



# ST. MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

1st June 2025

**Hello from the nursery team:**

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

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back after a lovely sunny half term!

We are starting to think about our end of term Show 'The Gingerbread Man' and some of our learning activities this week are inspired by the story. Moving on from a shapes focus, we will be using resources to explore symmetry such as using mirrors. You can help your child understanding by noting things that match...and then point out things that are the same, (or not) on both sides. We will continue to learn new songs that help to enliven the story too.

Please think about the weather of the day and provide appropriate clothing for your child, including sun hats if necessary. Thank you.

**Father's Day breakfast** ~ a special treat for all fathers or grandfathers, even if your child does not normally attend on a Friday, we invite fathers or grandfathers to come together at nursery for a bacon roll (vegetarian option available) and coffee by the forest school fire on Friday 13th June. This is a great way to meet other dads/grandads and make some social links! Bacon should be cooked by 9am, so please do arrive a little earlier with your child. Please take extra care when arriving, as there will be little ones running around on the grass by the car park. We will need to clear up by 9.30am. Please send an email to confirm attendance with Father's Day in the subject line and let us know of any dietary specifics to help us cater appropriately. Whilst we don't offer bacon rolls every day, parents/grandparents are most welcome to come in and stay and play or come in to read a story, share a skill, play an instrument, run a puppet show etc at any time. Your child will love you spending some time with them at nursery and/or Forest School.

Hilary

## **Diary Dates:**

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> June, morning: Father's Day breakfast

w/c Mon 30<sup>th</sup> June: Leavers' parents evenings

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> July, morning: Summer Play: The Gingerbread Man

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> July, afternoon: Older children's Sports Day

Weds 16<sup>th</sup> July, morning: Younger children's Sports Day + Last Day of Term (younger children)

Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> July: Leavers Party + Last Day of Term (older children)

# THIS WEEK...

## Communication & Language:

This week we continue to learn our new songs in preparation for our end of term play 'The Gingerbread Man'.

Music threads through all areas of learning and development. It can be a way of exploring, communicating and responding to experience. Making music or vocalising with others can be a social experience and is often an expression of feelings. All vocal communication is comprised of musical elements such as pitch, rhythm and timbre, demonstrating that musicality is an intrinsic part of being human.

(Musical Development Matters in the Early Years 2018)



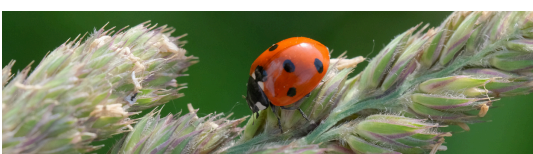
## Number of the week:



## Woodland Wonder:

Did you know the name for a group of Ladybirds is a 'Loveliness of Ladybirds'? Ladybirds are the most vibrant and easily identifiable beetles in the UK and there are 26 different species, with the most common being the 7-spot ladybird. But, they're not just lovely to look at, they are very useful insects that eat aphids and other plant eating pests.

We will be keeping an eye out for ladybirds at nursery and forest school...are you lucky enough to have them in your garden? More information about ladybirds can be found at [The Woodland Trust](https://www.woodlandtrust.co.uk/)



## 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 2nd: Dolcie**

**Tuesday 3rd: Dilan B**

**Wednesday 4th: Sienna**

**Thursday 5th: No star**

**Friday 6th: Frankie**

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