



Next Steps @ St Johns



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This week at Nursery . . .



The children have been making the most of the warm weather, enjoying outdoor play early in the mornings, before it becomes too hot. They have loved taking part in water play, and spending time with their friends in the sunshine. Please remember to send your child with a named sun hat, a water bottle, and ensure they have sun cream applied before arriving at nursery on warm days.

This week our pre-school children have been focusing on transition as they prepare for their exciting move to school. We have been sharing the story *Colour Monster Goes to School*, which has helped us talk about the different feelings children may experience when starting school. Through discussions and activities, we have explored how it is perfectly normal to feel excited, nervous, happy, or even a little worried about this big step. The children will continue to use this book as a basis for learning when they start Reception in September.

Across the nursery, other fun activities have included dressing up in school uniform, splatter painting, making playdough monsters and sorting colours. It has been a busy, but fun filled week!



STAR OF THE WEEK



For growing in confidence and always making us smile with his awesome sense of humour!

Well done!





Pre-School Photographs

Pre-School photographs from Nigel Coles are now ready for collection. The cost is £19, and payment must be made in cash before photographs can be taken home. The deadline for payment is Thursday 16th July. A member of staff will be happy to share these with you if you haven't already seen them.

Headlice and Hand, Foot and Mouth

Please be aware that we have had confirmed cases of headlice at nursery. Please check your child's head at home and treat as necessary. Regular checks at home and treatments will help to stop the spread.

We have also had a case of hand, foot and mouth. This is a contagious illness which causes a sore throat, headache and a temperature. Other symptoms include blisters on the hands and feet, and ulcers in the mouth. There is no incubation period (time away from nursery) for hand foot & mouth, but please do inform us of further cases so that we can put further measures in place to prevent the spread.

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.

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.

Five Little Speckled Frogs



Five little speckled frogs,
Sat on a great big log,
Eating some most delicious bugs - yum, yum!
One jumped into the pool, where it was nice and cool,
Then, there were four speckled frogs - glub, glub!



Four little speckled frogs,
Sat on a great big log,
Eating some most delicious bugs - yum, yum!
One jumped into the pool, where it was nice and cool,
Then, there were three speckled frogs - glub, glub!



Three little speckled frogs,
Sat on a great big log,
Eating some most delicious bugs - yum, yum!
One jumped into the pool, where it was nice and cool,
Then, there were two speckled frogs - glub, glub!



Two little speckled frogs,
Sat on a great big log,
Eating some most delicious bugs - yum, yum!
One jumped into the pool, where it was nice and cool,
Then, there was one speckled frog - glub, glub!

One little speckled frog,
Sat on a great big log,
Eating some most delicious bugs - yum, yum!
He jumped into the pool, where it was nice and cool,
Then, there were no speckled frogs!

