



Next Steps @ St Johns



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This week at Nursery ...

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This week we have all enjoyed catching up with each other, welcoming our new families to the nursery and talking about our experiences over the Christmas holidays. The children have been busy colouring festive pictures and sharing the highlights of their Christmas and settling into the new term.

We have been making the most of the cold weather. With the recent drop in temperature we have noticed lots of changes in the environment, - from crunchy leaves, and a 'sparkly' playground to sheets of ice formed in our water tray. The children have been busy exploring the ice outside and we have even brought some indoors!



We have had fun rescuing arctic animals that have been frozen in blocks of glittery ice, learning about how and why ice melts and breaks. The children have experimented with their warm hands watching as the ice turns into water and have enjoyed investigating how we can make ice in the freezer.





Spare Clothing

A reminder please to ensure all coats, hats, mittens, etc. are clearly labelled and that a spare set of clothing is included with your child each day.

If you have any spare clothes you would be willing to donate to the nursery, we would be very grateful. In particular, any spare trousers for 4/5 or 5/6 years would be very useful.

Thank you.



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>

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