



Next Steps @ St Johns



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This week at Nursery . . .



This week in Next Steps we have been exploring healthy foods. The children have enjoyed sorting groups of food, talking about which are healthy and important to help them to grow.

The children have had fun tasting different fruits (some of which they have never tried before). We talked about their different flavours, using vocabulary such as 'sweet', 'sharp', 'sour'. The children's expressions spoke for themselves with some of the tastes!!



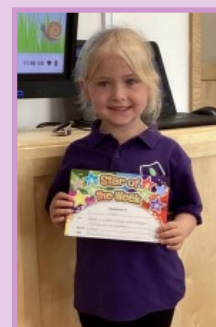
The pre-school children have enjoyed spending time over in the Reception class. We have joined afternoon snack and story times, listening to stories read by the Reception team. We have also explored the outside area, which the children have really enjoyed!!

This is a lovely opportunity for the children to see how fun their new environment will be and get to meet the staff. We will be visiting as often as we can over the course of the term. We will also visit with small groups of children, and if any messages need passing on to the Reception team, our pre-school children are keen to take them across!



**STAR OF
THE WEEK**

Lola



**For being a super
friend and always
helping out at
nursery!**

Well done!



We have been busy practising fine motor skills, using 'tap-a-shape' sets, to pin shapes to boards and create pictures. This takes a lot of concentration and we have seen some very imaginative designs!



INSET Days

We would like to give you advance notice that all staff will be attending annual training in September and the Nursery will therefore be closed on 1st and 2nd September. We look forward to seeing everyone again on Wednesday 3rd September when we will also be welcoming lots of new children.



Leavers

As we approach the end of the academic year, we will need to know when the pre-school children will have their last day with us. As a reminder, our policy is to have a month's notice in writing, so please ensure you notify us of your child's last session, - emailing us is all that is required. As many of our families are in receipt of funding, we do have to record this information. If we do not receive anything, we will assume that you intend your child to attend the nursery until the end of August and we will invoice accordingly. Please ensure all invoices are paid in full prior to your final day. Should you have any questions regarding an invoice, please discuss this with us as soon as possible. Thank you,

Please note, the school term ends on Friday 18th July. Next Steps Nursery will be closed from Monday 4th August, and reopens on the 18th August.

Dates for the Diary

11th July: Pre-School Leavers Celebration, 3.30pm
4th - 15th August: Nursery Summer Closure
1st & 2nd September: INSET Days, Nursery will be closed and
we will welcome all the children back on Wednesday 3rd September



Pre-School Leavers Party

We are really pleased to share more details of the Next Steps Pre-School Leavers Party.

We are inviting all preschool children to join us on Friday 11th July at 3:30pm for a summer beach party! There will be traditional seaside games and snacks to share.

At 4:45pm we will welcome parents back to join us for some songs and surprises to celebrate the children's time with us.

It would be really helpful to know numbers so that we can cater and plan accordingly. Please let a member of staff know if your child can, or cannot, attend. Beach party clothing is strongly encouraged!

Children already in on a Friday until 3:15pm do not need to be collected at this time, please pack a change of clothes and we can support them to get party ready!

