



# ST. MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

8th February 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 we will be exploring winter sports and the Olympics! We will have duplo skiers in fake snow, create luge/skeleton/bobsleigh marble runs and table paint marks like the skaters on ice.

If anyone happens to have a ice skate, ski boots and skis that the children can touch (but not paint!!) we would love to borrow them for a display table this week.

We will also try and be creative with physical movement activities, paper plate skating has been very successful on previous occasions!

On Friday afternoon children will trial Primal Cubs, an exercise class especially for nursery children, we are quite excited to add this class, learn some new moves and maybe train future Olympians!

We have started our floor book, if you have yet to send in photos, please do so as soon as possible and remember to use the word 'Valentine' in the subject line of the email.

**Please remember to complete hours request forms for September 2026, even if you want to keep the same hours. I MUST have a form for all children who are not moving onto reception classes by 14th February. No form, no hours allocated!**

Finally, Surrey County Council have created a short online survey to help them understand the experiences of families with children between 0-5 years in accessing childcare and applying for, and using, the funded childcare entitlements. Share your views by completing the survey [here](#).

Hilary

**Diary Dates:**

14<sup>th</sup> 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 '**Talking Time**' series provides some simple activities designed to help parents and carers support their children's learning at home. Children learn best when they are playing - so have fun!

### Talking Time Activity Cards for you and your Pre-schooler



## Woodland Wonder:

Our Forest School children often help us to maintain our bug hotel, adding materials and living plants to provide a rich environment for insects and other creatures.

Big or small, rustic or designer, a bug hotel provides plenty of nooks for insects to shelter in and will help all wildlife. You could use a tin can, an old plant pot, a shoe box...go big with old wooden pallets...or keep it simple with a log pile in a corner of your garden. Fill the space with sticks and leaves, grass and twigs, add pine cones, stones, small plant pots, living plants and more. Follow this link to The Woodland Trust for more ideas.



## 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 9th: Nova

Tuesday 10th: Willa

Wednesday 11th: Lotta

Thursday 12th: No star today

Friday 13th: Oliver

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