

# Next Steps @ St Johns



*Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring*

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## This week at Nursery . . .



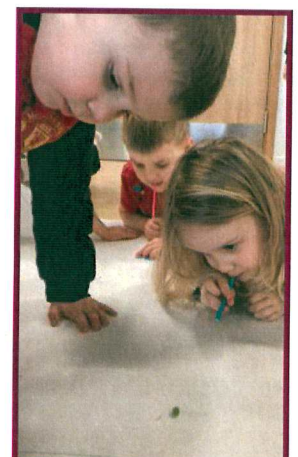
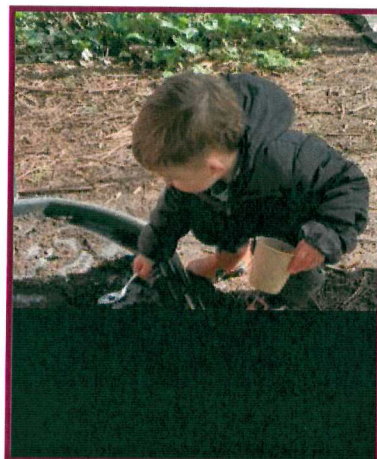
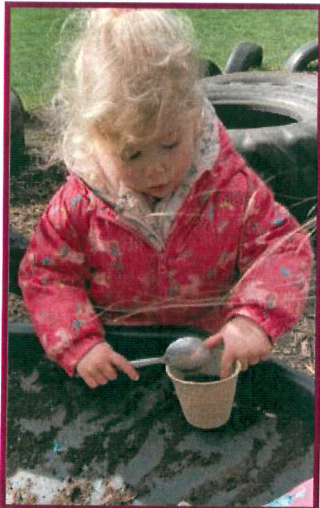
What a fantastic week we have had at nursery! It has been another busy one, full of fun and plenty of learning opportunities.

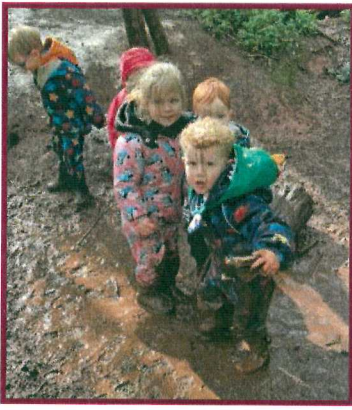
We have joined the whole school in celebrating British Science Week with some exciting experiments and discoveries. The children have explored simple scientific ideas by observing 'underwater fireworks'. They predicted and discussed what might happen when food colouring was dripped into a mixture made of oil and water. They loved watching the effect, and talked about their discoveries (like real scientists do!) once it was complete. Our pre-school children also joined the whole school in watching a science show in the hall on Tuesday afternoon. They were very excited to return and tell us all about the experiments they had seen.



During Forest School this week, the science theme continued with a focus on the life cycle of plants. The children were given the opportunity to plant their own pea seeds, and talk about how seeds grow into flowers, fruits or vegetables. They also talked about the parts of a plant, naming roots and stems. The children had a great understanding of what plants need to grow and they are excited to look after their peas and watch them change over the coming weeks.

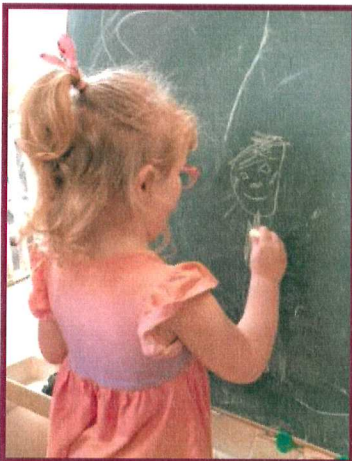
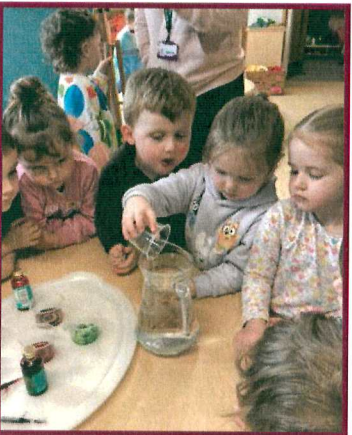
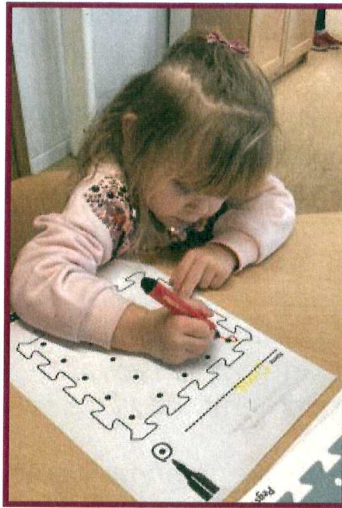
Our literacy focus this week has been the picture book 'The Runaway Pea'. The children really enjoyed listening to the story and using props to retell it. To link with this, we also held a Runaway Pea Race! The children blew peas using straws, and talked about distance (in the story, the runaway pea is blown along by a fan). The children compared which peas travelled further and which stopped sooner. This was a fun way to introduce early maths language such as 'far', 'near', 'longer', and 'shorter'.





Work is almost complete on our outdoor area. If you haven't managed to see any of the changes, please do take some time to have a look at morning drop off. We have had a giant sand pit installed in the main play space, and also a bike shelter near the entrance. We are hopeful that it will be fully up and running next week. Fingers crossed!

Finally, we would like to wish all of our wonderful Mums and Grandmothers a very Happy Mother's Day. We hope you have a lovely weekend celebrating together and you manage some well deserved rest!



### Outstanding invoices

Please check your Arbor Parent Portal account which will show if you have any outstanding invoices to pay. Please ensure these are paid as soon as possible. Thank you.

### Dates for the Diary

Easter Break: Friday 3rd April (Good Friday) - Monday 13th April.

The Nursery will re-open Tuesday 14th April.

Monday 4th May: Bank Holiday. The Nursery will be closed.

Monday 25th May: Bank Holiday. The Nursery will be closed.

26th - 28th May The school kitchen will be closed for the half-term. Please bring packed lunches.  
Summer Closure: The Nursery will be closed from Monday 3rd August to Friday 14th August inclusive.

## Row, Row, Row Your Boat

Row, row, row your boat  
Gently down the stream.  
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily,  
Life is but a dream.

Row, row, row your boat  
Gently down the stream.  
If you see a crocodile,  
Don't for get to scream!

