



# Next Steps @ St Johns



Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring

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## This week at Nursery . . .



**This week we have been looking at caterpillars and talking about how they turn into butterflies.**

We've used the 'Hungry Caterpillar' story to explain this to the children and to bring the story to life. The children have enjoyed talking about what the caterpillar ate, and could recall when he became a big caterpillar!

Following on from this, the children have looked at some butterfly symmetry patterns. Using shapes, children matched each side of the butterflies to make them the same. They enjoyed finding the same colours and talking about the different shapes.



The children have also been doing some caterpillar size ordering, talking about the different sizes, and identifying which would come next. The children made some brilliant comparisons to work out the order, and practised some tricky cutting skills to cut around the caterpillars.



**STAR OF THE WEEK**

**Myla**



For being such a good friend!  
She is kind and helpful,  
and showing great turn taking skills!

**Well done!**



Outside, the children have enjoyed collecting resources to make a tree. They positioned the items to make branches, leaves and fruit.

When using the construction blocks, the children were particularly keen to make a fish tank enclosure. They stacked blocks horizontally and vertically to build and balance. When it began to rain the children, with some help from the adults, moved the blocks and positioned them into a house and made a roof to keep dry!



We have a collection of items in lost property, including tubs, water bottles and clothes. If you're child is missing anything, please feel free to have a look. Please note, we will be emptying the lost property over the Easter holidays to donate to the clothing bank.

### September 2025 Sessions

If you are hoping to increase hours or change sessions from September, please e-mail us with details so we can make arrangements.

Please note there is no guarantee that all preferences will be available so we do need to receive your requirements by the end of March please.

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### Easter

Please note the Nursery and school closures during the Easter period. To assist with the arrangements of staff cover, we would appreciate advance notice of any planned absences during this period. Thank you.

7th - 10th April: The school kitchen will be closed, please bring packed lunches.

11th April - 21st April: The Nursery will be closed for the Easter break.

### REMINDER

**Parents who are entitled to the Working Families Early Years Entitlement need to have applied for their code or reconfirmed their eligibility by Monday 31st March 2025, in order to access the funding from 1st April 2025.**

**In order to not miss any e-mail reminders sent to you from the DFE regarding this, please ensure you check spam or junk folders and ensure contact details are up to date in the system.**

### Dates for the Diary

18th March: Visit to the church

7th - 10th April: The school kitchen will be closed, please bring packed lunches.

11th April - 21st April: The Nursery will be closed for the Easter break.

5th May: Bank Holiday. The Nursery will be closed.

26th May: Bank Holiday. The Nursery will be closed.