



Next Steps @ St Johns



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This week at Nursery . . .

It's difficult to believe we are at the end of the academic year already. And what an incredible year it has been! We have spent lots of time this week reflecting on our favourite memories with the children, and thinking about how much they have changed and grown. Our pre-school children have enjoyed looking back through their learning journals with their key workers, and sharing the experiences they have enjoyed. This is always such a special time, wrapping up the final few days that we will spend with them, and talking about our happy memories together.

Across nursery this week the children have enjoyed getting some fresh air on zone five. Using the shade to cool off and enjoy the forest style playground. They have also enjoyed a party to thank one of our year six pupils who has been volunteering to support the children at lunch times. The children made crispy cakes to share, and they loved dancing, as well as playing games such as 'pin the cherry on the ice cream'.



STARS OF THE WEEK

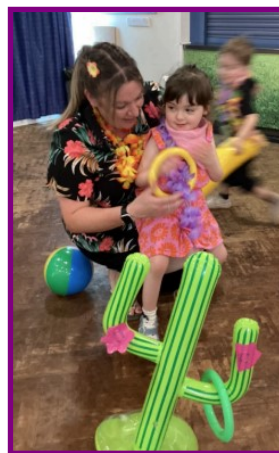
All pre-schoolers
for being such
amazing
individuals!

Well done!





The pre-school children were invited to a special leavers party last Friday. They had a wonderful time, dancing to their favourite music, playing limbo and dressing up in some funny beach themed props! After some food and refreshments to cool down, they used the stage to sing some wonderful songs to their parents and families. They sang beautifully and it was difficult to find a dry eye in the room! We were so proud of them!



On Wednesday we said our final goodbye to Andrea. Andrea has worked with us at nursery for the last year, on Mondays and Wednesdays. She has become a great asset to the Next Steps team and she has shown such wonderful care and attention when working alongside the children. Andrea will continue her role as a TA in school from September, and so we will see her as we move around the environment. We will miss working alongside her, and wish her the very best.

We have once again been spoiled by lots of very generous gifts and cards at the end of the year. A huge thank you for all of your kindness and for sending your best wishes. Working with the youngest members of the school is an absolute privilege, many of our families have been with us for several years and we feel very lucky to have had the opportunity to get to know you all, and care for your wonderful children. We are so grateful for the continued and ongoing support you show us. Thank you!

Pre- school Tapestry

Pre- school Tapestry accounts will be finalised over the holidays. These will be made available for you to download and keep once key-workers have completed their observations. We will contact pre-school parents to keep you updated.

Contacting the Nursery

During the holidays, you may need to contact the nursery. As the main school will be closed, the direct nursery number is 01761 205657

Packed Lunches

Please note that as the school kitchen will be closed from next Monday and throughout the school summer holiday, please remember to provide packed lunches during the holidays.

Nursery Closure Dates

Please note the Nursery will be closed from Monday 4th August and will re-open on Monday 18th August. We will also be closed for the Bank Holiday on Monday 25th August.

INSET Days

Our 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.

Dates for the Diary

4th - 15th August: Nursery Summer Closure

25th August: Bank Holiday. Nursery will be closed.

1st & 2nd September: INSET Days. Nursery will be closed and we will welcome all the children back on Wednesday 3rd September

