



ST. MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

25th January 2026

Hello from the nursery team:

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

Dear parents and carers,

The birds seemed unusually shy of the binoculars last week, about as elusive as I've ever known them to be. With feeders in the trees and spilt seed scattered on the ground, I'd expected a much livelier turnout. I hope if you participated in the Garden Bird Watch this weekend, you had more joy! We will continue with some of our bird watching activities, and hope a slightly better forecast for the week will result in greater spotting opportunities!

We would like to create a Valentine's floor book of the children in our current cohort. Each child would have a page, and it should ideally have photos that are significant to that child. This is where we need your help!

We would like 4 photos that we can use in a 6x4 format. Sent digitally would be ideal, but we can use real photos, scan them and return the originals to you. Suggestions for the photos could be a picture of their home, it can just be a front door picture, or a picture that your child will recognise as home. A family picture, in which your child recognises who is in the picture, maybe a family pet, a favourite place, their toy box, a bike, a garden toy, a favourite meal. Something that is important/significant to your child. We will then use the book to talk about how special we all are. Ideally, we would like the photos before Valentine's Day. Please send them with Valentine in the subject header, or send actual photos in an envelope with your child's name on. If the subject is not obvious, a little note of what the pictures are will help us to share these with your child. Thank you. We know children love sharing their star of the day pictures, so we hope that the floor book will allow us to have something we can look at and talk about without the need for technology!

Hours from September 2026: Attached to this newsletter is a form to request hours from September 2026 and January 2027. Please speak to Hilary if you are unsure of what to request!

A reminder about absence: We are required to note a reason for any absence, and would be grateful if this can either be emailed or phoned in on the first day of absence.

A reminder that for sickness or sickness with diarrhoea, we request that the child does not attend until 48 hours after the last 'episode'.

Coughs and colds are a normal part of childhood. However, if accompanied by raised temperature, or if you feel your child needs an analgesic medicine to get them through their nursery session, they will be better kept at home!

Hilary

Diary Dates:

14th February: deadline for September 2026 hours request forms

THIS WEEK...

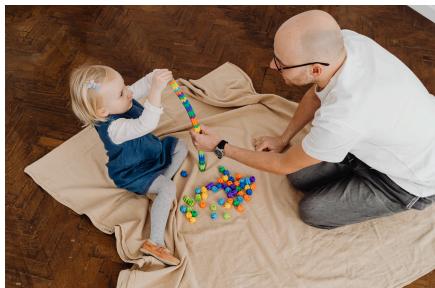
Communication and Language:

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

The '**Talk with me**' series has been written by speech and language experts to help parents develop their child's language skills using everyday activities:

[Talk with me tips for 2 to 3 years](#)

[Talk with me tips for 3 to 4 years](#)



Woodland Wonder:

We're going on a...flower hunt!

Late Winter and early Spring flowers are beginning to pop up all around the nursery garden and forest school...from snowdrops to daffodils there are signs of life appearing all around.

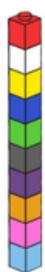
A scavenger hunt brings a new dimension to a walk in our beautiful countryside, take photos of what you spot (remember 'no pick/no lick') and talk about what you have seen and found.



Number of the week:



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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 26th: Percy

Tuesday 27th: Darcie

Wednesday 28th: Mallory

Thursday 29th: Oscar B

Friday 30th: Arthur

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