



# Next Steps @ St Johns



*Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring*

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## This week at Nursery . . .

Welcome back everyone, and a big welcome to our new families joining us this term. We hope that everyone enjoyed their Easter break. The children have been excited to tell us all about their adventures over the Easter period, some had photos to share on the interactive whiteboard, - which is always fun!



We enjoy sharing experiences between home and nursery, so we have decided to start issuing 'Wow Stars'! If you would like to share something that your child has achieved at home, please ask for a 'Wow Star' and we can present this at nursery to join in the celebration!

One of our team deserves a Wow Star! Katie has received her certificate to celebrate the completion of her Level 2 qualification! Katie has worked so hard to achieve this and we are really proud of her. She is currently working on her Level 3, attending college one day a week.



### STAR OF THE WEEK



Our Star of the Week was awarded for always being a kind and helpful friend!

**Well done!**

During the break, the Easter Bunny visited Next Steps and met some of the children. She hid Easter eggs all around the garden for the children to find.



As a school we strive to protect the planet and to recycle as much as possible. We have new bins to allow us to be mindful about which items we can recycle, and to limit the amount of rubbish that ends up in landfill.

Therefore, at the dinner hall, we are encouraged to separate any food waste, and to recycle as much packaging as we can. As you can imagine this adds up to quite a lot of packaging to separate and we will now be sending packaging home in the children's lunchboxes. Thank you for your support in this.

Forest School is now on a Thursday each week this term. This week, the children enjoyed exploring Zone Five, the entrance to the forest. They found a big puddle which created a lot of fun! They also enjoyed practising large motor movements using the variety of swings and balancing equipment.

We taught the children, and reminded those who have experienced Forest School before about the safety rules, and practised the "1,2,3, Where are you?" game. Please ensure your child has spare clothes in their bags including socks, particularly if they attend on a Thursday for this term.



Our Christian Value for the term is 'Friendship'. We have started to talk about what makes a good friend and the children have been learning about sharing in maths. We have been counting groups of objects, ensuring that the groups are 'even', 'fair' or 'the same'. We have been using other mathematical language such as 'more than', 'less/fewer than', to describe the amounts.



### Dates for the Diary

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

17th May: Reverse Rett Fundraising Event

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

## Fundraising Event - Saturday 17th May 10am -1pm.

On Saturday 17th May, we are holding another fundraising event for the nursery children and their families. This year we are raising money for a charity called Reverse Rett.

Over the past two years, we have had the privilege of supporting a child who has Rett Syndrome, our lovely Layla. Rett Syndrome is a neurological condition which most often strikes previously healthy little girls between their first and second birthday, leaving them with multiple disabilities and medical complexities for life.

In support of Layla and her family, we would like to raise as much money as possible for a charity which is very close to their hearts and one which has provided them with support and guidance when needed.

We would therefore like to invite you all to come along to our Gruffallo themed family fun day on Saturday May 17th, 10am -1pm. There will be refreshments, lots of exciting activities, games to play, and much more.

We will also be holding a raffle on the day. We have already received some fantastic donations from local businesses and we will be selling raffle tickets at nursery from next week, so please bring cash along if you would like to purchase some.

We are also asking for donations, if you have any of the following that you feel you could donate please:-

- \*Bottles for a tombola - ranging from soft drinks to shampoo and bubble bath.  
(No alcohol please)
- \*Good condition soft toys/teddies for a toy tombola!

We will be keeping you updated on the plans as we prepare them, but please save the date!