



ST. MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

15th June 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 had a great weekend, especially celebrating Father's Day. Thank you to the dads and grandads who were able to come along to Father's Day breakfast, which is very much an enjoyed tradition at St. Michael's Nursery!

Please note that we have two email addresses at nursery. The newsletter Gmail address is only used to send the newsletter. It is NOT monitored, replies sent to stmichaelsnurserynewsletter@gmail.com are not seen until the next newsletter is sent out.

To send an email to nursery, parents must use stmichaelsnursery@btinternet.com.

Child pick up: Lots of settings will have slightly different policies for pick-up/collection. At the nursery, if children are being collected by someone other than their 'joint responsibility' parent, we must have advance notification. This can be in writing on the child's admission form, a note signed by a parent, by email, notified by the adult dropping off the child, or a parent phone call on the day. We do understand that on occasion, a parent will have forgotten to inform us, or indeed the staff member on the door may not have noted a change. However, it is a policy to keep your child safe, so please be patient while we go through the checking process.

This week at nursery we are playing pirates! Small world pirates, treasure games, treasure in the sandpit, coins in the water tray and building pirate ships! Expect some wet play and please provide spare clothing! We will continue to practice our Gingerbread Man songs and may add some swashbuckling piratey ones too!

Finally, this term's parenting puzzle classes in Dorking have only a few more weeks to run. If you are struggling to manage behaviours or just want some tips and advice on how to get the best out of family life, please register your interest by calling [01306 740095](tel:01306740095) or email molevalleyfamilycentre@ymcaeastsurrey.org.uk

Hilary

Diary Dates:

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

Fri 4th July, morning: Summer Play: The Gingerbread Man

Thurs 10th July, afternoon: Older children's Sports Day

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

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

THIS WEEK...

Understanding the World:

This week will be all about pirates...and every pirate needs a map!

You could create a simple map of your home or garden for your child to follow and find hidden 'treasure', using landmarks and prepositional language to help them to understand and follow. Your child may also enjoy making a treasure map of their own for you to follow, or creating a map of an imaginary treasure island!



Number of the week:



Woodland Wonder:

Every year in early summer, stag beetles emerge to find mates. They spend the first five to seven years of their life underground as larvae and have just a few short weeks to live as adults.

Stag beetle numbers have declined drastically over the past few decades and the species is seriously endangered. If you see one on a pavement, please move it out of harm's way. Despite being large, they are placid and harmless provided you don't stick a finger between the male's large 'antlers', which can inflict quite a strong pinch. Pick them up gently with finger and thumb on either side of the thorax (the middle part of the body, behind the head) and move them into a garden or similar.



The best time to spot a stage beetle is early evening, flying in an upright and rather ungainly style, making a noise like a small fighter plane! They tend to make a pretty uncontrolled landing, often ending up on pavements, which is where you're most likely to see them and where they need your help to get to safety.

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 16th: Willa

Tuesday 17th: Freddie

Wednesday 18th: Oscar M

Thursday 19th: No star

Friday 20th: Alfie

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