



# ST. MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

25th February 2024

**Hello from the nursery team:  
Hilary, Jennie, Georgie, Kelly, Lizzie, Louise and Sophie**

Dear parents and carers,

It was great to see the new layout working well, It does indeed feel more spacious and has opened up a new area to play. Thank you for the positive feedback too!

This week we have a fine motor skills focus, several threading type activities, one which Mummies (It's Mother's Day soon!) will especially see the benefit from! Children continue to enjoy sensory play and this week we will have the orange lentils for them to explore. If you happen to have any out of date orange lentils in the back of the cupboard, we can make a good 'replenish our stock' home for them, especially as more than a few will end up on the ground! The Gingerbread House continues to be a soft play den again this week, children are really enjoying this generally physical play, especially when the weather has not been great.

Please help us in continuing with effective hand washing! We have had a report of threadworms. If this is your first encounter, do click on the link to the NHS threadworm advice. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>

From after the Easter holiday (w/c 15/04) we will have a space on a Monday and Wednesday morning. Please email Hilary if you are interested in an additional morning.

Hours for September 2024/January 2025:

The pattern of request for hours does not quite fit into our availability! We are limited to how many children can attend each day, and also have a minimum number for viability too. We can therefore unusually not offer all of the specific requests that have been made by our existing families. We have made a preliminary decision to open Monday afternoons to younger children, but made Thursdays, both morning and afternoon, exclusively for older children. We will try to send out hours offers, via your child's tray, by the end of this month. Once these are accepted, I will also set up a waiting list for alternative preferred options.

Just a reminder that footwear and outer clothing e.g. coats, hats, gloves, fleeces must be named, returning misplaced items is somewhat challenging without!

Hilary

# This week...

## Communication, Language and Literacy:

Children who attend our afternoon sessions have enjoyed making independent choices and borrowing a book to share at home...have they surprised you with their choices at all? The library is available for all children to borrow from and is usually outside nursery at drop off and pick up (weather depending!). Please do remember to return books to ensure a wide choice is available for all.



Regular visits to the library helps to establish a love of literacy and develop pre-reading skills...and even better...it's free! Many of Surrey Library's also run regular story and rhyme time sessions.

## Number of the week:



## Woodland Wonder:

*There's a worm at the bottom of my garden,  
and his name is wiggly-woo.*

*There's a worm at the bottom of my garden,  
and all that he can do...*

*is wiggle all night, and wiggle all day,  
no matter what the people say.*

*There's a worm at the bottom of my garden,  
and his name is wiggly woo!*

The damp weather is providing perfect conditions for worm spotting! The common earthworm can live up to 6 years and, at their largest, grow to 30cm long. Earthworms eat up to a third of their bodyweight in a day, consuming soil as they burrow.



## 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 26th: Nora

Tuesday 27th: Dilan

Wednesday 28th: Ophelia

Thursday 29th: Elena

Friday 1st March: Jake

Our Star of the Day schedule is also displayed in the nursery window for future dates