



ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

26th January 2025

Hello from the nursery team:

Hilary, Jennie, Faith, Hannah, Justyn, Katie, Kelly, Lizzie, Louise and Sophie

Dear parents and carers,

This week at nursery we will continue to learn about and explore the rich resources celebrating Chinese New Year. We will continue to have fun with the zodiac story, using the animals for small world play, pretending to be the animals, moving like them and acting out the story. We will also use the animals to explore light and shadow with the OHP. Children will be able to be part of the St. Michael's dragon dance or beat a simple drum rhythm. We will also look at examples of Chinese print and the tradition of good luck by gifting each child with a red envelope and feng shui coin (please check and empty trays!) With present allergies, we are a little limited with food tasting, but you may like to do this at home, we do however hope to have fortune cookies to share over the week.

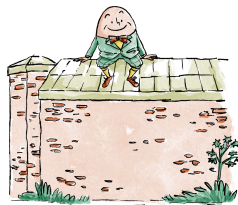
Attached is a form to complete to request the hours you would like your child to attend from September 2025. We usually have some availability to increase hours from January 2026, for example, you may wish to increase hours once your child is eligible for funding, however, availability will be limited. The form **MUST** be returned (either emailed or a hard copy) by Friday, February 14th. Please do let Hilary know if exceptional circumstances mean you are unable to complete the form.

Hilary

This week...

Communication, Language and Literacy:

Songs and nursery rhymes can play an important role in your child's language development. Repetition is the key to your child being able to join in...pause at the end of a line or sentence to give them the chance to join in and fill in the missing word e.g. 'The wheels on the bus go round and round all day ...' Don't worry if your child doesn't do so, after a pause say the word for your child, they might be ready to join in next time.



Did you know that we focus on phonic letter sounds (rather than letter names) at Nursery? Click on [THIS LINK](#) for a video demonstrating how to correctly pronounce the phonic sounds

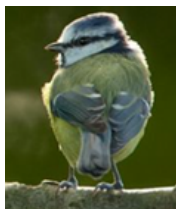
Number of the week:

A large green number '4' is centered on a white card with a green border. Below the number is the word 'four' in a green, lowercase, sans-serif font. In the top left corner, there is a small white box with a vertical line and four dots. In the top right corner, there is a green square with four white circles. At the bottom left, there are two hands showing four fingers. At the bottom right, there is a stack of four colorful blocks (red, yellow, blue, red). A small 'twinkl' logo is visible at the bottom center.

Woodland Wonder:

Last week at nursery some of the children were taking part in some birdwatching in the garden, using tick sheets, learning bird names and listening for different bird calls. Did you take part in the [RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch](#) this weekend?

Blue tits are particularly busy in February searching for safe, warm sites ready for building a nest (they like to be organised!). In fact, they are the garden bird species most likely to use nest boxes so if you've been thinking about putting one up... now is the time! As blue tit's can lay up to 16 eggs you could be well rewarded for your efforts! Find out more about Blue tits on the [RSPB website](#).



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 27th: Niko

Tuesday 28th: Frankie

Wednesday 29th: Lara

Thursday: No star today!

Friday 31st: Oscar B

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