



# Next Steps @ St Johns



Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring

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## This week at Nursery . . .

24th November 2023

Thank you to those of you who have brought in Christmas boxes - please continue to bring in boxes as soon as possible. The children have been busy using different materials and techniques to create crafts to surprise you with at Christmas.



On Wednesday we were very lucky to have a surprise visitor - Steph brought baby Frankie to meet everyone! It was so lovely to see them both; Mummy and baby are doing really well. Steph read the children a story and they were all keen to tell her about what they have been doing, and catch up on cuddles!

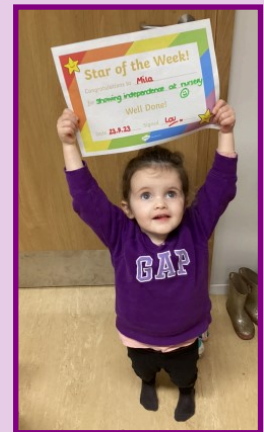


In physical mindfulness this week we learned some new moves and practised being different animals like frogs and foxes. We also learned some funny massage techniques based on making a pizza! We found a friend and practiced hand movements on their backs to 'roll the dough', 'sprinkle the cheese' and draw shapes with our fingers to represent items like pepperoni and pineapple.



### STAR OF THE WEEK

Mila



for showing independence at nursery

**Well done!**

In maths, the children have enjoyed learning about shapes to make pictures of snowmen. We have been counting sides and corners and learning the names of unfamiliar shapes such as hexagons. We have been working on our cutting skills to cut around these tricky shapes.



The summer plants needed removing and we had lots of willing helpers! The children kept very busy digging the soil and emptying pots, and also sweeping up any spilled soil.

Keep an eye out for what will replace the plants soon!



### **REMINDERS:**

#### **Spare Clothing**

Please can we ask you to provide spare clothing everyday for your child, including socks. We have limited spare clothing, and with the unsettled weather (and the puddles that follow the bad weather!) we are now running low on socks in particular. If anyone can donate spare socks (odd ones are fine!) we would be really grateful. Thank you.

#### **Funding**

If you are hoping to claim 2 year old or 3 year old funding for the Spring term, please ensure you apply prior to 31st December or confirm your details prior to your current expiry date. We will shortly be asking you to complete a declaration form for this term to confirm the funded hours which you wish to claim.

## **Nursery Closure Dates**

Please note the following dates when the nursery will be closed:

**Christmas:** Monday 25th December - Wednesday 3rd January inclusive.  
Nursery will re-open on Thursday 4th January

**Easter:** Friday 29th March - Monday 8th April inclusive.  
Nursery will re-open on Tuesday 9th April.

Monday 6th May: Bank Holiday  
Monday 27th May: Bank Holiday

**Summer Closure:** 5th August - 16th August inclusive.  
Nursery will re-open on Monday 19th August.

26th August: Bank Holiday