



# ST. MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

10th May 2026

**Hello from the nursery team:**

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

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have all planted your potato! We have a few left. If your child has not collected theirs, please pick one up. No need to plant in your garden, an old bucket, large pot or even a bag for life are all good receptacles for a patio potato and you should get at least one meal out of your seed potato in the summer holidays! At nursery, our potatoes were planted before the Easter holiday, so they should be ready in time for the leavers' party meal. We would love to see how your potato is growing, maybe you can add pictures to Tapestry and we can share them with all the children.

This week at Nursery, in a nod to Sir David Attenborough, we will learn about some of the endangered animals and what small steps we can take to help. Growing plants to support wildlife where we live, using less plastic and recycling are all helpful to our planet.

We will also have activities to develop pincer and pencil control, such as tap a shape, hammering golf tees into pool noodles and our very popular threading boards. We were delighted to be gifted a real violin last week, and found out that Aimee can actually play it! If you can play an instrument, let us know if you'd like to bring it into the nursery and share your skill! Familiar nursery rhymes is good enough for us to appreciate!

If you have not considered it already, we suggest that, particularly for our leavers, you arrange a sight test. If your child does need glasses, it is really useful for them to get used to wearing them before starting school. Tests for young children don't require reading; they use shapes, pictures, and games to assess vision, focusing ability, and eye teaming. A qualified optician examination is recommended by age 3-4, and again before starting school. NHS-funded eye tests are available at most opticians. Some schools do carry out vision screening, but it is not universal.

Hilary

**Diary Dates:**

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> June: Older children's sports day (from 2pm, weather dependent)

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> July: End of term play (usually 11.30-12 ish)

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> July: Younger children's sports day & last day of term (usually 11.30-12 ish, weather dependent)

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> July: Last day of Nursery party for leavers (9.30-1pm)

# THIS WEEK...

## Communication and Language:

Many of the children have enjoyed exploring the violin and various other instruments over the past week. Music threads through all areas of learning and development. It can be a way of exploring, communicating and responding to experience. Making music or vocalising with others can be a social experience and is often an expression of feelings. All vocal communication is comprised of musical elements such as pitch, rhythm and timbre, demonstrating that musicality is an intrinsic part of being human.

*(Musical Development Matters in the Early Years 2018)*



## Number of the week:



## Eco Explorers!

This week some of the children made seed bombs. First we shredded paper (from our recycling bin) and mixed it with water. Overnight, the water helped to break down the paper fibres. The next day, we used the blender to turn the wet paper mixture into a mushy pulp, which we strained through a tea towel to remove most of the excess water. On Thursday, the children added wildflower seeds to the mixture and used their hands to squish them into a ball. Once dry, they can be planted in pots or thrown into a garden. When it rains, or when they are watered, the paper will disintegrate and the seeds will grow.



## 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 11th: Arthur**

**Tuesday 12th: Maddie**

**Wednesday 13th: Lotta**

**Thursday 14th: No star today!**

**Friday 15th: Willa**

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