

Next Steps @ St Johns



Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring

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This week at Nursery . . .

27th September 2024

Home Learning

Thank you to those of you who have completed our home learning challenge with the children. We asked you to share some baby photos with your children:

- What do you notice has changed?
- Do you play with the same toys?
- Do you eat the same food?
- Do you wear the same clothes?

Feel free to add photos or comments onto Tapestry so that your child's key person can talk to them about it. Lots of children have been talking about when they were babies, some of you have kindly shared baby pictures on tapestry and the children have enjoyed talking about how much they have grown!

We have continued our topic about home and family and have been completing activities about who lives in our house. We have been counting pictures of people representing family members and placing them into houses. We have been using mathematical language to discuss which family members are the tallest, smallest, etc. Also in maths we have been busy ordering a range of objects from smallest to biggest, from a variety of different sized dolls, to plates and bricks.



STAR OF THE WEEK

Albie L



For showing maturity and kindness to others.

Well done Albie!





















Physical Mindfulness

Last week we had our first physical mindfulness session with Michelle. She joins us on a Monday afternoon for a focussed movement time. The theme follows a story linked to the Christian value of the term and explores calming activities, focussed breathing, sensory exploration and lots of fun!

This week we went to the jungle. We learned about lots of animals and explored the movements that they make. We stretched up tall like giraffes, to eat the leaves on the trees, and touched the ground to reach the grass. We stomped like elephants, yawned like hippos and lots more. During the movement breaks the children chose different activities, we created suns from golden plates and clothes pegs, practiced breathing with sensory scarves, and practised more animal moves.

At the end of the session the children learned a relaxation technique, - lying on their backs and breathing deeply with teddies on their tummies.











Our very own Bessie is starring as Snow White, in a local pantomime. Tickets available now.



<u>Dates for the Diary</u>

25th October: School INSET day. Nursery WILL be open.
Please bring packed lunches as the school kitchen will be closed.
28th October - 1st November: School Half Term. Please bring a packed lunch.
27th November: School INSET day. Nursery WILL be open.
23rd December: School closed. Please bring a packed lunch.
24th December - 2nd January: Closed for Christmas holidays.
3rd January 2025: School closed. Nursery WILL be open. Please bring a packed lunch.





Are you choosing a school for your child for September 2025?

We know that choosing a school for your child is one of the most important decisions you make as parents.

To provide parents with an opportunity to learn more about our school and our ethos, we are inviting you to visit the school for a presentation followed by a tour of the school.





Open Mornings

Tuesday, 15th October, 9.30am Tuesday, 5th November, 9.30am Friday, 8th November, 9.30am

Places are limited so must be booked in advance by contacting the School Office on 01761 412019.

We can offer:

- Dedicated teaching rooms for cookery, music and pottery
- Forest school sessions
- Extra-curricular clubs
- Large playing fields and playgrounds with age-appropriate activity areas
- Outdoor classroom

St. John's Primary School is a 'Good' School:

"Pupils behave well in school... Classrooms are calm and pupils work hard. In the playground, pupils socialise happily together." "Pupils are taught a well-considered curriculum to support their broader development. This is a particular strength of the school." Ofsted Report, March 2023



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