

# ST. MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

22nd March 2026

**Hello from the nursery team:**

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

Dear parents and carers,

Firstly, congratulations to the 'Easter Bunnies'. That's a whopping £850 raised. Lovely event that's not too overwhelming for little ones and the added excitement of a fire engine! Thank you all who donated, bought back your donations, and gave up your time to support the event. We will use some of the funds to purchase a new canopy for Forest School.

This week at nursery, the children will hear about the Easter story as part of their developing understanding that people have differing beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways. We use an early year's friendly story and focus on new life and how we see new life all around us in the Spring. We do plan to visit the church to look at the carving of 'The Last Supper'.

Whilst last weeks warm weather is set to change this week.. it will have brought out some of our bugs and beasties! We recommend that children continue to wear waterproofs for Forest school (you may now need to look at summer-weight options) and that you do a thorough tick check every evening, not just on Forest School days. Sadly, Mickleham does appear to be a high-prevalence area for ticks. I'm sure you are also aware that we have had a sickness (vomiting) bug in the nursery. If your child is not attending due to sickness, please help us to make other parents aware of more specific symptoms to look out for, e.g, vomiting, diarrhoea, sore throats, temperature etc. At nursery, we ask children to wash their hands both before and after eating, any toileting and after nose blowing to help minimise germs spreading. We tend to recognise those children for whom this is usual practice at home too...as they need minimal reminders. Thank you for continuing to support good hygiene practices!

We have not had any government updates regarding the Meningitis outbreak linked to the University of Kent and the area of Canterbury. If you have any concerns, please check with your GP surgery or reputable sources such as the NHS website.

We are aware that as the 16th April looms (primary school allocation day) parents of our older children may be talking to their children about starting school. We would strongly advise against this for a little while yet! Children can become either rather anxious about the transition or be so excited they want to start school NOW. September is a VERY long time away for them! Transitional chats are important, but at nursery, we will not be starting any transition activities with the leaving children until after the May half term.

Thank you.

Hilary

# THIS WEEK...

## Literacy:

Some ideas for supporting significant letter and name recognition, and early writing, at home:

- Try writing the letters of your child's name on Duplo blocks, post it notes, magnetic letters - anything that can be jumbled up. Provide an example of their written name and encourage them to put the letters in the correct order.
- Label things with their name at home, providing lots of opportunities to see it in print.
- As you write say the phonic sound of each letter and talk about how you are forming the letters as you write them.
- Make sure to use upper case for the initial letter only, followed by lower case for the remaining letters.



## Number of the week:



## Woodland Wonder:

Try a listening walk...stop along the way and listen to the sounds around you. You may hear birds singing, car tyres crunching on gravel, fluttering leaves, bees buzzing.

A sensory walk can focus on different ways to find out about and explore the world around us - through sight, hearing, touch and smell.



## 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 23rd: Benji**

**Tuesday 24th: Dolcie**

**Wednesday 25th: Lara**

**Thursday 26th: No star today**

**Friday 27th: Callie R**

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