



# Next Steps @ St Johns



*Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring*

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## This week at Nursery . . .

5th January 2024

### Happy New Year!

We hope that you all had a great Christmas and New Year.

Our Christmas concert on 19th December was lovely. The children had been practising hard to learn the songs and actions and we were so proud of them all on the day. It really put us in a festive mood for the holidays.

We would like to welcome our new families to the nursery and have included staff photos so you can familiarise yourselves with the Next Steps team. We are all happy to help at any time and look forward to meeting you all properly and getting to know the children.

Welcome back to our existing families, and a big thank you for all of the cards, gifts and good wishes for Christmas we received.

We all enjoyed our time with our own families and are looking forward to new adventures this year at nursery!

This term at nursery we are learning about "All creatures great and small!", - investigating all creatures from mini beasts, pets, farm animals to zoo animals, - even dinosaurs!

Our Christian value this term is WISDOM. During our PSHE group times we will be learning about what this means for us.

### Funding

A reminder that we require completed funding declaration forms from all parents wishing to claim any funding for the spring term - this includes 2 year old funding, universal 3 year old funding and extended funding.

#### Funding for 2 year olds:

Please note that the new funding for 2 year olds for eligible 'working' families will be available from 1st April 2024. A funding code is required from HMRC which can be obtained by 31st March 2024 to start receiving funding from 1st April 2024. The funding will start the term after the 2nd Birthday.

Applications should be made at <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Two-year funding is still available for families who are entitled to additional government funding. A code is required from the Local Authority and parents can apply at <https://parent.bathnes.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home>



## Meet the Team!



**Libby**  
Nursery Teacher



**Lou**  
Deputy Manager  
and SENCO



**Laura**  
Nursery Practitioner/Cover  
Supervisor and  
Safeguarding Lead



**Bessie**  
Nursery Practitioner



**Maria**  
Nursery Practitioner



**Jo**  
Nursery Practitioner



**Katie**  
Apprentice Nursery  
Practitioner



**Steph**  
Nursery Practitioner  
(currently on maternity  
leave with baby Frankie!)

## Nursery Closure Dates

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

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