



ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

9th November 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 some bonfire activities and remembrance as children recall family events from the weekend. We will also think about how our wildlife prepares for the colder weather, and look at woodland animal habitats. We have just started to introduce listening to our chosen nativity CD, so expect to hear about a Whoops a Daisy Angel in the coming weeks!

We are looking forward to restarting our **Early Talk Boost** sessions this term. Early Talk Boost (ETB) is a programme designed to boost language skills in 3-4 year olds covering 3 key areas of language: attention and listening; vocabulary and building sentences. Working together with parents/carers we deliver a 9 week programme to a selected group of children, running three short small-group sessions per week, supported by a story book to share at home. Previous groups have thoroughly enjoyed 'Jake and Tizzy time' and we only wish we could offer this to all of our children! We are in the process of selecting our next group and will be in touch with parents of selected children shortly to invite them and provide further information. We have attached some documents that we hope all of our families will find useful:

- Tizzy's Talking Tips', a simple guide to sharing stories at home to boost language development
- Speaking more than one language

If you have any concerns about your child's speech and language please do speak to your key person.

Are you aware of the **Best Start in Life Parent Hub**? Previously the Childcare Choices website, Best Start in Life brings together trusted advice, support and guidance for parents for your child's development, from pregnancy to childcare right through to starting school. You can view an introductory video 'The Story of You' [here](#).

Christmas Fair – Saturday 6th December

Santa's Grotto: Bookings for Santa's Grotto are now open! Spaces are allocated on a first come, first served basis, so please do book early. Spaces are not limited to nursery children, so feel free to invite family and friends to come and visit Santa.

The booking link will also be shared externally on Sunday 16th November, so make sure you secure your spot before then!

Helpers Link: Our fair couldn't run without the help of our amazing parents and carers. We kindly ask everyone to donate at least 30 minutes of their time to help man a stall or assist with clearing up on the day.

Please register your time as soon as possible. We're also asking for home-baked goodies for our cake sale, you can indicate on the form if you're able to bake something for the fair.

Hilary

This week...

Physical Development:

Being physically active every day is important for healthy growth and development. NHS guidelines suggest that preschoolers should be physically active for at least 180 minutes a day, including active outdoor play...all movement counts!

If it's time for a pre-winter tidy up in the garden, get your child involved! Helping in the garden by raking leaves, pushing a wheelbarrow, weeding, planting and watering is a fun way to develop the general strength (gross motor skills) which helps when it comes to writing later on and counts towards that 180 minutes of daily physical activity.

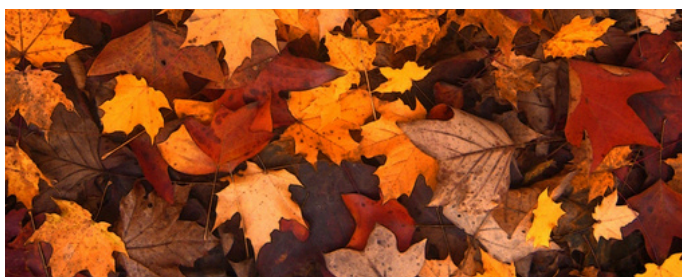


Number of the week:



Woodland Wonder:

Leaves, glorious leaves! Last week you may have noticed the thick carpet of leaves in the nursery garden. Rather than quickly clear them all away they became part of our play! We made piles of leaves and jumped in them, made leaf collages and non-permanent leaf art, used them as a mud kitchen ingredient and spent time looking at and comparing the differences in shape, colour and size. The rakes came out and we all worked together collecting and transporting them in wheelbarrows. There are so many ways to play and learn with nature's free resource!



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 10th: Lara

Tuesday 11th: Callie R

Wednesday 12th: Marcie

Thursday 13th: No star today!

Friday 14th: Rafferty

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