



Next Steps @ St Johns



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This week at Nursery . . .

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This week at nursery we have been busy painting with fruits and vegetables! The children have used a variety of techniques to make marks and have been interested in the effects that different items can make.



Our role play area has been transformed into a calming space complete with blankets, pillows, teddies and bedtime stories. The children have enjoyed tucking themselves in for a pretend nap!



We have had some messy sensory fun with an edible mud mixture! We have pretended to plant seeds and explored the texture of the 'mud' as it changed.



STAR OF THE WEEK

Marley



For being a superstar and helping the grown-ups!

Well done !

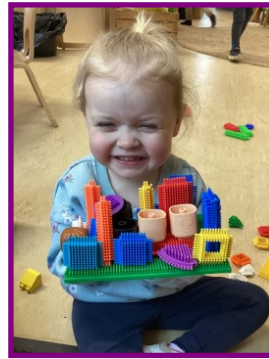


Easter

A reminder that the nursery will be closed between Friday 29th March - Monday 8th April inclusive and will re-open on Tuesday 9th April.

As the school will still be closed on 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th April, please let us know if your child will not be attending on any of these days. As the school kitchen will be closed, please also remember to provide a packed lunch. Thank you.





Easter Bonnet Competition!

We are excited to invite you to enter our Next Steps Easter Bonnet competition!

Please help your child/children to design and create their own bonnets and bring them into nursery or post a photograph of your creation on tapestry.

We need all entries by the end of Friday 22nd March. The winners will be announced in the last week of term.

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.

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