



ST. MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

5th May 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 May Bank Holiday! As is the way with this time of year (and it seems Bank Holidays!), the weather looks to be a little cooler again this week.

This week at nursery, we will continue with our shape theme, giving children the opportunity to build on their awareness of shape, learning common shape names and using different shapes to create patterns and construct. The small world hospital will be out, as many of our children enjoyed doctor role play last week, tending to our teddies.

Spring is the season of new life and growth and we currently have many opportunities to explore the life cycle of plants and animals at nursery - the tadpoles are well on their way to becoming froglets, our potatoes are growing at a fast rate and the children are helping us to keep them doing so with regular watering and we also have a very healthy stick insect population! This week some of the children will get the chance to plant seeds and bring them home.

As the children will be seeing flags, banners and celebrations to commemorate VE Day 80 on Wednesday, we will touch on the subject, talking about how we take this day to remember the many different military personnel - past and present - who keep us safe.

Jennie

This week...

Communication & Language:

Children acquire spoken language by being surrounded by talk. All types of talk...functional, discussion, explanation, questioning and wondering. Similarly young children learn about reading and writing as they observe and get involved in real, purposeful literacy activities in their everyday lives. There are many ways you can engage children in talk and create a language and literacy rich environment at home, and probably many that you are already doing...

You could try:

Involving your child in reading and writing to communicate with friends and family: texting, emails, cards and letters. Reading and writing for pleasure: books, magazines, newspapers, Internet



Number of the week:



Woodland Wonder:

Did you know we make our own charcoal to mark-make with at forest school? The children help us to whittle the bark off willow branches which are then cut to size and packed tightly into an old syrup tin which has holes punched in the lid. The tin is then put onto the fire, the willow burns and turns to charcoal.



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 6th: Belle

Wednesday 7th: Nova

Thursday 8th: No star

Friday 9th: Fabian

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