



# Next Steps @ St Johns



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## This week at Nursery . . .



What a busy week it has been at nursery! We have based lots of our learning this week around Easter and Springtime. The children have had the opportunity to learn about the life cycle of frogs, to listen to a special Easter themed story, to join an Easter chick craft, and to plant some cress seeds to observe growth and change. They have really enjoyed spending longer periods of time outside in the sunshine which has been great fun!



### STAR OF THE WEEK

This week's Star of the Week has adapted really well to new changes, and has shown great mathematical skills.

**Well done!**

Some of our pre-school children visited the school library on Tuesday. Here, they were met by the school's volunteer librarian, Pat, who kindly shared two stories with the children and talked to them about their favourite books. We hope to visit the Library again soon for another story time.



On Wednesday, we walked to Church to join the school Easter service. It was a lovely event with some wonderful singing and a little Easter Bonnet parade from our fabulous children! As always, the children were so well behaved walking to and from Church. They all did very well to sit throughout the service and they even joined in with one of the hymns which we had been learning. A huge thank you to all of our family volunteers who helped us; without your help, these events could not be attended.





Well done to all of the children (and parents!) who entered the Easter Bonnet Competition. We have been really impressed with the creativity and fantastic designs.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs West-Gaul and Mrs Monks have judged the competition, and we have two very worthy winners who will each receive a special Easter egg prize! Well done everybody.



With the warmer weather starting to appear, you may wish to provide a sun hat and some sun cream for your child. Sun cream needs to be named or labelled clearly and can be left in nursery bags for use here. We do have a supply of Nivea factor 50 sun cream which we can apply should we need to. If you are aware of any sensitivities that your child may have to sun cream, please inform a member of staff so that we can aim to prevent any unnecessary reactions.



A few parents have been asking how Lou is following her operation. We are pleased to say that it was a success, and she is now at home recovering. Lou has been keeping an eye on the Tapestry updates that have been uploaded this week, and she is very much missing the children. We are all looking forward to welcoming her back after the holidays.

Next term, Forest School sessions will run on a Thursday. If your child attends nursery on a Thursday, they can expect to join in with some fun activities in the woodland space! With the summer weather on the way, please be mindful of clothing that is being provided. We ask that children continue to wear long sleeved and long legged clothing in order to protect from brambles and other risk factors. You can provide a change of cooler clothing if you wish, for your child to wear after their Forest School session.

**We wish all of our families a lovely Easter break!**  
**We hope that you are able to enjoy some much needed time with family and friends,**  
**and have a chance to recharge the batteries!**

### Dates for the Diary

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.

