



# Next Steps @ St Johns



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

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## This week at Nursery . . .

This week at Next Steps, we have enjoyed welcoming some more new faces into the nursery family. We have continued to settle into new routines and have been learning all about each other and our families.



Thank you to those who have shared family photos with us. The children enjoy viewing these pictures on the interactive white board and talking about their families and their experiences.

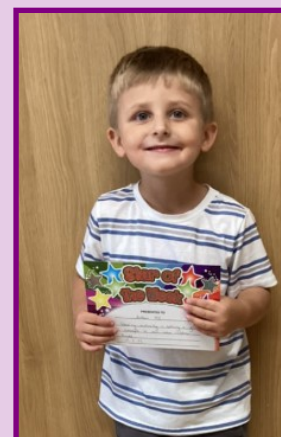
Our theme this term is 'Only One Me'. We will be spending time getting to know the children and exploring what makes each of them unique. We would like you to send in a photograph or two of your child with their family members as we would like to use these to discuss special relationships and the diversity that is reflected by the families in our care. This can be done either via Tapestry or in physical printed format.

We have been busy painting self portraits, looking closely at our reflections in the mirror and talking about our features, before creating some great pieces of art. We have also been busy creating faces using loose parts.



**STAR OF  
THE WEEK**

**Arthur**



for being a good role  
model to his peers.

**Well done!**



The weather has been very up and down this week and this has enabled some very fun play experiences outdoors! On sunnier days the children have enjoyed riding around on the new bikes, and on rainier days making the most of the puddles!!

Please could you ensure that your children have clothes suitable for the different types of weather that we have been experiencing and also some spare clothing, just in case they need to be changed.



### Photographs

Nigel Coles Photography will be here on **Thursday 25th September** to take individual and sibling photos. If your child normally attends on a Thursday the Nursery staff will take them over to the school for this. However, if your child does not attend on a Thursday, but you would like them to be photographed, please bring them to the Studio (the building next to the Reception classroom just before you reach the Nursery) at 8am on the 25th.



If there are siblings at the school and you would like a family photo of the children together, please email us ([nextstepsnursery@stjohns.mnsp.org.uk](mailto:nextstepsnursery@stjohns.mnsp.org.uk)) to request this, including the names and classes of all of the children.

If your nursery-aged child attends on Thursday, we will be able to ensure the photo is taken if we have been asked. If not, please arrive with all of the children at 8am at the Studio, where the photographer will aim to get the photographs taken as quickly as possible so that the children can continue to class.

Many thanks for your cooperation with this. If you have any questions, please speak to a member of staff.

### Finance

Thank you to everyone who has completed their funding declaration forms. If you have yet to do so, please complete and return these at your next session.

As soon as we have been able to confirm funding eligibility, we will prepare the September invoices. These will now be payable via the Arbor Parent Portal.

### Dates for the Diary

**Thursday 25th September: Photographer**

**Friday 24th October: School INSET Day.**

The Nursery will be OPEN, however, as the school kitchen will be closed, please ensure your child has a packed lunch.

**Monday 27th - Friday 31st October: School Half Term**

Please note the Nursery will remain OPEN throughout the week, however, as the school kitchen will be closed, please ensure your child has a packed lunch.

