



# ST. MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

17th May 2026

**Hello from the nursery team:**

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

Dear parents and carers,

This week at nursery, we will continue to explore and create with all those boxes...and the new set of blocks that we have yet to unwrap! We will be searching for letter treasure in lentils and going on shape hunts in the garden. The chicks have a slightly extended pen, so that will create some added interest too. They kept escaping when I put them in the new pen earlier today...so we might be chick hunting during the week too!

For children who are staying at nursery for September 2026, I still need your confirmed hours please. I've only had a couple returned so far.

We also have a number of morning-only places available from September and have heard that due to the Save St. Michael's School advertising, some people think we are closing too. Please do let friends and acquaintances know that we are still very much open.

As we approach the end of the Summer term, we often get 'leavers' parents regretting they have not come in for a stay and play, forest school session or just to read a story. Parents are always welcome to drop in if an opportunity arises!

We forgot to mention Father's Day Breakfast on the dates for your diaries!

**Father's Day Breakfast** ~ a special treat for all fathers or grandfathers! Even if your child does not normally attend on a Friday, we invite fathers or grandfathers to come together at nursery for a bacon roll (vegetarian option available) and coffee by the forest school fire on Friday 19th June. This is a great way to meet other dads/grandads and make some social links! Bacon should be cooked by 9 am, so please do arrive a little earlier with your child. Please take extra care when arriving, as there will be little ones running around on the grass by the car park. We will need to clear up by 9.30. Please send an email to confirm attendance with 'Father's Day' in the subject line and let us know of any dietary specifics to help us cater appropriately.

Finally, a message from our Trustees:

The Kit-Shop are running a special offer. Buy one item and get another half price on all your uniform! Get your summer T-shirts!

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**Diary Dates:**

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> June: Father's Day Breakfast (from 9am)

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...

## Mathematics:

There's so much more to maths than counting. Everyday talk about numbers, shapes, patterns and size helps build your child's mathematical language and understanding through play and exploration.

**Try a Shape Hunt at Home:** Take a walk around your home together and spot shapes in the environment - circles, squares, triangles and rectangles. It's a simple and fun way to help children notice and name the shapes all around them.

More easy ideas to help you develop your child's early maths skills:

### Count with me: Maths Tips for Parents



## Number of the week:

## Eco Explorers!

Recently at Forest School, we made dandelion garlands - a simple activity that lets children watch nature transform right before their eyes.

First, we gathered the flower heads together. As always, we followed our Forest School rule: "no pick, no lick." Look only for buds that have already finished flowering and have a little white, fluffy tip peeking out.

Next, using a needle, we carefully threaded wire or cotton string through the base of each bud.

Once threaded, the garland was hung in a quiet spot where it wouldn't be disturbed. Then comes the best part: waiting 24-48 hours for nature to work its magic. As the buds dry, they gently open into beautiful, delicate dandelion clocks.

A lovely way to observe change, and celebrate the small wonders of Spring.



## 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 18th: Harrison**

**Tuesday 19th: Darcie**

**Wednesday 20th: Otilie**

**Thursday 21st: No star today!**

**Friday 22nd: Barnaby**

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