



ST. MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

19th 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 will continue with Halloween-type activities, and will be using Walter's web and Spiderella as two of our learning through stories. Walter's web is about shape, and Spiderella, counting. Our activities will have a shape and counting focus, and children will have lots of opportunities to explore both. We will also have fun activities to continue to develop fine motor skills, Halloween slime and hammering into pumpkins.

We will also be learning the story of Diwali. A traditional tale about Prince Rama and Princess Sita. There is a monster-type character in the story (he does have 10 heads, which is also good for counting!) but like all traditional tales, he has an unfortunate end! Diwali is a celebration of light and of good over evil.

We just wanted to make a note about waterproof trousers/suits/dungarees (the latter being our preferred option, because you don't have to wear a coat and they prevent the bending down chill gap you can get with trousers!). We collectively have years of experience of various outfits and felt it could be beneficial to share some of our conclusions with you!

Waterproofs should comfortably fit OVER the top of Wellingtons. If it is raining, and waterproofs do not fit over the top of Wellingtons, or ride up as soon as any climbing is attempted...the rain ends up inside the welly! At nursery, we don't use underfoot stirrup straps because anything unpleasant that has been trodden in, is not so easily washed off an elastic strap as it would be off a Wellington boot. We do recognise that some nurseries provide the preferred waterproofs for children to wear. However, we do not have a laundry on-site, and none of us are particularly keen on taking multiple outfits to launder in our own homes! Please take the opportunity in half term to check your child's waterproofs are fit for purpose. Lidl waterproof dungarees are perfect and good value for money. They sell lined and unlined ones, which cover all seasons. We have also noted M&S supply well-fitting and good quality waterproof dungarees (but as with the Lidl ones, suggest the dreaded stirrup strap is cut off).

Happy Diwali, Halloween and next week, half term!

Hilary

Diary Dates:

Monday 27th to Friday 31st October: Half Term

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

THIS WEEK...

Mathematics:

"Maths is everywhere, even for babies, and by seven months old babies already have a sense of numbers. But there's more to maths than counting..."

Surrey Family Information Service has published a series of 'Count with me' leaflets full of easy ideas to help you develop your child's early maths skills. They're full of tips and will give you an understanding of what children like and can do.

Count with me - 2-3 years

Count with me - 3-4 years



Number of the week:



Woodland Wonder:

Whether you love them or hate them, consider them friend or foe, spider season is definitely upon us!

Surrey is host to many spider species of varied sizes, shapes and colours. Their habitats ranging from indoors, to gardens, woodland, heathland and even water! If you want to find out more about our native species you can click on this link to Surrey Wildlife Trust...if you dare!



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 20th: Nova

Tuesday 21st: Henry

Wednesday 22nd: Frankie

Thursday 23rd: No star

Friday 24th: Woody

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