



ST. MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

18th January 2026

Hello from the nursery team:

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

Dear parents and carers,

This week at nursery our activities will be further embracing the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. We will have a 'bird hide', create and hang bird feeders to attract birds to come closer and we hope to help the children identify some of our most common garden birds.

Please have a look at <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch> to enjoy this activity together with your child.

We have had some super mobile constructions with our afternoon children last week so are continuing with this construction resource during the morning sessions too. Our glue table is gradually growing in stature, and we are looking forward to see what additions are made this week!

Hilary will be processing funding forms for the Spring term, this week and will need the 'spring' sections of funding forms to be completed.

For those families eligible to claim for the first time this term, please find the below links to the form and a parent guide on how to complete. A word version is also attached.

[Parent Guide Form](#)

[Declaration Form \(PDF\)](#)

Another reminder to name clothing accessories and footwear please!!

Hilary

THIS WEEK...

Communication, Language and Literacy:

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

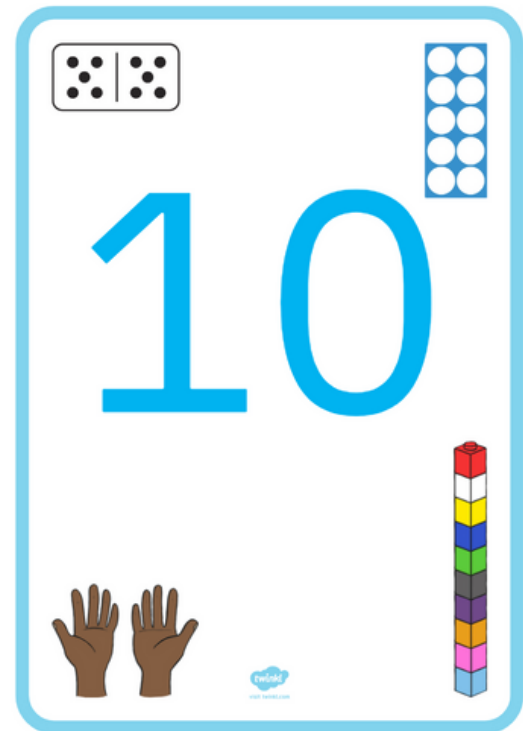
The **'Read with me'** leaflets contain tips and ideas on how to encourage a love of reading, to introduce new words and increase vocabulary, and help with reading and language skills as your child gets older:

Read with me tips for 2 to 3 years

Read with me tips for 3 to 4 years



Number of the week:



Woodland Wonder:

This week at nursery the children will be invited to take part in some birdwatching in the garden, using tick sheets, learning bird names and listening for different bird calls. The [RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch](#) 2026 takes place from 23-25th January.

Blue tits are particularly busy in February searching for safe, warm sites ready for building a nest (they like to be organised!). In fact, they are the garden bird species most likely to use nest boxes so if you've been thinking about putting one up... now is the time! As blue tit's can lay up to 16 eggs you could be well rewarded for your efforts!



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 19th: Dolcie

Tuesday 20th: Callie R

Wednesday 21st: Martina

Thursday 22nd: No star

Friday 23rd: Lara

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