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This week at Nursery . . .

It has been a busy time in Nursery as we have been exploring the exciting changes that autumn brings! The children have enjoyed taking part in lots of autumn-themed activities.





They have had great fun exploring conkers this week, and talking about finding them on woodland walks. They used a range of scoops, tweezers and bowls to transfer the conkers from one place to another. This was a great opportunity to develop their fine motor skills and concentration. We then introduced ramps, where the children experimented with rolling and racing the conkers. It was great fun to see how far and how quickly the conkers could travel!



We have also been getting creative with some autumnal pumpkin collages. The children added colourful pieces of tissue paper to pumpkin shapes, creating bright and colourful pictures. They enjoyed choosing their colours, placing the tissue paper and watching their pumpkins come to life. These are looking fabulous up in our windows, letting the autumn sunshine sparkle through.



The children have demonstrated their fantastic counting skills, using conkers to match number to quantity. They worked hard to demonstrate their number knowledge and their ability to use 1:1 correspondence when counting. We were really impressed with their skills and confidence.

We had lots of willing helpers who enjoyed making playdough for our autumnal sensory play. The children were really good at following instructions and working as a team to make playdough for their friends to enjoy.

STAR OF THE WEEK



Awarded for being brave in tricky situations and growing in confidence.

Well done!







Goodbye and Good luck, Steph!

Today is Steph's last day with us as she begins her maternity leave. We wish her all the best and cannot wait to meet Baby Hunt soon!

We are pleased to announce that Lucy Turner has been appointed as Steph's maternity cover. Lucy joins us from St John's School, where she has worked for a number of years in various supporting roles. She will be with us on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Families of Steph's key children will be contacted regarding the change of key-worker, and how this will look moving forward. We are sure that you will all join us in welcoming Lucy to the team and we look forward to you all meeting her soon.



School Meals

Could we please ask that you check your child's school meals are booked correctly. We have had a few instances where lunches have been missed, so we would really appreciate you checking bookings to ensure your child has a meal arranged for each day they require one.

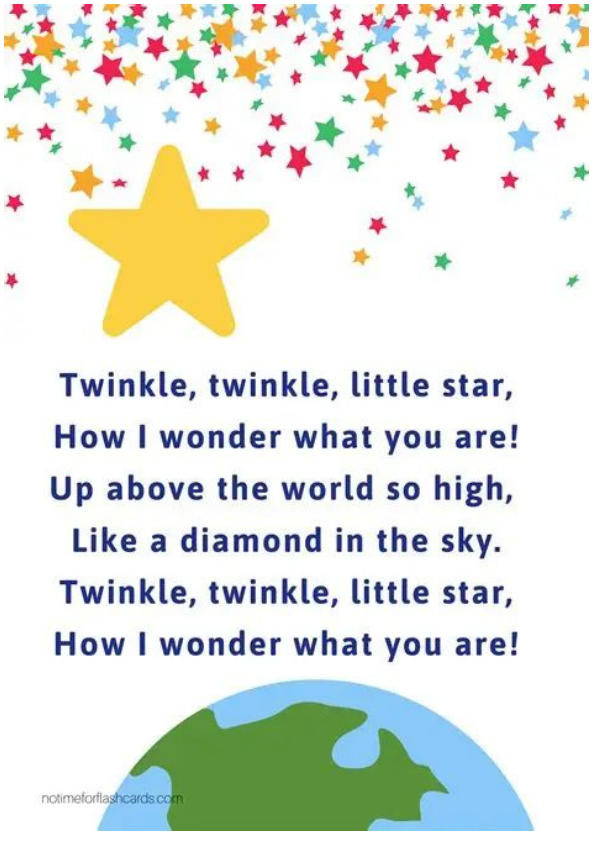
Holidays

A reminder, that we would be grateful to have advance notification of any days that your child will not be attending nursery, eg, holidays.





Nursery Rhyme of the Week



Dates for the Diary

Thursday 22nd October: The Nursery will be closed for staff training.
Friday 23rd October - Friday 30th October: The school kitchen will be closed for INSET days and half-term. Please provide children with a packed lunch.
Wednesday 23rd December - Friday 1st January: The Nursery will be closed for the festive period and will re-open on 4th January.

St John's
C of E Primary School



Will your child be starting school in September 2027?

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 at one of our events for a presentation and tour of the school.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing all the exciting activities and opportunities we offer in our Acorns Reception Class and throughout the school.



OPEN MORNINGS

- Wednesday 30th September, 9.30am
- Friday 16th October, 9.30am
- Wednesday 18th November, 9.30am
- Friday 11th December, 9.30am

OPEN EVENING

- Wednesday 4th November, 6.30pm



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