



# ST. MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

19th May 2024

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

Dear parents and carers,

It's World Bee Day on Monday 20th May, so this week at nursery we will have lots of bee activity. We have planned some crafting activities, learning about shapes, in particular hexagons, and buzzing about the garden with some Bee focused physical games. We will also continue to plant beans, don't forget to keep the tissue damp and plant out once you have observed the rooting activity! We will be learning how bee's help to make our food by pollinating the flowers of fruits and vegetables. When we return to nursery after half term we will have a minibeast focus. Please note, there will not be a weekly newsletter the week we return.

Please remember we do not apply sun cream unless there is a medical reason to do so. Sun cream should be applied to your child before nursery, if you happen to forget, we should have a pot of cream available outside and please do ask if we happen to forget to put it out. Children should still have waterproof coats for any showery weather, but winter coats will hopefully not be needed for a few months! We do request that children have closed toe footwear, as the weather continues to improve, we do sometimes go barefoot too, which may seem to be an anomaly, but when children are wearing shoes, experience shows us that they tend to perceive their toes are safe when wearing any shoes.

You may have noticed we have not yet sent the bills out for this term. Please accept our apologies for the delay, we have been talking to a new bookkeeper and hope to have the bills out shortly after half term.

Hilary

**Diary Dates for Summer Term:**

Friday 14th June: Fathers' Day breakfast

Tuesday 25th June: New parents' social evening

Saturday 6th July: Mickleham and Westhumble Summer Fair

Wednesday 10th July: Nursery end of term show

Saturday 13th July: Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultural Show

Wednesday 17th July: Sports day ~ younger children

Thursday 18th July: Sports day ~ older children

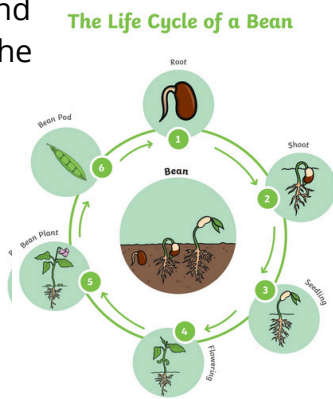
Friday 19th July: End of term leavers' party

Date TBC: Parent's evening dates for leavers

# This week...

## Knowledge and Understanding of the World:

Children have been starting off beans and will gradually be bringing them home over the week. We'd love to see updates on Tapestry as their 'beanstalks' develop and grow. Ask your child about the life cycle, and if they have learned some new words talk about what they mean. You could find books or resources on the Internet to encourage their recall. Perhaps you could investigate the life cycle of other animals or plants to support their learning.



## Number of the week:



## Woodland Wonder:

With the weather finally warming up, you may be lucky enough to spot a slow worm when you are out and about. Slow worms are neither a worm nor a snake, they are a legless lizard. You may find them basking in a sunny patch near grass or woodlands where they like to find invertebrates to eat. Slow worms are a protected species and should not be handled or moved. Find out more about slow worms at [The Wildlife Trust](https://www.wildlifetrust.org.uk/slow-worms)



## 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 20th: Ophelia

Tuesday 21st: Dilan

Wednesday 22nd: Jake

Thursday 23rd: Dougie

Friday 24th: Alice

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