

ST. MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

14th December 2025

Hello - and a very Happy Christmas to all - from the nursery team:

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

Dear parents and carers,

The final newsletter for this year!

This week at nursery we will continue with Christmas activities. You may notice that we have had to cordon off some of the garden area. This was due to a branch falling overnight after heavy rain. We have an arboriculturist visiting this week to check out the tree and carry out any necessary works. Children are still having plenty of physical opportunities though, especially as we are keeping Santa's soft play in the gingerbread house for this final week of term.

Our Nativity, Whoops-a-daisy Angel is on Thursday 18th. The show will start at 11.30ish and should take no more than half an hour. Parents may want to arrive a little earlier for refreshments that will be available. We don't have a restriction on numbers, so please do invite grandparents etc. We would appreciate knowing if your child is not attending as this helps us with 'staging'!

Older children (those in their pre-reception year) have been allocated their parts and we have sorted costumes for them. Please dress your child in simple, easy to change clothing as dressing 20+ children all at the same time is challenging! Younger children will either be angels or sheep, you may wish to source/make a costume. We like simple ~ so black/ white trousers and a white customised pillow case is perfect! Angels should be wingless to prevent poking the neighbouring angel in the eye! Do speak to Hilary if you need any clarification or if you are unable to source your own costume as we do have limited spares. All nursery borrowed costumes must stay at the nursery please. Children who do not normally attend nursery on a Thursday should arrive at the nursery in costume and toileted at 11.10.

Some children, whilst they may love singing on a normal nursery day or at home, may become overwhelmed on the day of the show. We totally understand some children will prefer to watch their peers whilst sitting on their parent's lap, so if you are aware that your child is anxious, please be ready to assist!!! We also ask that all audience members follow our social media rules and do not publish any photo's or video on any social media sites. We do not have permission from all families and must ask that their wishes are respected. Please also be aware that the person sitting behind/next to you does not want to watch the show through your phone screen! As we don't have a caretaker, we would appreciate some help to set up chairs for the nativity on Thursday morning after drop off, and to clear the hall after the show.

Don't forget to use our fundraising page for any last-minute online Christmas gift orders!!



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Please check trays and take home contents and any wellies/ waterproofs you may need over the holiday.

If you are looking for something memorable to do on Christmas Eve, please support the Mickleham & Westhumble crib service, flyer attached.

We hope you have a fantastic Christmas and look forward to hearing all about it when we return in the New Year on Monday 5th January. If you need to contact us during the holiday, please email, the inbox will be checked periodically.

Hilary

Diary Dates:

Thursday 18th December, 11.30am start: Christmas play

Friday 19th December: End of Autumn Term

Monday 5th January: Start of Spring Term

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

Number of the week:

4
four

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.

Tuesday 16th: Callie G

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