



Next Steps @ St Johns



Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring

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This week at Nursery . . .



As part of Black History Month, we have enjoyed a special episode of 'Jo-Jo and Gran Gran'. In the story, Gran Gran shares her experiences of when she travelled from St Lucia to England. She enjoys celebrating lots of special things with Jo Jo about her family's history and culture.

This week the children have enjoyed exploring the new resources we have at nursery in the role play and small world areas.



On Tuesday, the pre school children went to the studio and joined in the Little Acorns Stay and Play. **St John's is holding an Open Evening for children who are due to start school next September, - this will be held on Tuesday, 4th November commencing at 6pm with a presentation by the Headteacher followed by school tours by our Year 6 pupils.** In addition, there will be a performance by the School Choir, an opportunity to meet with some of the staff and refreshments will be available. Even if you know you will be choosing St John's this is still a lovely opportunity to meet with other parents and find out more about the school.



This week in maths we have been matching numeral to quantity matching and counting bears, and during group times we have explored number, through games.

The children have enjoyed playing with moon sand, a lovely mouldable sand made using flour and oil. We have been busy making sand cupcakes and using the diggers to scoop and the rollers to squash the sand.



STAR OF THE WEEK

George



for growing in confidence and showing independence.

Well done!



Forest School

After half term, (from 3rd November), we will be starting Forest School every Monday for the term. If your child attends nursery on Mondays, please send them to nursery in old clothes (long sleeved tops and trousers) and provide them with wellies and waterproofs for us to put on them to go to the woodland. It would be really helpful if you could also provide a change of clothes including socks. We go out in all weathers and the woodland can get very muddy!! Please ensure all items are named. Thank you for your support in this.

Reminders:

Parents' Evening

We will be holding a Parents' Evening on Friday 7th November. Slots will be available to book online to meet with your child's key person and discuss their progress at nursery. Please save the date and we will provide booking information nearer the time.

Inset/School Half Term

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.



Will your child be starting school in September 2026?

Our next 'Stay & Play' session is next week - Tuesday 14th November. Please do come and join us for a play session for the children and a tour of the school.

Additionally, we will be holding an Open Evening on Tuesday 4th November, commencing at 6pm.

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.

Friday 7th November: Parents' Evening

Please save the date - booking information will be sent out soon.

St John's
C of E Primary School

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	TUESDAY	TUESDAY
14 TH OCT	18 TH NOV	16 TH DEC
9:30	9:30	9:30

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