



Next Steps @ St Johns



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This week at Nursery . . .



We have had a great week at nursery, filled with exciting activities and learning opportunities.

The children have been very excited to use our new sandpit! It has been lovely to see them exploring, and working together as they play. It has encouraged great conversations, creativity, and cooperation; they have loved role-playing beach visits, holidays and cafés so far!



In maths this week we introduced simple addition concepts. The children took turns to roll a dice and count the matching quantity of 'spots' on to one side of a ladybird. They repeated this for a second time, and were then challenged to combine the number objects and find the total. They really impressed us with their clever counting skills!



To support their fine motor development, the children used tweezers to search through shredded paper to find hidden eggs. This was a fantastic way to build their hand strength, coordination, and concentration.



STAR OF THE WEEK



Awarded for always wanting to join in with activities and learn new things

Well done!



During our forest school session, the children had a brilliant time taking part in a numbered egg hunt. They worked together to find numbers, showing great enthusiasm and teamwork. We were also impressed with how well they worked together to move some very large branches, it was a great opportunity to practise communication and problem-solving skills.



You may have noticed our lovely artwork in the windows. The children have decorated crosses to look like stained glass and the spring colours really brighten up the nursery.



Easter Church Service - Thursday 2nd April

We will be taking our pre-school children to Church next Thursday for the School Easter service. If your child is of pre-school age and you are to help us, please do let a member of staff know.

As outlined in the home learning challenge, we have launched an Easter bonnet competition. We would like pre-school children to wear their bonnets to Church for the service, but want to reassure you that the competition is open to all children. We encourage as many as possible to be involved and cannot wait to see their special creations!



Nursery Closure

A reminder that the nursery will be closed for one week as from Friday 3rd April (Good Friday).

We re-open on Tuesday 14th April. For staffing purposes, it would be useful to know if you are (or are not) planning to send your child in to nursery during this week. Please speak to a member of staff to inform them.

Nursery Rhyme of the Week

Hickory Dickory Dock

Hickory, dickory, dock.
The mouse ran up the clock.
The clock struck one,
The mouse ran down,
Hickory, dickory, dock.



Funded Hours

If you wish to claim any funded hours at nursery next term, please complete and return the parent declaration form as soon as possible. Please note all applications and revalidations of working family codes should be made in line with grace periods and before March 31st for the Summer Term. Paper forms, if needed, are available from the nursery. If you have any queries, please contact the School Office as soon as possible.

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

Thursday 2nd April: School Easter Service at St. John's Church with pre-school children

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

The Nursery will re-open on 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.

Home Learning Challenge

Easter Bonnet Competition

Create an Easter bonnet using materials you can find at home. Your bonnet can be as colourful, fun, or imaginative as you like!

Deadline for competition entries: Thursday 2nd April

