



ST. MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

4th January 2026

Hello from the nursery team:

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

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you have all had a wonderful holiday with your child and look forward to hearing all about your activities, presents from Father Christmas, etc!

We are very grateful for the cards and gifts sent to the nursery and we very much enjoyed our Christmas meal at the end of term. Thank you, we feel truly appreciated.

This term we have several new families joining the nursery. Please do make them feel welcome and ask the new faces to join the parents' WhatsApp group. One of our new starters has severe allergies with an anaphylactic reaction to both touch and ingested dairy and eggs. Presently, we will continue with our current restricted foods for snacks and lunchboxes. NO NUTS OR SESAME. However, to ensure the nursery environment is as free as possible from potential contaminants, foods and drinks may only be consumed at the snack/lunch table and supervised by staff. Therefore, we must now also insist that parents do not give children any snacks upon collection until they are away from nursery premises and any child who has a snack or breakfast on the way into nursery, this must be consumed before they enter the premises. At the nursery, children wash their hands both before and after food and drinks are consumed. If your child has had a snack/breakfast whilst journeying into nursery, please reduce contamination risk by carrying out handwashing. We have an outdoor sink to support this.

For snack ~ parents may continue to provide fresh fruit and or vegetables, cheese, breadsticks or savoury crackers. To ensure we can check for allergens (dairy, egg, soya, nuts and sesame) non-fruit/vegetable snack items, e.g. savoury crackers/breadsticks, MUST be provided in the original packaging.

For packed lunches ~ parents should provide a healthy packed lunch. Foods high in saturated fat, salt, and/or sugars like cakes, sweet and savoury pasties, biscuits, crisps, chocolate or other confectionery should be avoided. Items, e.g seeded breads, homemade baked goods should have a note to ensure they are nut and sesame-free, as suspected non-compliant foods may be removed from lunch boxes.

Remember, hummus and pesto are non-compliant foods!

Whilst we have removed our Christmas decorations, this week at nursery we will have out some Christmassy activities, such as gluing and sticking with Christmas cards (yes, we will happily accept donations!). Such activities will support children to recall Christmas and talk about their experiences, and allow them to get gluey and messy, now that they are back at nursery. We will have favourites such as playdough, home corner kitchen and cars. Outside, we are awaiting the tree surgeon to carry out some tree work, so continue to have a slightly smaller garden area, but will have the trampoline out and space hoppers for keeping warm physical play.

Please remember to name any new outfits, footwear and accessories, and please do let us know of any significant changes, likes, dislikes etc.

Hilary

Diary Dates:

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

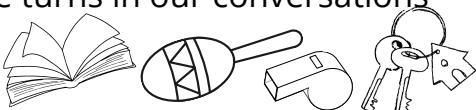
THIS WEEK...

Communication and Language:

'Learn with me' from the [Surrey Family Information Service](#), provides development tips and activity ideas to help with 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 to learn to communicate socially as we all take turns in our conversations with others.



[Why not try this at home? Make a noisy treasure box together in January.](#)

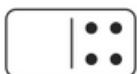
All you will need is a box and some items from around your home!

Woodland Wonder:

We will be keeping an eye out for the first signs of daffodils and snowdrops emerging at forest school. Snowdrops are one of the first flowers to appear in the new year, and depending on the weather, they will flower between January and April. Keep a look out for any little shoots while you're out walking in the woods.



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.

Monday 5th January 2026: Niko

Tuesday 6th: Callie G
Wednesday 7th: Oliver
Thursday 8th: No star
Friday 9th: Willa

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