



Next Steps @ St Johns



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This week at Nursery . . .



It has been another fun-filled week at Nursery, with lots of exciting things happening. In our final week of term, we have been learning all about space! Following the children's interests, we have learned all about rockets, planets, and space travel through some engaging activities and conversations with one another.

Using a small world set up, the children have had the opportunity to explore the types of vehicles and machines which are used in space. This sparked lots of curious questions from the children who wanted to find out the names of various pieces of equipment, as well as their uses. It was a great opportunity to introduce new vocabulary such as 'satellites', 'fuel' and 'gravity'.

In Maths, the children practised matching numerals, domino dots, and ten frame amounts to build their own rocket pictures. They worked hard to recognise numbers and count carefully. We then created a number line of rockets and used them to countdown to 'blast off!'.

The investigation area has been popular this week, with children releasing balloon rockets and watching them zoom across the room! After discussing and questioning how far the rockets would travel, we shared a countdown and then released the rocket! It caused lots of excitement and laughter.

The children have also worked on their Fine Motor skills this week by using golf tees and hammers to complete outlines of space pictures. This helps to strengthen hand muscles, and develop coordination skills.



STAR OF THE WEEK

OLLIE



for working really hard to express himself.

Well done!





On Monday we visited Midsomer Norton Library. We were welcomed in by a librarian who read two stories for us. We were then able to spend time reading and sharing books, colouring and playing with the library toys. Afterwards, we went to the Garden of Friendship and enjoyed some snacks before returning to the nursery.

A huge thank you to the parent and grandparent helpers who supported us.



Forest School

Looking ahead to next term, Forest School sessions will take place on Fridays and will run alongside the Reception team. This is a wonderful opportunity for our preschool children, as we look ahead to transition to school. There will also be lots of opportunities for children who do not usually attend on a Friday to visit school in term 6 and we will gradually increase this as the term progresses.

Parents Evening:

We will be holding parent evening sessions on Friday 12th June. We will provide more details at the beginning of next term, but for now, please save the date.

School Dinners

Please note that we have been advised that the cost for a nursery school dinner from September 2026 will be £2.50.

Spare Socks

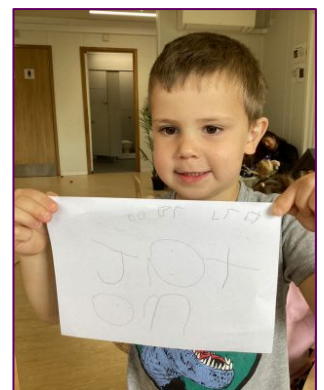
We are running low on spare socks- if anyone has any old pairs that they would be willing to donate, we would really appreciate it. Bigger sizes are preferred (6-8.5).

Packed Lunches

A reminder that next week is half term. We will also be closed on Bank Holiday Monday. Packed lunches will be needed next week as the school kitchen will be closed.

Save the date!

We are excited to inform parents and families of preschool children that our end of year celebration will be held on July 1st.





Nursery Rhyme of the Week:

Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

Head, shoulders,
Knees and toes,
Knees and toes.
Head, shoulders,
Knees and toes,
Knees and toes.



And eyes and ears,
And mouth,
And nose.



Head, shoulders,
Knees and toes,
Knees and toes.



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Dates for the Diary

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

26th - 28th May The school kitchen will be closed for the half-term break.
Please bring packed lunches.

1st July: End of Year celebration for preschool children. More details to follow.

Summer Closure: The Nursery will be closed from
Monday 3rd August to Friday 14th August inclusive.

Monday 31st August: Bank Holiday. The Nursery will be closed.

Thursday 3rd September & Friday 4th September: INSET Days.
The Nursery will be closed.



St John's
C of E Primary School

Will your child be starting school in September 2027?

OPEN MORNING
TUESDAY 23rd JUNE
9.30am

We understand that choosing a school for your child is one of the most important decisions you can make.

We invite you to join us for an Open Morning with a presentation and tour of the school.

We look forward to welcoming you to the school and showing you all the exciting activities and opportunities we offer.

To register your interest,
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**FREE
ENTRY**

**ST JOHNS C OF E
PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA**

Summer Fete

3PM - 6PM

**FRIDAY
3RD JULY**

**BBQ
BAR
ICE CREAMS
CANDY FLOSS
ENTERTAINMENT
RAFFLE
SOAK A TEACHER
FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT
& MUCH MORE!**

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!