



Next Steps @ St Johns



Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring

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This week at Nursery . . .



The children have made the most of the warm autumn sunshine this week, getting outside as much as possible. They have been working together to build obstacle and balance courses which have tested both their team-work and physical skills. They helped each other as they walked across narrow planks and a team of builders even stepped in to fix problems!

They have also enjoyed playing with construction vehicles in the sand, using diggers and trucks to transport materials across the playground or to their friends who needed resources to build their own small worlds.

We have also continued to follow the children's interest in measuring, by drawing around their feet and measuring the lengths using multi-link cubes. Some of the children compared their foot size to their friend's, using language such as longest and shortest. The adults supported them to place them in order and use mathematical language to describe the findings.

Our maths sessions this week have been based upon measure, but we have moved on to consider how to measure weight. The children have used their own 'human scales' (by holding out their arms) to measure objects of varying weights and show which are heavy (moving our arms down), and light (holding our arms up). The children have engaged really well in lots of practical play and discussion, telling us about some of the heavy items they have at home, including bikes, skateboards and toys!



STAR OF THE WEEK



Freddie

for good listening skills
and thinking things
through.

Well done!





Key workers have also started to screen children's speech and language development using the Wellcomm toolkit. This assesses children's understanding and the language that they use. If your child's key worker has any concerns regarding this, they will talk to you once the process is complete (within the next two weeks). Similarly, if you are at all concerned, please talk to your child's key worker and they will be happy to work alongside you.



Please can we remind you that morning snacks which are provided from home should consist of a healthy fruit or vegetable and a small carbohydrate item. As a 'healthy eating' school, we seek to promote a balanced and varied diet for the children. Snacks such as crisps, chocolate and high sugar items should be avoided. Please feel free to discuss this with a member of staff if you are uncertain about what to provide, or if your child has specific dietary requirements.



Some parents have informed us that they have booked their nursery aged child in for a flu vaccination at the same time as booking older siblings to have it administered at school. We are unsure why this has happened as nursery aged children are not offered the vaccination whilst in our care. If you wish for your nursery aged child to receive it, we would advise contacting your GP to book an appointment. We are sorry for any inconvenience or mis-leading information.

Please note, the school has an INSET day on 24th October, followed by half term week (27th - 31st October). The Nursery will remain open during these days, however it is very useful to know if you do / do not intend on sending your child in. Due to staffing ratios, we like to plan ahead where possible and ensure that we are fully operational during this time.

It is also worth noting, for those new to nursery, during these holidays a packed lunch must be provided as the school kitchen will be closed.



Dates for the Diary

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.



WILL YOUR CHILD BE STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2026?

COME AND SEE WHAT MAKES ST JOHN'S A SPECIAL PLACE TO LEARN AND GROW

Open evening
Tuesday
4th November
6pm - 7pm

- Presentation by the Headteacher
- School tours by Year 6 pupils

STAY & PLAY SESSIONS

TUESDAY
14th OCT
9:30

TUESDAY
18th NOV
9:30

TUESDAY
16th DEC
9:30

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