



# Next Steps @ St Johns



Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring

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## This week at Nursery . . .

**Please note, we have had a confirmed case of chicken pox within the nursery. Please note the guidance is that the recommended period to be kept away from school or childcare setting is five days from the onset of rash AND until all lesions have crusted over. Further details are available from the NHS (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>)**



This week at Next Steps we have been busy exploring the story 'Tiddler'. This is a lovely tale of a little fish with a big imagination! We have enjoyed re-telling this story using props and sensory items such as sand and shells. We have also had lots of fun with 'taste safe' sensory exploration, with crushed cereal sand, water and satsuma fish!

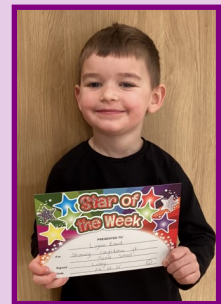


In maths, we have been learning about size, - comparing a range of objects, ordering them from smallest to biggest, and introducing new vocabulary to describe the differences. We have also been practicing our fine motor skills to cut out lots of pictures and order these by size.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Logan



For showing confidence at Forest School.

Well done!



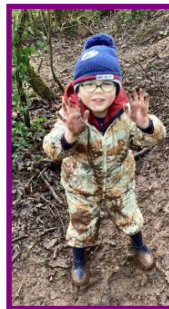


In Forest School, we had lots of fun exploring the surroundings. It was rather muddy so the children made the most of this and enjoyed jumping in the puddles! The children enjoyed retelling the 'Bear Hunt' story, repeating familiar phrases such as "squelch, squerch!" For some of our children this was their first experience of the forest, and fun was had by all! We listened to the important Forest School safety rules, and joined in with the game "One, two, three, where are you?" returning to the log circle when we heard Libby calling the magic words!

In physical mindfulness, we talked about it being a new year, and setting goals for what we would like to achieve. The children enjoyed exploring different toys such as windmills, stars and wands.



Please take note of the change to the dates that were previously shared in the newsletter. We are breaking up for Easter on Thursday 10th April, therefore the nursery will be closed on Friday 11th April. We will re-open on Tuesday 22nd April. Apologies for any inconvenience.



## Dates for the Diary

17th to 21st February: School Half Term.  
The school kitchen will be closed, please bring packed lunches.

7th April: The school kitchen will be closed, please bring packed lunches.

11th April to 21st April: The Nursery will be closed for the Easter break.

5th May: Bank Holiday. The Nursery will be closed.

26th May: Bank Holiday. The Nursery will be closed.