



Next Steps @ St Johns



Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring

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This week at Nursery . . .

13th September 2024



We have had a busy and exciting week at Next Steps this week. Our new children are settling in to the routines, and have enjoyed exploring all that nursery has to offer. And if children have come home saying that they have made a Christmas card it is true! It is very early to start, but we design a handmade card with the children, which is then printed onto cards and gifts that can be purchased to share with friends and family, whilst also raising money for the school.



All families should be set up on Tapestry - the online learning journal, where staff can update you on your child's experiences at nursery and track their progress. If you are having any issues or need help with accessing Tapestry please ask a staff member who will be happy to help you. Attached is also a 'how to' guide for parents/carers.



Going forward, we will be asking for participation from families on Tapestry to support your child's learning. It has been great to share some family photos at group times on the interactive white board. The children really enjoy seeing photos of themselves on the screen and we find it gives them confidence to talk about home. Please continue to send photos!



Thank you to those of you that have provided slippers/indoor shoes. The children are getting used to changing into their outdoor shoes before playing outside and have been keen to show off their new footwear. Please can we ask parents/carers to support us by changing the children into their indoor shoes on arrival and placing their outdoor shoes into the box so that they are easy for your child to find. We are happy for indoor shoes and wellies to stay at nursery if this is easier.

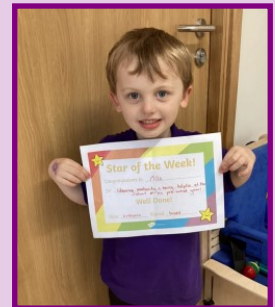


Please can we ask that **all** items are named. This is important to help us to keep track of belongings, particularly if children have the same clothes/shoes in the same/similar sizes!!



STARS OF THE WEEK

Milo



for showing maturity and being helpful at the start of his pre-school year.

Well done!





Photographs

Nigel Coles Photography will be on site on Tuesday 17th to take individual and sibling photos. If your child is not in on a Tuesday and you would like their photograph taken, please arrive at 8am at the studio (the building just before the nursery). Please access via the steps from the main playground where a member of the nursery staff will greet you. If you have siblings in school and want a group picture please also arrive at this time if your child is NOT attending nursery that day. If your child is at nursery that day, please drop them off as normal and the nursery staff will supervise them and organise the group photo if requested. If you would like a sibling photo (if your child is in on Tuesday or not) please email the nursery nextstepsnursery@stjohnsmsn.co.uk and the school office office@stjohnsmsn.co.uk to confirm, and include the class names that the children are in.



Charity Trek

We would like to say a huge 'congratulations' to Layla's parents, Tanya and Alex, who completed their 100km trek at the weekend. They were tired, sore, aching and overwhelmed by the end of their incredible challenge, but they did Layla proud, and have so far raised nearly £5000 for Reverse Rett, a charity close to their hearts that have supported them as a family. Well done Alex and Tanya!



Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 17th September: Nursery Photographs
28th October - 1st November: School Half Term.
Please bring packed lunches as the school kitchen will be closed.
23rd December: School closed. Please bring a packed lunch.
24th December - 2nd January: Closed for Christmas holidays
3rd January 2025: School closed. Please bring a packed lunch.



Are you choosing a school for your child for September 2025?

We know that choosing a school for your child is one of the most important decisions you make as parents.

To provide parents with an opportunity to learn more about our school and our ethos, we are inviting you to visit the school for a presentation followed by a tour of the school.



Open Mornings

Tuesday, 15th October, 9.30am
Tuesday, 5th November, 9.30am
Friday, 8th November, 9.30am

Places are limited so must be booked in advance by contacting the School Office on 01761 412019.

We can offer:

- Dedicated teaching rooms for cookery, music and pottery
- Forest school sessions
- Extra-curricular clubs
- Large playing fields and playgrounds with age-appropriate activity areas
- Outdoor classroom



St. John's Primary School is a 'Good' School:

"Pupils behave well in school... Classrooms are calm and pupils work hard. In the playground, pupils socialise happily together."

"Pupils are taught a well-considered curriculum to support their broader development. This is a particular strength of the school."

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Online Learning Journal – Parents’ Guide

Where do I start?

Once you have given us a preferred email address, we will set up an account for you. Go to <https://eylj.org> on your computer, or if you have a phone or tablet you can download the Tapestry app from the Education section (search for TapestryMobile). Login using your email address and the password we give you. We strongly recommend that you change your password on your first visit.

Changing your settings

On the computer

At the top right of your screen you will see your name, and selecting this will give you the option to ‘Edit Preferences’. Choose this option and you will be presented with a screen giving you the option to change your email address and password.

You also have the option to receive an email whenever a new observation is added to your child’s Learning Journal – just tick or untick the relevant box if you would like to change this setting.

On Phones and tablets

To change your settings on the phone/tablet app, click the 'cog' button on the bottom right hand side of the application. This enables you to change password and/or email address.

Viewing my child’s Learning Journal

Once logged in, you will see your child’s observations on your home screen in a list – selecting any one of these will open up the observation for you to look at. You may add comments in the box at the bottom of the observation if you would like to - and we would love to receive comments!

Adding an entry to my child’s Learning Journal

Choose the ‘Add Observation’ option (or the 'plus' icon on your phones or tablets) and add the relevant information in the boxes on screen. Photos and videos may be uploaded by choosing the ‘add media’ option. When you have saved your observation, you may go back to the home screen at any time by choosing ‘home’.

