



Next Steps @ St Johns



Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring

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This week at Nursery ...

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It has been a very busy couple of weeks at nursery!

During half term we celebrated Shrove Tuesday and Valentine's day in the same week! The children enjoyed tasting pancakes with different toppings at snacktime (after flipping them, of course!)



On Valentine's Day, we enjoyed painting our feet to make 'love bugs' and the children found it really funny and very tickly! We talked about who we love and why they are special to us.



We have been enjoying hearing all about all the things that are special to our children and their families through the 'All about Me' boxes. We have a few boxes that we are handing out to ensure that all children can have a turn and so that most days we have a box to share at group time. We will continue to send these home for you to fill with items to share. Thank you for your help in this - the children love to share the boxes and learn new things about their friends lives outside of nursery.



STAR OF THE WEEK

Rory



For showing new confidence in learning and play.

Well done !

Future Additional Sessions

If you are considering changing or increasing your child's sessions from April, or September, please discuss this with us as soon as possible to secure the sessions you require.

Thank you.



This term we are learning about Spring and our Christian Value for the term is Hope. We have started the topic with a focus on the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We have held lots of exciting activities to support the children's learning. This Included butterfly symmetrical paintings, where the children were exploring patterns by blotting paint onto kitchen paper and making 'butterfly wings'. We used different pasta shapes to understand the life cycle of the butterfly.

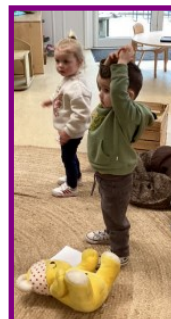


On Monday, the children enjoyed Forest School. It was a dry, clear day but luckily there were still lots of puddles and mud to explore! We have spent time in the playground using pom-poms, dancing to music and we really enjoyed doing the conga all through the nursery and the outside area with Bessie!

The weather has been very unsettled the last two days so we have been finding new ways to burn off some energy in the form of dance. In the sensory room we have been enjoying action songs such as 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes', the 'Hokey Cokey' and 'Superman'!



We have also enjoyed following the dance moves on the interactive white board to learn routines and series of movements.



Funding

Please remember to renew or apply for funding for the Summer Term, (from 1st April).

The deadline is 31st March 2024.

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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