

The Great Kiss Heist

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EXT. NURSERY - DAY 9.00AM

Valentines Day - 1974

A line of excited children wait outside their classroom door. JAMES an adventurous 6 year old, stands a short distance off grasping his mothers hand.

James turns to his mother with a look of defiance, she shakes her head and releases his hand. Crossing his arms in a huff James stares toward the door.

The door opens revealing MRS MATHIS, a beautiful young kindergarten teacher. She smiles.

MRS MATHIS

Come in children, we have a lot to do today.

Beaming, James joins the end of the line.

INT. NURSERY - DESK - DAY 9.32AM

James sits staring at the clock, his desk covered in papers and crayons. Returning vigorously to scribble the finishing touches, he folds and crams the paper into his pocket.

INT. NURSERY - READING AREA - DAY 10.05AM

Mrs Mathis is reading "Fantastic Mr Fox" to the class. James sitting cross legged next to a fellow classmate looks at the clock then takes a CANDY BAR out of his pocket.

Smoothly with his eyes fixed forward, he hands over the bar with one hand and receives a small fish NET with the other.

INT. NURSERY - PLAY AREA - DAY 10.26AM

Hidden behind a fort of building blocks, James peers through the toy window at the clock. He takes a long BLOCK and places it indiscreetly into his pocket.

INT. NURSERY - DESK - DAY 11.13AM

Mrs Mathis sits at her desk.

MRS MATHIS

Who want's to feed bubbles?

Lots of hands shoot into the air. Jame's hand thrusts up holding the fish net.

INT. NURSERY - FISH TANK - DAY 11.15AM

At the back of the class, James sprinkles flakes into Bubble's tank. Closed just beyond the tank is a large window. Looking at the clock he pulls the fishing net from his back pocket.

Arm outstretched he bypasses the tank hooking the net around the window's latch. James pulls the latch loose. Bringing forth his secreted building block, James wedges the block between the window and the ledge forcing it to stay open.

James scans to see no one has noticed the noise.

INT. NURSERY - DOORWAY - DAY 12.00PM

A bell rings. Children grab their bags and stand in a line by the door. Parents wait outside to take them home.

Mrs Mathis stands by the door. James rushes to be third in line. Mrs Mathis bends down to kiss each child on the cheek goodbye. Nervously fidgeting James moves forward.

Reaching the front, Mrs Mathis smiles at him. James closes his eyes. She bends down and kisses him on the cheek. For a brief second James doesn't move, everything goes quiet.

MRS MATHIS

James.

James opens his eyes, embarrassed he rushes out the door.

EXT. NURSERY - DAY 12.04PM

Heart beating he races around the back of the building, and proceeds to climb a lattice frame under the open window.

INT. NURSERY - DAY 12.05PM

Slipping in through the gap almost spilling Bubbles for his tank, James races through the room. Joining the back of the line he becomes the last student to leave. Mrs Mathis looks at him quizzically. James is too out of breath to say anything.

Mrs Mathis chuckles. She leans down to give James, a second kiss. James closes his eyes and smiles.