



Next Steps @ St Johns



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This week at Nursery ...

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This week, we have been sharing different versions of the story "The Gingerbread Man". The children have enjoyed bringing the story to life using props and puppets. We have been repeating familiar parts of the story such as "Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!"



In Maths, we have been busy exploring patterns and have enjoyed games of 'spot the difference' between gingerbread people.

To support the development of fine motor skills, the children have been using tweezers to place accessories on gingerbread men to decorate them!



Many of our children are keen footballers, so the playground has been set up as a football pitch to practise their skills. This has been very popular, even in the cold!!



The snow on Tuesday, and then the ice on Wednesday, was an exciting surprise for us all. The children had lots of fun exploring the ice that had formed in the mud kitchen, - breaking off larger pieces and using tools to smash it, and also observing the changes that happened when the sun came out and started to melt the ice.



STAR OF THE WEEK

Radleigh



For putting so much effort into everything he does.

Well done !

INSET Day

A reminder that there is a school INSET day on 27th November.

The Nursery will be open as normal, but the school kitchen will be closed, so all children will need to bring a packed lunch.



Christmas Decorations for PTA Fete

The children have been very busy this week making some beautiful Christmas decorations to sell and raise funds at our PTA Christmas Fete. Their wonderful creations have been on sale for £2 each at the Nursery and will be available to purchase for the first hour of the fete (if you are attending). After this, they can be purchased by other lucky members of the public! We understand that some children have finished their sessions for the week, and so if you would like us to hold back your child's decoration, please contact us via email/phone.

The Fete raises vital money to support the school and nursery, and the PTA do a fantastic job of organising and planning super events throughout the year! If you are able to join the fun on Saturday we would love to see you between 11am-2pm.



Christmas Crafts - A Reminder

With December fast approaching, we will be beginning to talk about Christmas, and create some festive crafts for the children to bring home as a surprise for their families. In previous years we have asked for boxes to be brought into the nursery to fill, but due to storage space this year please can we ask for every child to bring in a named festive gift bag (approx. A4 sized). This will be returned to you filled with lots of Christmas crafts created by your children. Thank you in advance for your support with this.



Festive Clothing

We would like to join in with tradition of festive clothing. It is optional, but for the whole of December we welcome Christmas jumpers, t-shirts or accessories!

Christmas Service: Wednesday 18th December, 9am

A reminder that we will be joining the school in celebrating Christmas at the Church Service. This will be held on Wednesday 18th December at 9am. We are looking for two parent helpers to walk the children to Church and back to Nursery. This will be between 8:30-10:30am (approx.). All children who attend Nursery on a Wednesday will be taken to Church by us. If your child does not attend on a Wednesday, you are welcome to meet us at the Church and join the service alongside other parents.

If you are able to support us in walking to/from Church, please let a member of staff know and we will arrange the help that is needed.

Dates for the Diary

- 27th November: School INSET day. Nursery WILL be open. Please bring a packed lunch.
- 18th December, 9am: Christmas Service at St. John's Church
- 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.