



Next Steps @ St Johns



Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring

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This week at Nursery . . .



This week we have been learning all about healthy food choices, and the importance of eating a balanced diet to keep our bodies healthy and strong. The children have enjoyed discussing their favourite foods and learning about different fruits and vegetables.



Our role-play area was transformed into a shop. The children took on the roles of shopkeepers and customers, using baskets, shopping lists and tills as they explored the different food items available. Through this, they developed their communication skills, confidence and understanding of the world around them.



In the creative area, we used a range of vegetables to create printing pictures. The children looked closely at the different shapes and patterns that appeared when the vegetables were dipped in paint and pressed onto paper. This activity encouraged lots of discussion about the vegetables we eat.



Using their fine motor skills, the children made their own shopping trolleys. They carefully selected and cut out pictures of foods and filled their trolleys with a variety of healthy and favourite treats. The children were eager to share their choices with the adults, and explain why they had chosen particular ones.

In our maths learning the children were challenged to match number to quantity by carefully counting out pieces of fruit and adding them to a blender. The children demonstrated great counting skills, number recognition and one-to-one correspondence.


STAR OF THE WEEK
Immy



For always putting lots of effort into everything she does.

Well done!





To support our pre-school children as they prepare for their move to school, we have started increasing our visits to the Reception class. This week, some of the children have enjoyed visiting in the afternoons for snacks and stories. These visits will continue throughout the remainder of the term, and will gradually increase. The children will also have opportunities to join Reception for a variety of activities and experience different parts of the school day. These transition sessions help the children become familiar with their new environment, routines and teachers, supporting a smooth and confident move into school.



Finally, we have been very busy practising for Sports Day. We have been preparing for our races and are looking forward to showing all we have been practising next week. A reminder that Sports Day will take place next Wednesday. The nursery races will begin at approximately 2:15pm and parents are invited to join the spectators on the school field for this.



Lost Property

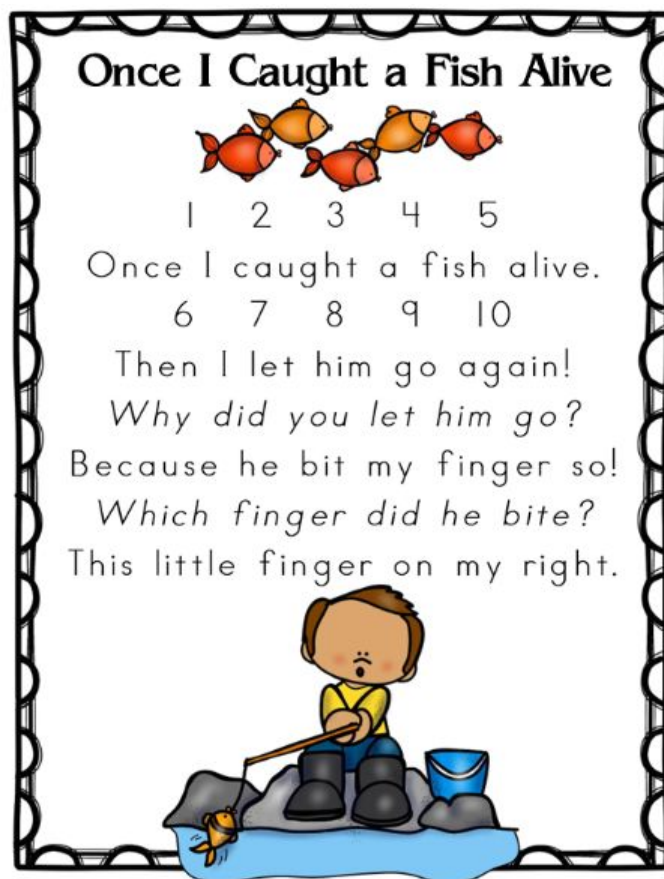
Please take a moment to check the lost property area for any missing items. Lost property will be cleared at the beginning of next week. Any items that remain unclaimed will be recycled, donated where appropriate, or disposed of.

Pre-School Leavers Party

Today we are sending home an invitation to the pre-school leavers party. It will be held in the main school hall. Children who are with us for their nursery session will be taken to the party by staff- you may wish to provide party clothing (beach or summer themed) which we can change them into. If your child is joining us from home, please arrive at the school hall at 3:30pm. Parents are invited back to join us at 5pm where we will share some songs and celebrations with you. It would be useful if you could let us know if your child will be joining us so that we can prepare refreshments. Please speak to a member of the team to let us know.



Nursery Rhyme of the Week: 1,2,3,4,5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive



Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 16th June: Pre-School photos

Nigel Coles will be with us from 8:30am to take photographs of all preschool aged children. If your child does not attend on a Tuesday, but you would like them to be photographed, you are welcome to bring them in. We ask that you remain with your child, as they will not be included in our ratios. Please note that there will be no sibling photos or photographs of children who will not be starting school in September.

Wednesday 17th June: Sports Day

Wednesday 17th June is the provisional date for Sports Day (weather depending). We will join the whole school at 2:15pm to run two races and join in with the fun! Parents, carers and families are welcome to join us on the field to watch. Children who are not in on Wednesdays, but would like to participate in the races are more than welcome, we ask that once the races have finished, they return to you as they will not be included in our ratios.

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.

Home Learning Challenge

12.06.26

Be a Healthy Food Detective!

Have a look in your kitchen and see if you can find:

3 different fruits

3 different vegetables

Foods that help us to grow healthy and strong

Extra Challenge- Help your grown up to prepare a healthy snack for your family to enjoy together. Talk about what you have made, what it tastes like, colours, shapes and textures. Please share any pictures to Tapestry.





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, please contact the school office :
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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!