



Next Steps @ St Johns



Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring

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This week at Nursery . . .

This week has been a super busy and exciting week!!

On Monday, we walked to Midsomer Norton Library for a visit. The librarian read two stories to us, and allowed the children to explore the library themselves. We spent time sharing books and activities together.



Next Steps now have their very own nursery library card, so we were able to choose a selection of books to borrow and we look forward to swapping them again. The children were so well behaved, showed great listening skills, and walked sensibly to and from the library. We were super proud of all of them. We would like to say a big thank you to our parent volunteers who helped us on the day.



In the afternoon, we enjoyed physical mindfulness. We learned about the seasons and about the changes that happen in the spring time. We moved our bodies to music and pretended to be growing seeds.



STAR OF THE WEEK

Nina



For showing good listening skills.

Well done!

On Tuesday it was 'Pancake Day'. The children enjoyed flipping and tasting pancakes with a selection of toppings to choose from. We also watched a short video explaining the meaning of Shrove Tuesday and the start of Lent, and as we do every year, we joined in with the CBeebies 'Pancake Day' song!



On Wednesday, we had lots of fun in the forest! It was not as muddy this week as it has been, so we were able to use magnifying glasses to help us explore different areas of the forest to look for mini-beasts. We did find a few muddy puddles to jump in of course!

Forest School will continue on Wednesdays until Easter. Please ensure your children have spare clothes including socks should they need to change afterwards.



On Thursday it was World Book Day. The children and staff came in dressed to impress in a variety of different costumes. We had a great time sharing lots of books, and were introduced to characters who not everyone had heard of before.





In between all of the other exciting events we still found time to enjoy the lovely spring weather, exploring the outdoors a lot more.

Our two focus stories of the week are 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and 'The Colour Monster.'

In Maths, we have been investigating more challenging repeating patterns, following ABAB and ABC patterns using a variety of coloured toys and a very colourful caterpillar!

In PSED we have shared the story of 'the Colour Monster', a lovely tale about a monster who needs help to un-jumble his emotions. The children have been very thoughtful and discussed what different feelings seem like to them and what they might make us do.

We have enjoyed reflecting on specific experiences which made us feel a certain way.

A few of the children mentioned Forest School this week as an activity which made them feel happy.

Others said that they were calm, and noted one of their friends who had fallen asleep as she must have been feeling very calm!



REMINDER

Parents who are entitled to the Working Families Early Years Entitlement need to have applied for their code or reconfirmed their eligibility by Monday 31st March 2025, in order to access the funding from 1st April 2025.

In order to not miss any e-mail reminders sent to you from the DFE regarding this, please ensure you check spam or junk folders and ensure contact details are up to date in the system.

Dates for the Diary

18th March: Visit to the church

7th - 10th 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.