



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 continued with the activities and learning opportunities we had planned for last week, following the closures caused by the heatwave.

Our topic has continued to be 'keeping healthy', with a particular focus on the people who help to keep us healthy. Our role-play area has been transformed into a doctor's surgery, which has been very popular with the children. They have enjoyed taking on the roles of doctors, nurses and patients, developing their imagination, communication skills and understanding of the world around them.

The children have also used shaving foam to practise 'brushing' teeth, while discussing the importance of good dental hygiene, and how we can look after our teeth by visiting a dentist.

In maths, the children have been developing their number skills by matching numerals to quantities. They played a game which involved rolling a dice and matching the correct number of plasters to help make an 'unwell' teddy feel better. This encouraged careful counting, number recognition and one-to-one correspondence.

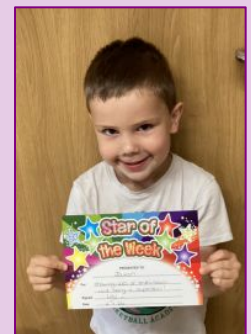


STARS OF THE WEEK

Elsie



For being really helpful and trying hard.



Jaxon

For showing lots of enthusiasm and being a superstar!

Well done!





We also joined the whole school in celebrating Arts Week. This year's theme was 'Flourish'. The children explored still life painting by carefully observing flowers before creating their own beautiful artwork. They focused on noticing colours and shapes, producing some wonderful paintings that showcased their creativity and observational skills.

On Wednesday, our preschool children enjoyed their special Leavers' Party. They had a fantastic time playing party games, sharing delicious party food, and performing some songs for their families. It was a lovely opportunity to celebrate their time at nursery, and all they have achieved. A huge well done to all of them, and thank you to our families and friends for joining us.



Nursery Rhyme of the Week:

Round and Round the Garden

Round and round the garden,
Like a teddy bear.
One step, two step,
A tickle under there!



Funded Hours

Please remember to to obtain or reconfirm your information before 31st August if you wish to claim for funded hours from September 1st 2006.

Invoices

We would be grateful if invoices are paid promptly. Please check your Arbor Parent Portal for any outstanding fees. Thank you.

Summer Absences

Please can we ask that you inform us of planned holiday or days absent during the summer so that we can plan our ratios and staffing.

Dates for the Diary

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.

Thursday 22nd October: The nursery will be closed for staff training.