



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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This week at Next Steps Nursery we have been learning all about healthy foods. We have been packing lunch boxes with healthy options and talking about the importance of being healthy and being active!

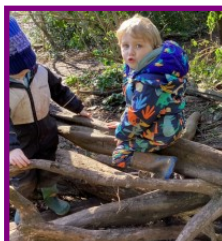


We have been exploring different types of fruit and vegetables, - we used weighing scales to compare the weights, and used mathematical language such as 'heavier', 'lighter' and 'the same'. The children have enjoyed predicting which they think will be the heaviest and the lightest before we put them on the scales to test our predictions.

The children have been busy planting grass seed and are looking forward to watching it grow. Soon we will be making our very own grass heads!



At Forest School this week, the children enjoyed sharing the story "Owl Babies" and then found materials to build their own nests.



STAR OF THE WEEK

Our Star of the Week was awarded to a child showing amazing independence when coming into nursery in the mornings.



Well done !

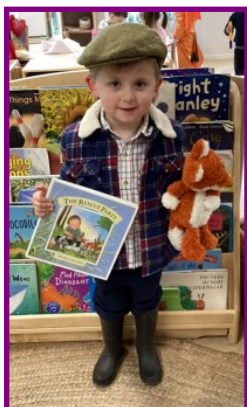
Future Additional Sessions

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.



It was World Book Day on Thursday and we were thrilled to see so many different costumes and the books that inspired them. We spent time sharing our favourite stories and talked about why we like them. The children looked amazing and really enjoyed this!



We wish you all a Happy Mother's Day for Sunday! Enjoy some family time and we hope you like the cards that the children have made for you!

The children have been telling us why they love the special people in their families, and we have had some lovely conversations about their experiences.

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>

Spare Clothes

We are getting particularly low on spare clothes, especially trousers. If you have any to donate then we would be very grateful.

Funding

Please remember to renew or apply for funding for the Summer Term, (from 1st April). The deadline is 31st March 2024. www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/

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

