particular strength of the school."*

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