



ST. MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

12th October 2025

Hello from the nursery team:

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

Dear parents and carers,

This week at nursery, we are continuing to explore the fruits of autumn with some conker counting, vegetable printing and learning a new song using a pumpkin!

We will also have some Halloween-type activities, bug hunting in a cauldron, creating a spider's web with string, pretending our space hoppers are bouncing pumpkins and we will have our dark den with torches!

The autumn air is starting to increase the number of coughs and colds. At nursery we teach children to cough into their elbow and we support nose wiping/blowing into tissues too. Children then either wash their hands or use antibacterial foam. You may like to use our nursery handwashing song at home too!

Sung to the tune of Frere Jacques:-

*Soap and water, soap and water,
Wash your hands, wash your hands
Rub them both together,
In between the fingers,
All around, all around.*

With seasonal illnesses in mind, parents of 2- and 3-year-olds can now get their child's free flu nasal spray not just at their GP practice, but also at local pharmacies that offer the service. This safe, painless nasal spray is a simple way to help protect your child from flu and serious complications like bronchitis and pneumonia. It also helps protect vulnerable family members and reduces the chance of you needing to take time off work due to illness. To find out more, speak to your GP, local pharmacist, or visit the NHS website: [Children's flu vaccine - NHS](#).

Please remember to check your child's tray at pick up, name clothing and footwear, and for children who attend Thursdays, please remember their Forest School gear!! This Thursday (16th) we know that the car park will be extremely busy, and double parking may be required as there is a full day meeting in the Hall.

Hilary

Diary Dates:

Tuesday 18th November, 7.30pm: Nursery AGM at The Running Horses

THIS WEEK...

Physical Development:

Getting ready for mark-making!

Get your child involved in creating birthday, Christmas (too soon?!) or thank you cards. The perfect opportunity to mark-make, draw and colour, use scissors, stickers and stamps - and exercise those fine motor muscles - they might even like to have a go at writing their name. Ask your child if they have a special message, transcribe their words and read the message back to them.



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:

Autumn presents many an opportunity to spot some of the weird and wonderful fungi to be found in our local woods...remember 'no pick, no lick'!

The Jelly Ear is one of the most common and easily identifiable of the jelly fungi. These remarkable fungi can freeze solid, dehydrate, defrost and rehydrate and still maintain their form. We are beginning to notice lots of fungi at forest school, and this is one of our favourites!



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 13th: Mallory

Tuesday 14th: Belle

Wednesday 15th: Dilly

Thursday 16th: No star

Friday 17th: Poppy

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