



# 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 Nursery we have been looking at Diwali, - the festival of light. The children have enjoyed making some lanterns to represent this and we have talked about the candle being the light.

We have looked at some Rangoli patterns, using fine motor skills to peer through the colours and trace the patterns with some children designing Mendhi hand patterns too, making their own creative designs. The children also enjoyed dancing to Diwali music with bubbles! They copied movements and used scarves to make big motions!



### STAR OF THE WEEK



Our Star of the Week was awarded for adapting so well to change, and being a brilliant big sister to her new baby brother!

**Well done!**



## Will your child be starting school in September 2006?

Our next 'Stay & Play' session is Tuesday 18th 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.

**St John's**  
C of E Primary School

**WILL YOUR CHILD BE STARTING SCHOOL IN  
SEPTEMBER 2006?**

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

**Open evening  
Tuesday  
4<sup>th</sup> November  
6pm - 7pm**

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

**STAY & PLAY  
SESSIONS**

| TUESDAY              | TUESDAY              | TUESDAY              |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 14 <sup>TH</sup> OCT | 18 <sup>TH</sup> NOV | 16 <sup>TH</sup> DEC |
| 9:30                 | 9:30                 | 9:30                 |

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The library bus visited us on Monday, so the children were able to enjoy some new stories with the adults. We chose some books to take back to Nursery to read and enjoy too! The spider story is very funny!

We've been making the most of all the autumn leaves - collecting them and exploring their colours. We looked at the sizes of some of the leaves, comparing big giant leaves, to tiny little ones.



## Reminders:

### Parents' Evening - Friday 7th November

Don't forget- Parent's evening is on Friday 7th November. Appointments are now available to book online via the Arbor Parent Portal. This is a great opportunity to view your child's scrapbooks and have a catch up with their keyworker on how they are settling into a new term at Next Steps!

### Forest School

Forest School for Term 2 will be on a Monday. If your child attends Nursery on a Monday, please provide an all-in-one suit or something similar, and some welly boots. A change of clothes in your child's bag is advised too (particularly trousers and socks), as we always find the muddy puddles!

### School Half Term

A reminder that next week is the school half-term (27th - 31st October) and the school kitchen will be closed. Please remember that a packed lunch must be provided.

## Dates for the Diary

### 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.

**Tuesday 4th November, 6pm: School Open evening for those starting school in September 2026**

**Friday 7th November: Parents' Evening**

