



# ST. MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

7th December 2025

**Hello from the nursery team:**

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

Dear parents and carers,

Wow, such a busy Christmas Fair! Well done to the Christmas Elves, and thank you to all who contributed. It was so rewarding to hear such lovely comments from visitors to the fair, so many past families too, so thank you for carrying on such a great community tradition. We are currently looking to purchase a new canopy for the Forest School, and some of the funds raised will go towards that. We have also just received a beautiful mural, painted by Bryony, Callie G's mum. It's stunning as it fits so well with our nursery! Have a look up the garden, it will shortly be fixed to the double gates.

This week at nursery, Santa's grotto will become Santa's soft play, great fun, but also giving lots of opportunities to practice putting on shoes! Inspired by the fair, we will have a role-play Christmas cafe, our beautiful nativity set to support the children's understanding of our nativity show, continue with our kindness advent and decorate Christmas shapes with buttons. We will also continue with the, currently very popular, vehicle play, and will have the toy car garage on the carpet.

Children will bring their printed Christmas cards home as soon as they are dry. These are made with a modern alternative to linocut. You can use the print to make more cards at home if you wish. We use printing ink, but they will work with paint too. Our Forest schoolers are creating more natural Christmas crafts, but we could do with some more avocado stones (which they are using to make natural beads). If you happen to have any avocados at home, please save the stones for nursery!

A while ago we mentioned that we had purchased some online safety stories. These are now available to borrow in our library.

All 2 year progress checks have now taken place so we will be able to allocate some time for learning reflection chats for our older children. Please speak to your child's key worker if you would like to have a termly chat.

Please remember to let us know if your child will not be joining in the Christmas show on Thursday 18th December, as we will begin to decide on their roles (all younger children will be angels or sheep!).

Hilary

## **Diary Dates:**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 11.30am start: Christmas play

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December: End of Autumn Term

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January: Start of Spring Term

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

# THIS WEEK...

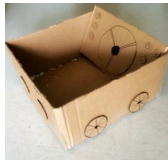
## Communication and Language:

'Learn with me' from the Surrey Family Information Service, provides development tips and activity ideas to help with their early development.

By playing together you're helping to develop your child's communication and language skills. Imaginative and interactive play can help your child develop important skills for communication, such as taking it in turns to speak, making eye contact and listening.

Why not try this at home? Make your own car in December.

All you need is a cardboard box and your imagination!



## Number of the week:



## Woodland Wonder:

As winter sets in and the weather starts to turn cold, it's a great opportunity to have a go at making these gorgeous icy sun-catchers. Fill a small dish with water, then collect a few natural objects (fallen leaves, pine cones, sticks, feathers) and add them to the water. Add a piece of string so you can hang it up. Leave the dish outside overnight and see if they're frozen in the morning.

A beautiful way to explore how water changes depending on the temperature!



## 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 8th: Niko**

**Tuesday 9th: Marcie**

**Wednesday 10th: Henry**

**Thursday 11th: No star**

**Friday 12th: Woody**

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