



Next Steps @ St Johns



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This week at Nursery . . .

What a wonderful and busy week we have had at Nursery!

The children have enjoyed taking part in a range of Easter activities. They have been busy practising their maths skills by counting eggs into baskets, creating beautiful Easter cards to bring home and share, and making colourful decorations for the nursery. It has been lovely to see their creativity and enthusiasm.



**STARS OF
THE WEEK**

All of the pre-school for
being so fabulous at
Church!

Well done!



At Forest School, the children were challenged to create a bird's nest. After listening to a story about a bird who wasn't sure which materials would be best to build her nest, and looking at a real bird's nest, the children set to work finding resources to make their own. They were brilliant at working together to come up with designs and ideas. They thought carefully about the comfort of the nest, including warm bedding and beautiful decorations!

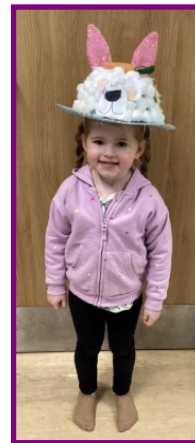
As part of the wider school, the children have also planted a special "seed of hope" (sunflower) this week. This links to our Christian value of the term: hope. Your child will be bringing this home so that you can enjoy caring for it together and watching it grow. Please share any updates to Tapestry!





Our pre-school children visited church today. They loved being part of the school community, proudly wearing their Easter bonnets and singing songs of celebration. Many thanks to the kind parent and grandparent who offered to support us with getting the children to and from Church.

Thank you so much for the wonderful Easter bonnet designs you sent in - this is always a highlight of the year! The winners were chosen by our guest judge, Andrea, who had the very difficult task of selecting from so many fantastic creations. She decided that the two winning designs reflected the theme of Easter perfectly!



We also celebrated a very special milestone in nursery today. Katie will be turning 21 this weekend, and we couldn't let it pass by without a Next Steps party! The children helped us to throw a lovely celebration for her — we played games, danced, and sang! It was great fun!



**Finally, we would like to wish all of our families a very Happy Easter.
We hope you have a restful and enjoyable break.**

Nursery Rhyme of the Week



Funded Hours

Thank you to those who have already completed their declaration forms for next term., If you are yet to do so, please complete and return to Nursery as soon as possible. This will ensure that you continue to receive funded hours next term and do not receive an unexpected invoice.

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.

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.

Dates for the Diary

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.