



# ST. MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

20th April 2025

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

Dear parents and carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely Easter and made the most of the generally lovely weather!

This week at nursery, we will be reflecting on Easter celebrations and also using the story of St. George to inspire some of our activities. We will use feathers and buttons to create patterns on (pretend) chickens, have size ordering eggs and we have two lovely castles with knights and princesses for small world fantasy play, plus the dressing up resources for this to develop into role play. Children can use resources for creating simple sound shakers, to either use for singing or to scare away any dragons! In the afternoons, we will be 'table painting', testing and deciding on what shapes and marks to use for a printed dragon. The tadpoles have grown significantly, no back legs yet, but they are so huge they must be almost at their next developmental stage! I'm sure the children will be marvelling at their growth!

We have a new staff member, Aimee, who joins us this week. Aimee is our new SENCO and starts on Wednesday. Welcome Aimee. Unless it is cancelled again, Hilary is away from Wednesday for at least two weeks.

On Old London Rd, there was an incident with a car and a wall during the Holiday, both were written off! The pavement is closed, and traffic lights are in place. The wall is listed, so it may take some time to resolve. Please allow yourself a few extra minutes of travel time if you normally come to the nursery that way.

I was hoping to confirm September hours over the holidays. I have not quite found the time, but hope to do so whilst convalescing! Almost all the requested hours will be offered, but you can email if you need a more prompt confirmation.

We will be increasing our unfunded hours charge from £8.50/hr to £9.00/hr from September. The decision to increase fees is necessary to support the additional employment charges for the nursery. We will however, be introducing a 2.15 pickup on Thursdays, which some families may find helpful.

Happy Easter!

Hilary

# This week...

## Communication & Language:

With St. George's Day fast approaching (23<sup>rd</sup> April), spark your child's imagination and growing vocabulary by designing your very own dragon!

Encourage your child to think about:

- Colours — Is the dragon bright red, shimmering gold, or deep forest green?
- Size — Is it enormous and towering, or tiny enough to sit on your hand?
- Texture — Is its skin scaly, smooth, fluffy, or spiky?
- Smell — Does it smell smoky, sweet like flowers, or like the sea?
- Features — How many wings does it have? Does it breathe fire, ice, or bubbles? Does it have horns, a long tail, or sparkling eyes?

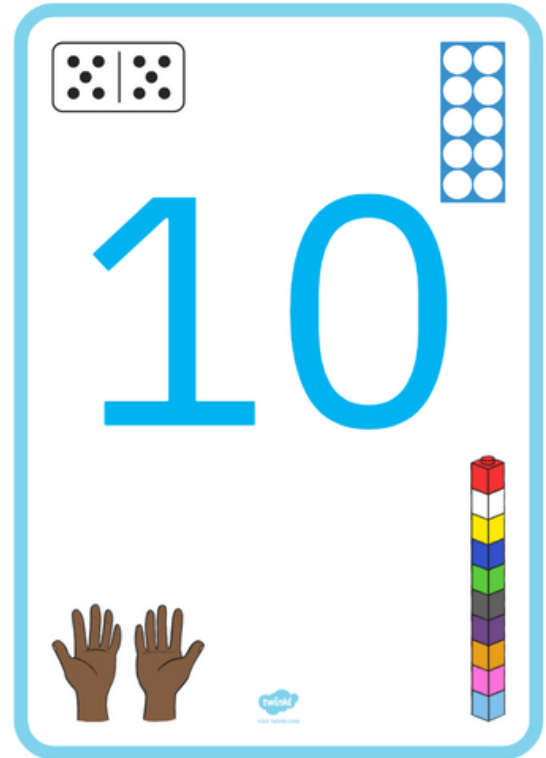
This fun activity is a fantastic way to build language skills while letting creativity fly!

We'd love to see your dragons!

Feel free to bring in pictures or share photos of your creations with us.



## Number of the week:



## Woodland Wonder:

Try a listening walk...stop along the way and listen to the sounds around you. You may hear birds singing, car tyres crunching on gravel, fluttering leaves, bees buzzing.

A sensory walk can focus on different ways to find out about and explore the world around us – through sight, hearing, touch and smell.



## 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.**

**Tuesday 22nd: Dolcie**

**Wednesday 23rd: Niko**

**Thursday 24th: No star**

**Friday 25th: Emilio**

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