



# Next Steps @ St Johns



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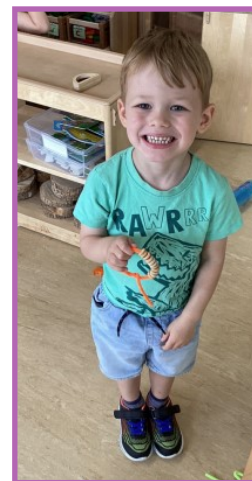
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## This week at Nursery . . .

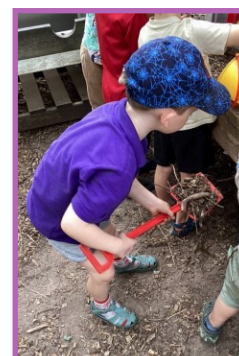
On Thursday our pre-school children who will be joining St John's in September enjoyed their 'Move up day'. They were excited to go to their new classroom, see their teachers and meet some new friends who will join from other settings. The children made us incredibly proud with their maturity and behaviour and were excited to tell us all about their visit on their return to nursery.

We have been busy sorting different foods into healthy groups, selecting healthier options to cut out and stick onto plates. The children have enjoyed talking about the foods they like, and comparing to the food in their lunch boxes.

The children have also been practising their fine motor skills, threading cheerios onto pipe cleaners to make bracelets.



As the weather has been so hot this week, we have used Zone 5 to provide some much needed fresh air and shade. The children enjoyed exploring this area, especially the rope swings, and enjoyed water play in the playground on cooler days, using guttering to make water slides.



### Race For Life

Katie is running the Race for Life on Sunday, she has been training hard and set herself the challenge of the 10k this time! She will be running to raise money for Cancer Research UK, in memory of her two Grandfathers. If you feel you would like to support Katie and the charity, please use the QR code to donate. Thank you!



### Language For Life Programme

Next Steps are part of the Language for Life programme. This is a focussed assessment tool that helps us to support children's language and communication development and identify specific areas to focus on when planning activities.

We also receive support and advice from an allocated speech and language therapist for our setting. If you would like more information about this feel free to ask a member of staff.

Families are invited to speak with members of the Language for Life team, including the speech and language therapists and a member of the early years team. Families can ask any questions about their child's language and communication development.



There will be an **Online Family Question and Answer session** on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 12.30pm**. To attend, parents must email directly. The information on how to attend is on the attached flyer.

### 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



### Parents/carers of Pre School Children

Pre school leavers photos are available to view at nursery and are £18 per pack which includes 1 large, 1 medium and 8 wallet sized individual photos and a mounted group photo. Please bring cash if you wish to purchase them, the deadline for payment is next Friday 11th July.

### 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!

