



# ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

Nursery Newsletter

20th February 2022

**Hello from the nursery team:**

**Hilary, Jennie, Charlotte, Elaine, Gemma, Georgie, Hollie, Lizzie, Louise & Sophie**

Dear parents and carers,

We hope you had a lovely half term and didn't get too blown about! I checked on the Nursery on Saturday morning and was pleasantly surprised, just a few twigs, so we are all ready to be back tomorrow.

World book Day is on 3rd March, this week and next we will be thinking about stories. This week our stories will be weather focused starting with the tornado in The Wizard of Oz. We will be using scissor skills to create spirals, exploring magnets with tins, our small world will be our dolls house that comes apart, and we hope to play with some of our 'wind' resources on the recreation ground. Maybe you might like to take this weather inspiration to create your own weather station at home?

Please remember to check your child's tray. This week all children will be given a book token to exchange for or contribute towards a new book, you may also find Valentine's gifts that were uncollected before half term.

We still have a few places for new starters in September 2022/January 2023. Do let friends know and ask them to contact the nursery for a tour.

Hilary

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# This week...

## Communication, Language & Literacy:

There are lots of ideas on the Internet for DIY weather stations, this from The Met Office is a good starting point:

<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/learn-about/met-office-for-schools/other-content/other-resources/weather-station/index>

As well as sparking an interest in science, this is a great opportunity to develop descriptive language and to mark-make by recording results.



## Woodland Wonder:

While tidying up the Forest School site this week we spotted some Coal Fungus (or King Alfred's Cakes) growing on some of the cut Ash logs. We have picked a piece to dry and hope to see if in a few weeks we can demonstrate to the children how this can be used as a firelighter, in a similar way to how we use cotton wool.

These fungus balls are slow burning, much like a charcoal briquette.



## Makaton

At nursery each week we introduce a Makaton sign and symbol. Makaton supports spoken language and helps children communicate their needs.



**This week's sign is:**  
**What**

**what**

Sound of the week:

**b**

Number of the week:

**9**

Click on [this link](#) for a video demonstrating how to pronounce the phonic sounds

## B is for Beaufort Scale:

Did you know the Forest School staff use the Beaufort Scale and the UK wind map to check it's safe to play in the woods?

Beaufort number	Wind Speed (mph)	Seaman's term	Effects on Land
0	Under 1	Calm	Calm; smoke rises vertically.
1	1-3	Light Air	Smoke drift indicates wind direction; leaves do not move.
2	4-7	Light Breeze	Wind felt on face; leaves rustle; waves begin to move.
3	8-12	Gentle Breeze	Leaves, small twigs in constant motion; light flags extended.
4	13-18	Moderate Breeze	Dust, leaves and loose paper raised up; small branches move.
5	19-24	Fresh Breeze	Small trees begin to sway.
6	25-31	Strong Breeze	Large branches of trees in motion; whistling heard in wires.
7	32-38	Moderate Gale	Whole trees in motion; resistance felt in walking against the wind.
8	39-46	Fresh Gale	Twigs and small branches broken off trees.
9	47-54	Strong Gale	Slight structural damage occurs; slate blown from roofs.
10	55-63	Whole Gale	Severe experienced on land; trees broken; structural damage occurs.
11	64-72	Storm	Very rarely experienced on land; usually with widespread damage.
12	73 or higher	Hurricane Force	Violence and destruction.

## Star of the Day

Please take a photo or short video of something special that your child would like to share with us at nursery and upload it to Tapestry.

**NB. please record videos in LANDSCAPE format (i.e. with phone/tablet held horizontally) so we are able to view them on the large screen.**

**Monday 21st: Jago**

**Tuesday 22nd: Eva**

**Wednesday 23rd: Tristan**

**Thursday 24th: Alexander D**

**Friday 25th: Robyn**