

# ST. MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

2nd February 2025

**Hello from the nursery team:**

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

Dear parents and carers,

Several children made bird feeders in Forest School last week, so this week we will have the resources available for all children to make these. If you have any pine cones at home, our stocks are low and would benefit from replenishment! Thank you.

Keeping the birds theme and current interest going, we will have birds in playdough, alongside dinosaur skeletons, and birds for small-world play too. There has also been interest in volcanoes, so we have bought some ingredients for creating volcanic eruptions! We will also have the glue table for gluing and sticking, some children will choose to make things from junk to bring home, and others will just enjoy the experience of runny glue. This is a great activity and we usually have it available for several weeks at a time which allows children to keep building on previous work. Eventually, we'll turn the mass of glued objects into a space/jungle/ or dinosaur landscape.

Did you know we are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help fundraise for FREE. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us using the QR code or online at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmichaelsnursery/>.

Don't forget to email in your updated hours request forms by February 14th! (form attached again!!)

Finally, just a reminder to please, if you can, upload all star of the day pictures in one post. It is a little tricky to access multiple posts on the large screen. Thank you.



Hilary

**Diary Dates:**

Friday 14th February: Final deadline hours request form for September 2025

# This week...

## Communication, Language and Literacy:

Introduce and match books to your child's play to extend their interests and foster a love of reading...add a book about transport with the toy cars, construction books with duplo blocks, books that complement your child's favourite dressing up and role play.



*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 yellow-bordered card for the number 3. At the top left is a ten-frame with three dots. At the top right is a 3x3 grid with three white circles. In the center is a large yellow number '3' with the word 'three' written below it. At the bottom left are two hands showing three fingers. At the bottom right is a vertical stack of three Duplo blocks (red, white, yellow). A small 'twinkl' logo is at the bottom center.

## Woodland Wonder:

We're going on a...flower hunt! Late Winter and early Spring flowers are beginning to pop up all around the nursery garden and forest school...from snowdrops to daffodils there are pockets of colour appearing all around. A scavenger hunt brings a new dimension to a walk in our beautiful countryside, take photos of what you spot (remember 'no pick/no lick') and talk about what you have seen and found.



## 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 3rd: Jake**

**Tuesday 4th: Dilan B**

**Wednesday 5th: Sienna**

**Thursday: No star today!**

**Friday 7th: Alfie**

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