

# ST. MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

13th September 2025

**Hello from the nursery team:**

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

Dear parents and carers,

Firstly, thank you to Saffron and her team for organising the refreshments at the Horticultural Show, thank you to the cake providers, servers and purchasers. A total of £233 was raised for the Nursery! Not just a little fundraiser, but it helps to keep the nursery within the hearts and minds of the community too.

Last week, 7 new children had their first induction days. This week, another 8 will join. Welcome, and we hope your first week goes as smoothly as last week's!

This week at nursery, we will have the train track available, ramps for toy cars and monster trucks, farm animals, dinosaurs and playdough, alongside our continuously available resources such as sand, dolls, painting and mark making etc. We will be singing songs with our teddies, and some children may also act out going on a bear hunt, with den building or bear cave making!

Please remember to ensure your child has appropriate clothing for the changing weather conditions, and on Thursday, children will need their Forest School waterproofs and footwear please. If your child comes into nursery in their wellies, please pack a change of footwear in case the wellies get very muddy or wet inside from heavy splash work!

Presently, the nursery is almost full for this academic year. We have 1 space on a Monday morning, 1 space on a Tuesday morning or longer day, and 2 morning or longer day spaces on a Friday. Do let Hilary know if you want to increase your child's hours this term or after Christmas. Please note that if you wish to reduce your days, we do ask for 8 weeks' notice and will potentially charge for the notice period unless we can fill the place.

A parent has suggested that we could have a wish list for resources, stationery, etc. For nursery equipment and maintenance, we mainly use regular trusted suppliers with appropriately tested products for the nursery age group; however, we do think a wish list could work especially well for stationary items, so please look out for a wish list being actioned!

If your child has either returned, started or completed their first induction day and you are intending to claim either FEET or Universal working parents funding, we MUST have a completed funding form, and have seen evidence of the child's date of birth by Friday, 19th September. I will print some blank paper copies of the form for those who are unable to complete it online.

Thank you!

Hilary

# THIS WEEK...

## Communication, Language & Literacy:

Getting ready for mark-making... Encouraging your child to dress and undress themselves isn't just about developing a sense of independence. Learning to do fastenings such as zips, buttons and poppers helps to develop the hand strength and fine motor skills essential for mark-making.



*Did you know that we focus on phonic letter sounds (rather than names) at Nursery? [Click on this link](#) for a video demonstrating how to correctly pronounce the phonic sounds*

## Number of the week:



## Woodland Wonder:

With Autumn well on it's way, the conditions are perfect for spotting Roman snails in and around the nursery. Roman snails are large, edible land-breathing snails and are easily spotted by their size and striped shell. We are lucky to have a thriving population in Mickleham, you may also spot them around the playground.

Please be mindful that these snails are a protected species and must not be moved from their habitat.



## 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 15th: Niko**

**Tuesday 16th: Callie G**

**Wednesday 17th: Frankie**

**Thursday 18th: No star**

**Friday 19th: Benji**

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