

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

23rd November 2025

Hello from the nursery team: Hilary, Jennie, Aimee, Adnana, Eva, Hannah, Justyn, Katie, Kelly, Lizzie, Louise and Sophie

Dear parents and carers,

The cold last week caught us all a little off guard, but hopefully this week every child will have a warm, waterproof coat, hat, mittens/gloves and appropriate footwear! Please ensure that spare clothing is also updated for colder weather. Does your child's footwear/wellies still fit them if they are wearing thick or multiple pairs of socks?? Is their hat/scarf functional or just fashionable?? We have sadly not found the perfect glove that keeps hands warm, dry and allows for movement, hence we suggest having multiple pairs of cheap woolly mittens, that you won't be too upset about when they go missing. Named articles usually find their way back to their owner, unnamed may be found in our spares basket so it's worth checking!

This week at nursery we will be playing with arctic animals, decorating a mannequin (child and horse), have space hoppers and the trampoline to bounce and keep warm. We will continue with gutters and ramps and of course, keep practising our nativity songs.

PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE AMENDED THE NATIVITY DATE TO THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER. All children are invited to participate; those who do not attend on a Thursday should arrive at 11.10 in costume and toileted. The show will start at 11.30 and take about half an hour. Please do let us know if your child will not be attending.

Packed Lunches ~ Unfortunately, we have to advise that most pesto is not suitable for packed lunches. Whilst pine nuts are actually seeds and not nuts, commercially bought pesto is usually not nut-free. If you do provide your child with pesto, you MUST also add an ingredient note that ensures the nursery staff know it is free from nuts. Thank you.

We have had a report of threadworms in the nursery. Please continue to support effective handwashing at home and see the NHS website for symptoms and treatment. https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/

Finally, a reminder that the deadline for applying for a September 2026 school place is 15th January 2026. Information about how to apply for a school place can be found on the <u>Surrey County Council</u> website.

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Diary Dates:

Saturday 6th December: Nursery Christmas Fair

Thursday 18th December, 11.30am start: Christmas play

Thursday 15th January 2026: Deadline for September 2026 school applications

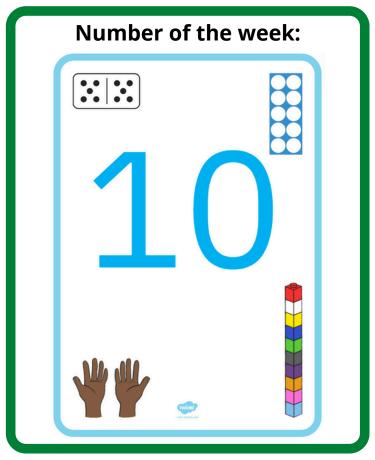


Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

Turn-taking and making friends...

Your child's Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED) in the first five years of their life is as important as developing physical and communication skills.

Continuing with the series of parents tips from the <u>Surrey Family Information Service</u>, the Being, Belonging, Becoming series focuses on Personal, Social and Emotional Development. This week we share their '<u>Belonging</u>' parent tips on how to help your child develop and manage early turn-taking and making friends, through different ages and stages of development.



Woodland Wonder:

Get creative for Christmas with foraged woodland decorations. Head out on a walk with your little one to collect fallen pine cones and evergreen foliage to create your own table decorations, garlands or wreaths. Plastic free, ecofriendly and no waste! Remember our Forest School 'no pick, no lick' rule...we do not pick from living plants unless an adult has given permission, and we don't put anything near our mouths (including fingers!) after picking them up. This rule keeps us safe!



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 24th: Arthur

Tuesday 25th: Harrison

Wednesday 26th: Darcie

Thursday 27th: No star

Friday 28th: Dilly

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