



# Next Steps @ St Johns



Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring

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## This week at Nursery . . .

At Next Steps this week we have been exploring all things 'Under the Sea.' We have shared exciting stories about animals living under the sea, and have especially enjoyed 'The Rainbow Fish' and 'Jolly Olly Octopus.'

We have practised our fine motor skills and hand-eye co-ordination to catch fish and other sea creatures with a magnetic rod, and have even caught some treasure too!

We have been busy making under the sea pictures, using paint, brushes, our fingers and our hands to create jelly fish, sea weed and bubbles. We have had lots of fun doing this and have made some amazing pieces of artwork.

We have spent some time exploring the sensory room, making music, and using our imaginations to recreate traditional tales with the help of masks!

At Forest School, we used clay to make different creatures that we might find in the forest. The children developed their own ideas, using natural materials they found to add features to their models, such as sticks for hedgehog spikes, and leaves for butterfly wings. The children also really enjoyed the puddles on zone five and in the outdoor classroom!



**STAR OF THE WEEK**

**Albie**



For super maths work and always being a kind friend

**Well done!**



## Healthy Snacks

Please can we remind you to provide a prepared healthy snack for morning break. Please can grapes and other similar sized foods be pre-cut to avoid the risk of the children choking. Many thanks for your support in this.

## NSPCC Number Day

Next Friday is NSPCC Number Day (Friday, 6th February.)

Children are invited to join the school in wearing number and maths themed clothes. This can include football/team T-shirts with numbers on the back, clothing with patterned or shaped motifs and designs, etc. To donate to this brilliant cause (suggested £1) - [please go to our Just Giving Page here.](#)

## Trip to Midsomer Norton High Street - Tuesday 10th February

We are really excited to share that on Tuesday 10th February, we will be using our Forest School session to take the children to Midsomer Norton High Street. We will walk to the town centre and take the children to a green space where we will play parachute games and explore the surroundings. We will also visit Costa Coffee for a hot chocolate. We are asking for voluntary contributions of £1 per child in order to cover the cost of a drink and snack. This can be sent in to nursery in advance, or sent with your child on the day.

If you are able to support this outing, please speak to a member of staff. This will be organised in order of those who offer to support.



## **Dates for the Diary**

Please note the school half term will be 16th – 20th February.

The Nursery WILL be open this week, however as the school kitchen will be closed, please provide packed lunches. Please let us know if your child will/will not be at nursery during February half term.

Easter: Please note the Nursery will be closed:

Friday 3rd April (Good Friday) and will re-open Tuesday 14th April.

Summer Closure: The Nursery will be closed from Monday 3rd August to Friday 4th August inclusive.

There will be 2 INSET days in September, (1st and 2nd September).

**The Nursery will be closed both days and will re-open Thursday 3rd September.**