



Next Steps @ St Johns



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This week at Nursery ...

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It has been another busy week at Nursery with lots of exciting things happening. We have turned our attention to all things Christmas! With only two weeks left of the school term, we have got lots to prepare for! The children have enjoyed making some Christmas crafts to bring home and they have continued to learn their festive songs. They have also enjoyed the newly 'refurbished' home corner complete with fireplace and decorations.



Perhaps the most exciting thing to have happened this week has been the arrival of the Nursery Elf. Cheeky Elfred has been causing mischief already; climbing in the Christmas tree, swinging from the decorations and even hiding in a pair of pants! The children have loved arriving to see if they can find him and discover his latest hiding place.

In maths this week, the children have been recalling and creating repeating patterns. They have impressed us with their ability to remember and retain information, as well as to notice when there are errors which need correcting.



STAR OF THE WEEK



The Star of the Week was awarded for always trying their best with a smile on their face!

Well done !



The children have worked on their design technology and fine motor skills at the wood-work bench. They have carefully hammered pins into balsa wood, and have developed some very creative ideas; making aeroplanes, cars and monsters to name a few! They listened really well to the safety instructions and were very good at supporting each other with this new skill.

It was a wet and muddy Forest School this week! Lots of giant puddles to splash in, trees to climb and things to explore. The children are really growing in confidence in the woodland space and it is giving them a great opportunity to develop their confidence and resilience.



Language for Life

As a setting, we are participating in a BANES supported programme, Language for Life. The programme screens every child's Speech and Language development using a play based approach. It allows us as practitioners to track progress, monitor concerns (and share these with you), as well as work alongside outside professionals to ensure the best outcome for the children in our care. There is an 'opt-out' letter attached to today's newsletter. Please read it through and talk to us if you have any questions or would prefer your child's information not to be passed on to BANES. The information is confidential, we only pass on percentages of scores and this is anonymous. Please speak to us if you are unsure or need further information.

A Festive Invitation - Wednesday 18th December

On Wednesday 18th December, we would like to invite all children back to Nursery in the evening for a festive film and to share their Christmas singing with you. At 3:30pm, **all** children are invited to come to Nursery in their pyjamas/onesies to stay with us and enjoy a Christmas film, some hot chocolate and some sweet treats! If your child already attends Nursery on a Wednesday, they are welcome to stay with us and we are happy to change them into pyjamas/onesies if provided.

At 4:30pm, parents are invited to return and watch as the children sing their fabulous Christmas songs that they have been working so hard to learn! We are hoping to do this outside, under our new canopy area. We will confirm this nearer the time due to changing weather conditions. We will send an invitation home next week with all of the details, but wanted to give you the information in advance due to your busy calendars!

Dates for the Diary

18th December, 9am: Christmas Service at St. John's Church
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.

