



Next Steps @ St Johns



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This week at Nursery . . .



The children have continued to enjoy lots of Christmas activities this week. They used their fine motor skills to practise wrapping 'presents' to go underneath our tree and were very proud of their efforts! They have also spent time cutting 2D shapes to create Christmas pictures. 'Snowman Skittles' has proven to be a fun game outside this week. The children have used footballs to knock over the bottles and then count how many have fallen/remain.



We enjoyed a sensory experience earlier in the week; making cloud dough. The mixture (made of cornflour and hair conditioner) felt very soft and smooth. The children enjoyed helping to make the mixture and then play with the dough. It was great fun to watch it drop from height and fall to the table below!



STAR OF THE WEEK

Monty



for showing a positive attitude and great independence.

Well done !



Please note our new e-mail address: nextstepsnursery@stjohns.mnsp.org.uk



Next Wednesday is a very busy day at Nursery! We are joining the school Church service at 9am. Please can we ask that when children arrive, they keep their outdoor shoes on in preparation to leave. We also need the children to arrive promptly on this day, we will be aiming to leave Nursery in plenty of time to get to Church.

Funding forms are now due in. You should have received an email from the school office with a form attached. Please can we ask that these are returned by next week. All funding codes must be applied for, or renewed, by **31st December** for them to be valid. You can log in to your Government Gateway account to check and renew.

School Admissions

A reminder that applications for school places in 2025 need to be made by **15th January**. If your child is in their pre-school year and you live in BANES, please visit the BANES website to make an application. For those living outside of BANES, please seek guidance from your local authority



Finance

Please be reminded that invoices for nursery fees should be paid promptly - these may be paid via ParentPay or a childcare voucher scheme. Should you wish to pay via a childcare voucher scheme, including a Government's Tax Free Childcare account, please provide the school office with the reference details.

A reminder that if you intend to claim Working Parent Entitlement funding for the Spring Term, please ensure that you have applied for, or renewed, prior to December 31st 2024.

Please note that if you intend to claim any funded hours for the Spring term, a declaration form will need to be completed for each term. These have been e-mailed out for completion and should be returned to the nursery or the school office as soon as possible.

A Festive Invitation - Wednesday 18th December

On Wednesday 18th December, we would like to invite all children back to Nursery in the evening for a festive film and to share their Christmas singing with you. At 3:30pm, **all** children are invited to come to Nursery in their pyjamas/onesies to stay with us and enjoy a Christmas film, some hot chocolate and some sweet treats! If your child already attends Nursery on a Wednesday, they are welcome to stay with us and we are happy to change them into pyjamas/onesies if provided.

At 4:30pm, parents are invited to return and watch as the children sing their fabulous Christmas songs that they have been working so hard to learn! We are hoping to do this outside, under our new canopy area. We will confirm this nearer the time due to changing weather conditions. We will send an invitation home next week with all of the details, but wanted to give you the information in advance due to your busy calendars!

Dates for the Diary

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.