



# ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

8th December 2024

**Hello from the nursery team:  
Hilary, Jennie, Faith, Justyn, Katie, Kelly, Lizzie, Louise and Sophie**

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for all the support at Saturday's Christmas fair. It is so important for the nursery both to help us raise funds on the day and to continue to foster the sense of community that is very much part of our Nursery. There are several teams of parents that did quite a lot of behind the scenes work, who donated their time and /or goodies, without which we wouldn't have had a day that ran so smoothly. Thank you to Verity who coordinated EVERYTHING, the willing volunteers, and the volunteers who may have needed more of a nudge. I hope you enjoyed your time and can see, how even on such a foul weathered day, what an amazing footfall of loyal support we still had. I'm looking forward to hearing the final figures!

This week we will be sorting our nativity costumes and some children are starting to rehearse placement and spoken parts! The nativity will be on Wednesday 18th December. It will start at 11.30ish and should take no more than half an hour. We don't have a restriction on numbers, so please do invite grandparents etc. Older children (those in their pre-reception year) will be allocated parts and we usually have enough costumes to offer them. Younger children will either be angels or sheep, you may wish to source/make a costume. We like simple ~ so black/ white trousers and a white customised pillow case is good enough! Angels should be wingless to prevent poking the neighbouring angel in the eye! Do speak to Hilary if you need any clarification or if you are unable to source a costume (we may have some spares!). Children who do not normally attend nursery on a Wednesday are also invited to come in. They should arrive at the nursery in costume and toileted at 11.10. Some children, whilst they may love singing on a normal nursery day or at home, really don't like to 'perform', or may become overwhelmed on the day of the show. We totally understand some children will prefer to watch their peers whilst sitting on their parent's lap!! If not already done so, please let us know if your child will not be attending. If your child usually stays for a longer day, but as it's the last day of term, you'd like to collect them after the show, that is absolutely fine, but we would like to know in advance please.

The spring term starts on Tuesday 7th January. From January we have availability on a Monday (can be all day if your child is already 3) and a Wednesday (morning only). If you would like an extra session or would like to swap one of your existing days to either a Monday or Wednesday, please let Hilary know as soon as possible. I have a waiting list for every other day. Sometime towards the end of January you will also be asked to book what days/hours you would like from September 2025. Please note ~ as detailed in your parent carer guide, we request 8 weeks term time notice for reducing your child's hours.

We are enjoying hearing about advent calendars being opened and if you happen to have a 'cheeky' elf, what antics they have got up to. Please do send any 'shareable' photos to tapestry.

Hilary

## **Diary Dates:**

Wednesday 18th December: Nursery Nativity and end of term

Tuesday 7th January 2025: Start Spring Term

# This week...

## Literacy and Mathematics:

We have been enjoying sharing our '12 Days of Christmas' book with the children, and some of them seem to remember the words better than us already! This book/song is the perfect combination of literacy and early mathematics. There are many building blocks to mathematics including reciting numbers in order (in Early Years our focus is numbers up to 10), recognising the printed numerals, counting using 1:1 correspondence (ensuring each item is counted individually) and recognising cardinal number (understanding that a number represents a quantity of objects).



## Number of the week:



## Woodland Wonder:

Get creative for Christmas with foraged woodland decorations. Head out on a walk with your little one to collect fallen pine cones and evergreen foliage to create unique table decorations, garlands or wreaths. Plastic free, eco-friendly and no waste! Remember our Forest School 'no pick, no lick' rule...we do not pick from living plants unless an adult has given permission, and we don't put anything near our mouths (including fingers!) after picking them up. This rule keeps us safe!



## Star of the Day

Please upload to Tapestry a photo or short video of something special that your child would like to share with us at nursery. Two or three photos/videos is plenty!

**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 9th: Ralph**

**Tuesday 10th: Ossian**

**Wednesday 11th: Stefa**

**Thursday 12th: No star today!**

**Friday 13th: Mimi**

*Our star of the day schedule is also displayed in the nursery window for future dates*