



# Next Steps @ St Johns



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

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## This week at Nursery . . .

It has been another busy week at nursery with lots of exciting learning opportunities for the children.

On Tuesday we visited St John's Church where we were welcomed once again by Father Guy and Father Philip. Father Philip led the session, and he remembered that on our previous visit we had enjoyed listening to the bells, so he showed us some of the different bells that can be found around the Church - there were small bells which made a quiet sound, and big bells which were much louder. The children enjoyed listening to them and some of them were able to ring them so that their friends could hear.

We then enjoyed a treasure hunt around the Church to find seven hidden envelopes. Each envelope contained a picture which helped Father Philip tell the story of Creation.

We would like to extend our thanks to the parent and grandparent helpers, who supported us in walking the children safely to Church.



**STAR OF  
THE WEEK**

**Gen**

**For showing a  
positive attitude  
towards friends**

**Well done!**



Back at nursery, we have also continued our themes of 'Healthy Me' and 'Ready Steady Go!'

This week, the children have been looking at dental health and ways in which to keep their teeth clean. They have used a large model of teeth to 'brush' and then discussed their tooth-brushing routines with the adults.

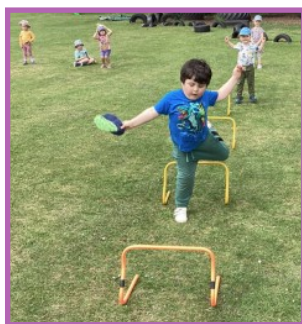
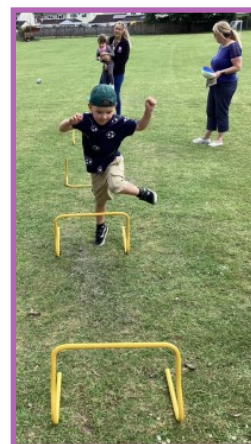
We have also shared our experiences and stories of trips to the dentist.





Outside in the garden, we used large rolls of paper to draw around ourselves and plot body parts. The children were very good at remembering various names such as their facial features, tummies, knees and toes. This has led to some great discussion around the features that are inside of our bodies and those features that can be seen.

We have also spent some time practicing for Sports Day. This is always a highlight for the adults at nursery who really enjoy watching the children jump the hurdles and navigate their way around the track! More information about Sports Day can be found below.



The children have also spent time making special cards for their Daddies, in celebration of Father's Day on Sunday. We hope that all of our families enjoy a lovely day together on Sunday and that our fantastic Dad's enjoy being spoilt.

#### Parents' Evening

We are looking forward to meeting many of you for Parent's Evening today. If you have not yet booked an appointment, please see your child's key worker to arrange a time which suits you both.

#### Starting School

Attached to this letter is a guidance sheet for children who are starting school in September. We are very aware that all children develop at different times. Please do not worry if your child is unable to do all of the things listed. We have offered it as it may be useful to know how to support your child as they prepare to start school. If you have any questions please do speak to a member of staff.

#### Pre-school Photos

Nigel Coles Photography is with us on Tuesday at 8:30am. This is for pre-school children only. If your child does not attend on a Tuesday and you would like them to join the photographs, you are welcome to bring them along. They must remain with you as they will not be included in our ratios.





### Sports Day

Sports Day will take place next Wednesday, (18th June). The nursery races are scheduled for 2:15pm and will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. Parents are warmly welcome to spectate and support. We ask that you do not take your child from the field once the races have finished, as this will cause unnecessary concern for staff. Once the races are complete, we will return to nursery and dismiss them in the normal way.

If your child is not in on a Wednesday and you would like them to join, please bring them along to take part. They will need to remain with you before and after the races, as they are not included in our ratios. Please note that this event is weather dependent and may be postponed if it is raining.

### Pre-School Teddy Bears Picnic

A reminder that next Friday, (20th June), is the St John's Teddy Bears Picnic for pre-school children. If your child attends nursery on a Friday, staff will take them to join the picnic and will support children for this session. If they would like to bring a teddy from home to join them, please feel free to send one along. We ask that there are no sentimental or precious teddies sent in, to prevent any teddy loss or damage! The session is from 9am -10:30am.

### Little Acorns 'Stay & Play' Sessions

You may have noticed that we are offering 'stay and play' sessions for children who will start school in September 2026. These sessions have been planned alongside tours of the school for prospective families who will be looking for a space next September. If your child is at nursery when the sessions are running, and they are a child who will start school next year, nursery staff will take them over to join the fun!

These sessions are not exclusive to Next Steps families. If you have friends who are considering school options for 2026, please extend the invitation and encourage them to come along. We are hoping to see lots of familiar, and hopefully some new faces!

Please speak to a member of staff if you have any questions.

### Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 17th June: Pre-school Leavers Photos  
 Wednesday 18th June: Sports Day  
 Friday 20th June: Pre-School teddy Bears Picnic  
 Thursday 26th June: Little Acorns Stay & Play  
 11th July: Pre-School Leavers Celebration


**St John's**  
 C of E Primary School

## JOIN OUR LITTLE ACORNS

**Will your child be starting school in September 2026?**

**Join us for our new 'Stay and Play' sessions to introduce you to our school.**

**First session: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 9:30am**

**Included:**

- Play session led by experienced early years teacher
- 'Open Day' tour of the school
- Refreshments







**OPEN EVENING : TUES 4<sup>TH</sup> NOV 6-7PM**

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