



# ST. MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

26th April 2026

**Hello from the nursery team:**

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

Dear parents and carers,

The sunshine last week was most welcome and we had a very busy week playing in the garden.

This week at nursery, we are celebrating the hatching of one chick (not a good hatch rate as we had set 6 eggs, but with eBay eggs, you never know!). Since there is only one, the mummy hen is quite protective and not distracted by a brood. Removing the chick for handling will be stressful for her, so the children will be looking rather than handling. It will, however, help us explore the 'worried' emotion (part of the yellow zone)!

We will have other life cycle resources to play and learn with, will be watering our growing potatoes, and expect to do some pond dipping too.

With the slight change in weather, please remember that any changes of coats will need naming. We have noticed that some names are missing or have worn off other garments/footwear/lunch boxes, so whilst you have the sharpie pen out, it may be a good time to check other items! You may also want to consider applying sun cream/sun hats as the trees are not in full leaf yet. The garden was pretty warm and not very shaded in the afternoons last week.

Children will still need waterproofs for Forest school days to help minimise nettle stings and ticks!

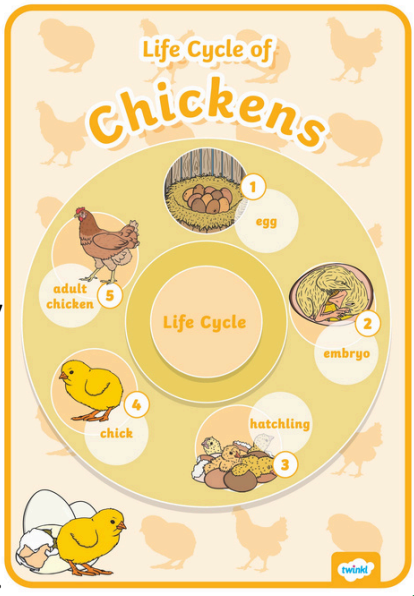
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# THIS WEEK...

## Understanding the World:

Exciting news this week as our chicken has become a foster parent! She is currently looking after one fluffy yellow chick, and continues to sit on another egg (which may or may not hatch!). Watch this space for updates!

Exploring and beginning to understand life cycles introduces new vocabulary, the concept of growth and change, and an understanding of the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.



## Number of the week:

A large pink number '7' is centered on a white background. Below it, the word 'seven' is written in pink. Surrounding the number are several visual representations of the number 7: a domino with 7 dots, a ten-frame with 7 white dots, a hand with 7 fingers extended, a stack of 7 colorful blocks, and a dice showing 7.

## Eco Explorers!

Our Eco Explorers have been exploring recycling and what this actually means. Some of the children have shown an interest in learning more about the recycling process, particularly of the tin foil ball...

Our tin foil ball is collected and taken to a recycling facility where it is separated from other materials and metals using a magnet. Aluminium cans and foil balls are then shredded into tiny pieces and heated to over 750 degrees celsius. The molten metal is then poured into moulds, cooled with water and rolled into very thin sheets, ready to be made into new items such as drinks cans and other packaging, building materials, electronic casings and much more!



## 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 27th: Torvi**

**Tuesday 28th: Callie R**

**Wednesday 29th: Hugo**

**Thursday 30th: No star today**

**Friday 1st: Delilah**

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