



Next Steps @ St Johns



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This week at Nursery . . .

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This week has been very festive! The children were excited to see our Christmas tree at nursery and also the return of Elfred, our cheeky elf! We have had lots of fun searching for him each day and finding out what mischief he has been getting up to. He has been found keeping 'warm and toastie' inside a piece of toast, and has even been busy drawing on the bathroom mirrors!

On Monday we were very lucky to watch the Reception Class Nativity play dress rehearsal. Some of our children were excited to see their siblings on the stage, and others recognised children from our pre-school class from last year. We were incredibly impressed with the performance and also of the mature behaviour from our nursery children. They sat beautifully and made us feel very proud indeed. Well done!

We have been busy practicing our fine motor skills at the present wrapping station and using pegs and cotton wall balls to create pictures using Christmas stencils.



We have explored different textures with a slightly less messy snow mixture of corn flour and shaving foam. This mixture is malleable and dries to create snow flakes.



STAR OF THE WEEK

Codie-Leigh



For showing confidence and making new friends!

Well done!





In construction we have been building Santa's sleigh from different resources and enjoying learning about the Christian meaning of Christmas by exploring the small world Nativity set and looking at the books in the provision.

This year we have a special advent calendar at nursery. Each day a child is chosen to open a wrapped present marked with the number of the date. This special present is one of our Christmas books that we share at group time.

Christmas music has been playing and of course we have been putting in lots of practice of our Christmas songs ready for the concert on Tuesday 19th December. Please arrive at school at 2:15pm. A member of staff will meet you at the school gates and take you to the studio. The children already at nursery that day will be ready and hopefully lots more of you can join us on the day

Next week we plan to have lots of fun dancing to Christmas music, playing party games, and sharing some festive snacks too, so if you can not make it to the concert rest assured your child will still be included in all of the Christmas fun!



Thank you to those of you who have brought in Christmas boxes. These are getting filled with crafts ready to bring home on the days before Christmas.

Nursery remains open until the 22nd December. However if you are not planning on sending your child in at all please can you let a member of staff know.

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 grave 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