



ST. MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

11th January 2026

Hello from the nursery team:

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

Dear parents and carers,

A chilly first week back, but lovely to see the children again and hear some of their Christmas stories.

This week at nursery we will bring back the 'glue table'. This is an activity area that stays in the nursery and builds up over several weeks. Some children just like watching the glue drizzle onto the table, others create patterns and shapes with whatever is available, experiment with connecting pieces or construct using glue. Having this activity available for several weeks allows children to keep building on previous work. Eventually, we'll turn the mass of glued objects into a space/jungle/or dinosaur landscape. It's a bit like junk modelling, and we are happy to receive donations of tubes, small boxes, and junk items for children to add to the structure.

We are starting to prepare for the big school/garden birdwatch, and will begin to help children notice and start to name some of our most frequent visitors. We'll have stone birds in playdough, and some will be living with the small world fairies. Outside, the garden is now fully open after some tree surgery and children can use the under-canopy space for bike and trike fun.

We have a new CD player, and it has lights! There has been a little added interest in listening to music, so our group sessions will be joining in with action songs using our 'sticky kids' CD.

A reminder to please name wellies, other footwear, coats, hats, scarves, lunch boxes, etc. Please also remember that not all staff will know your child's older siblings name. Biro is fine.

Hilary

Diary Dates:

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

THIS WEEK...

Physical Development:

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

The 'Move with me' leaflets contain tips and ideas on how to develop your child's physical development through play and activities:

[Physical Development tips for 2 to 3 years](#)
[Physical Development tips for 3 to 4 years](#)

Visit the NHS Choices website for physical activity guidelines for under 5s and guidelines for children and young people.

Woodland Wonder:

Do you come home from most outings with a natural treasure or two in your pocket - perhaps a leaf, flower or feather? Display your woodland wonders by making a simple handmade loom from sticks, bound together with string or wool, and then create a weaving surface by lacing another length of string across the frame. Weave your woodland treasures into the frame, and add to the project over time



Number of the week:



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 12th: Poppy

Tuesday 13th: Benji

Wednesday 14th: Frankie

Thursday 15th: No star

Friday 16th: Lara

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