



Next Steps @ St Johns



Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring

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This week at Nursery . . .

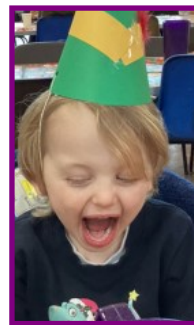
15th December 2023



We've had a lovely week preparing for Father Christmas!

The children have been in good spirits, and really getting into their Christmas dancing and learning our Christmas songs ready for our concert! We've been talking about what to ask Father Christmas for, and some children have told us about visits to see him!

We've been learning the story of the first Christmas, using our nativity story to talk about baby Jesus and why Christians celebrate Christmas. The children have enjoyed using nativity pictures to cut out and stick onto their own stables, using the story as a prompt.



We've enjoyed lots of treats this week, including our Christmas dinners in the school hall, and the children have been creative in making snowman biscuits! We've also had some hot chocolate at snack time to enjoy with our advent stories.



STAR OF THE WEEK

Radleigh



He is always so kind and helpful to others.

Well done Radleigh!



Can we please ask for any donations of trousers, particularly aged 3 - 4 and bigger as we are in short supply! Socks would also be handy too, - even the odd ones!!

Don't forget, - our Christmas Concert is on Tuesday 19th December at 2:15pm! Even if your child doesn't attend on a Tuesday, they are still more than welcome to join us for our singing! Staff will meet parents at the gate to welcome you.

Please let us know if your child will be attending next week, so that the children can take home their Christmas crafts to share with you!



**Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Sending you all lots of warm wishes at this magical time.**



Love from all the Next Steps staff :)



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 the end of your grace period. We have e-mailed you all a declaration form for this term to confirm the funded hours which you wish to claim. **Please complete and return to the nursery or school office as soon as possible.**

Important Dates

Christmas Concert: Tuesday 19th December, 2.15pm.

Please wait at the gates where you will be met and escorted to the concert.

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