



# Next Steps @ St Johns



Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring

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## This week at Nursery . . .

4th October 2024



This week has been a fun-filled week, with lots of sensory exploration, creativity and conversations about the area in which we live.

We have been getting messy with custard and cornflour gloop, observing the changes that happen when water is added to the dry mix and the way in which the solution 'melts' away. This has sparked some interesting vocabulary to describe the texture, including 'slimy', 'sticky' and 'yucky'!



The children have been developing their fine motor skills in preparation for early writing. We have been busy threading pasta onto pipe cleaners to make bracelets and necklaces.



We have been exploring the local area, talking about landmarks, shops and familiar sites around Midsomer Norton. We have recreated the railway station from our small world resources and using photos of the local area as prompts for discussion.

The children have created their very own family trees and added fingerprint leaves to represent the people in their family.



Please can we ask you to help us by ensuring all of your child's items are labelled clearly particularly all coats, shoes and slippers/indoor shoes. This will help us to ensure that any items that become lost or accidentally taken home by other children can be returned promptly.

Thank you for your support with this.



## STAR OF THE WEEK

Albion



for good listening and sharing knowledge.

Well done Albion!



## Seedlings are having a bake sale!

Monday 7th October at 3pm.

Please come along to buy a treat or two!

Any donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated, please bring them along on Monday morning if you can.

We are raising money for Reverse Rett, the charity that personally helps one of our Next Steps children, Layla, and her family.

There will also be an afternoon tea, with bingo and a prize draw at Paulton Rovers on Tuesday 8th October 1-4pm.

We will be adding our donations to the money raised on this event.



Our very own Bessie is starring as Snow White, in a local pantomime. Tickets available now.

A poster for the pantomime 'Snow White &amp; The Seven Dwarfs'. It features a central image of a woman dressed as Snow White, holding a red apple. The text on the poster includes: 'TIMSBURY THEATRE GROUP 2024', a QR code, 'Snow White &amp; The Seven Dwarfs', 'A Pantomime by Limelight Scripts', and the following showtimes: 'Wednesday 11th December - 7:30pm', 'Thursday 12th December - 7:30pm', 'Friday 13th December - 7:30pm', and 'Saturday 14th December - 2:00pm &amp; 6:00pm'. Ticket prices are listed as: 'Adult £12', 'Child £8', and 'Family (2+2) £35'. The venue is 'Conygre Hall, North Road, Timsbury BA2 0JQ'. The box office website is 'www.timsburytheatre.co.uk'. Social media icons for X, Facebook, and Instagram are also present.

## Dates for the Diary

25th October: School INSET day. Nursery WILL be open.

Please bring packed lunches as the school kitchen will be closed.

28th October - 1st November: School Half Term. Please bring a packed lunch.

27th November: School INSET day. Nursery WILL be open.

23rd December: School closed. Please bring a packed lunch.

24th December - 2nd January: Closed for Christmas holidays.

3rd January 2025: School closed. Nursery WILL be open. 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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## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October Baby & Preschool Swimming Open Day for ages 0-4 years!

FREE swimming lesson with your little one | Booking is essential | Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.



Puddle Ducks is the 1st entirely child-led swim school in the UK.

Our expert-led classes are designed to allow your little one the opportunity to explore the water, learn key water safety skills from their first lesson and build their water confidence with each session.

Our much-loved teacher Diana will be running the Open Day at Harry's Hydro pool in Frome, and we would like to invite local families along next weekend to 'try before you buy'!

[Click here](#) to book your child's free space!

Use the above link or visit [puddleducks.com/bbopenday](http://puddleducks.com/bbopenday) to book your child a space. You can also call us directly on 0117 971 7165 (Office hours: Mon-Fri 09:30-14:30).

