



Next Steps @ St Johns



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This week at Nursery . . .

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This week we have started to talk about Easter! We have been learning about the meaning of Easter through stories and have been exploring lots of 'egg-citing' activities!!

Thank you for sending in Easter bonnets which the children have made at home. It has been lovely to see such imaginative creations; the children are very proud of their work and the staff are too! Mrs Monks is looking forward to seeing all of the beautiful bonnets when she judges the competition next week.



We have enjoyed some Easter inspired maths activities including counting eggs into a basket, looking at patterns and finding numbered eggs around the room.

The children had lots of fun exploring a new painting technique. We sprayed lots of shaving foam onto a tray and added different colour paints to the foam. Next, we swirled the colours together to make a marbled pattern and printed this onto paper. The mixture was quite messy so we had to use a knife to scrape off the excess foam from the paper, leaving behind some beautiful patterns!



STAR OF THE WEEK

Frankie



for her amazing communication skills!

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.





In Forest School this week, the children enjoyed a story about a bear who searched for, and discovered, lots of different colours. We then went on our own scavenger hunt to find different coloured items throughout the forest.



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