



Next Steps @ St Johns



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This week at Nursery . . .

It has been another busy week at Next Steps with lots of fun opportunities to learn.

Our theme, 'All Creatures Great and Small', has led us to engage in lots of dinosaur based play, with many activities on offer.

The children have really enjoyed exploring with their senses, playing in a dinosaur 'swamp' made of cornflour gloop. It was a popular choice this week, with the children really enjoying getting stuck into messy play!

Other activities on offer have included creating fossil prints in playdough, reading dinosaur themed books, sorting dinosaurs into groups according to size and colour, and playing with a dinosaur small world set up.



STAR OF THE WEEK



For showing confidence coming into nursery and during play, and welcoming friends into her play.

Well done!

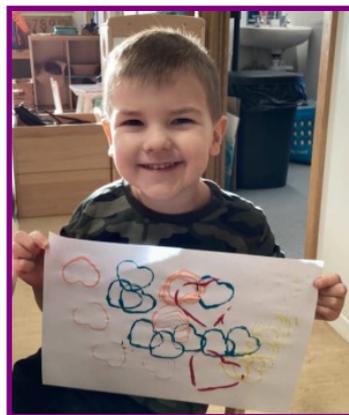




On Tuesday this week, the children ventured out to explore the local area. We went to Midsomer Norton High Street, specifically to the Garden of Friendship behind Sainsbury's, and to Costa Coffee. The children played parachute games, explored the garden and of course, enjoyed some refreshments! It was a lot of fun and the children were superstars! They have expressed how much they enjoyed it - nothing to do with the hot chocolate and marshmallows, we are sure!

A huge thank you to the parent (and grandparent) helpers who volunteered their time to join us, we really appreciate your help and hope that you enjoy yourselves too!

Whilst at Costa, a very kind member of the public offered to pay for some of the hot chocolates which were ordered by the children. This means that we do have some change from the trip. If you would like a reimbursement, we can fairly offer those who attended a return of 50p each.



Home Learning & Nursery Rhyme

We have really enjoyed sharing the children's home learning challenges via Tapestry. Thank you for uploading them. This week's Nursery Rhyme of the Week is 'Humpty Dumpty'. Please feel free to share home learning via Tapestry.

Forest School

Next term, our Forest School sessions will run on Wednesdays. Please provide waterproofs and wellies (if not already at nursery) on this day. We are really hoping for a break in the weather and to see some sunshine in the spring term!



Nursery Fees

We informed you recently that the hourly fees will be increasing from April, Please note that these will be reflected in invoices commencing from the week when we return after the Easter break.

School Half Term - Lunches

A reminder that the school has a half-term break next week so the school kitchen will be closed. Please remember to provide packed lunches if your child will be staying for lunchtime.

Nursery Rhyme of the Week

Humpty Dumpty

*Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall.
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
All the king's horses and
all the king's men,
Couldn't put Humpty together again.*



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, Therefore 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 14th August inclusive.**



Help Us Build Our Dream Libraries

To celebrate National Storytelling Week and gear up for World Book Day, we are giving our class libraries a major glow up and we've put the children in charge!

How You Can Help

We want to turn these designs into a reality. If you would like to support our mission to foster a lifelong love of reading, please take a look at our booklists below.

Want to donate a book? Simply follow the link below to browse the titles our children have requested. Every donation will go directly into our class libraries or the main school library for all to enjoy!

Thank you for helping us make our school a place where stories truly come to life!



[Next Steps Nursery Wishlist](#)