



Next Steps @ St Johns



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This week at Nursery . . .



In Forest School this week the children were excited to use a saw to begin making a Christmas decoration.

Children listened as Libby explained the importance of safety when using tools, and followed instructions to kneel so that they could handle the saw in a safe and comfortable way.



The children then used their strength to push and pull the saw forwards and backwards to cut the log. The next step of the operation will be completed next week. Keep an eye out for more updates on the progress!



Please can we ask that waterproofs and wellies are brought in a separate carrier bag so that they can be easily returned when they become dirty.



STAR OF THE WEEK



Our Star of the Week is awarded for being kind and helpful towards friends and adults.

Well done!



We have been busy with more Christmas crafts, the children are very excited to be able to share these with you for a Christmas surprise! If you have not yet brought a bag for your child yet, please could you bring one as soon as possible. Staff are beginning to sort the many crafts into the children's bags to avoid them becoming lost/mixed up. Thank you.

In maths this week the children have enjoyed a festive game of 'roll and count'. They have been matching the number shown on a dice to the number of candy canes to give to fun Christmas characters, like a snowman, elf, reindeer and of course Santa!



We have opened our 'Next Steps elf station', practicing our fine motor skills to wrap presents. The children have been supporting each other to hold the paper or masking tape, cut the resources and wrap a variety of empty boxes. So, if you need help with any Christmas wrapping, the children have had lots of practice!

If you can donate any used kitchen roll tubes for an upcoming activity we would really appreciate it please - we need lots!



Please note, the nursery is open on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd of December. So that we can plan for these days we would be grateful if you could let us know if your child will or will not be attending. The school kitchen will be closed therefore all children will require a packed lunch please.

Christmas Service

On Thursday 18th December we would like to join the school at St John's Church for their Christmas Service. In order for us to do this we will need volunteers to walk to and from church, if you would be available between drop off and 10.30am to help us, please let a member of staff know.

Christmas Celebrations

Next Steps Nursery Christmas Celebration will be held on Thursday 11th December. Please arrive at 3.30pm in Christmassy pyjamas for some festive fun. A drink and snack will be provided.

Children who are already at nursery until 3.15pm can bring their pyjamas and nursery staff can get them ready for the celebrations. All other children can be dropped off no earlier than 3.30pm to allow us to be ready to party!

Parents/carers are welcome at 5pm for a performance of the Christmas songs that we have been practicing! Please let us know if your child can/can not make it.

Little Acorns 'Stay & Play'

Our next Little Acorns 'Stay & Play' session will be on Tuesday 16th December at 9.30am.

If you have a child who will be starting school next September, please do join us for an introduction to our school, including a play session and a tour of the school.

Please contact the school office for more information and to book your place.



Working Parent Entitlement Funding

Parents are reminded to re-validate their code in line with the dates advised when the code was issued. To use a code for the Spring Term (January - March), please note the code must be re-validate prior to **December 31st**. Please return your completed Declaration Forms. If you have any questions, please speak to a member of staff as soon as possible.

Dates for the Diary

11th December: Christmas celebrations, 3.30pm

18th December: Christmas Church Service

24th December - 2nd January: Nursery Closed for Christmas Holiday.

31st December: Deadline to re-validate code for working parent entitlement funding for claims during spring term.

