



ST. MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

3rd 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 with life cycles as a learning element. After a trip to Kent at the weekend, I have bought the broody hen some new babies and couldn't resist a couple of new point of lay hens too. We don't normally shy away from real life 'farming' issues, but it was getting complicated so we kept the passing of the hatched chick quiet and are hoping that the replacements will survive! We will also explore life cycles by growing potatoes. Our nursery potatoes have been planted for several weeks and are doing very well, thanks to the children's watering. As we have had a donation of seed potatoes, we thought a little parent/child project at home would be a great use of the donated potatoes, please see the eco explorers section! We are also hoping to make seed bombs this week using some recycled paper.

Lizzie has a new kitten, Bluey. We have planned a visit from Bluey on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon this week. Please let us know if your child has a cat fur allergy we've not been previously notified of!

Children who are staying at nursery for the next academic year will have an hours offer in their tray. Please do speak to Hilary if you are at all confused!

We also have some provisional dates for summer activities:

- Older children's sports day - Thursday 25th June. Ideally in the afternoon, from 2pm, depending on the weather!
- End of term play - Friday 10th July (usually 11.30-12 ish)
- Younger Children's sports day and last day of term - Wednesday 15th July (usually 11.30-12 ish)
- Last day of Nursery party for leavers - Thursday 16th July 9.30-1

Hilary

THIS WEEK...

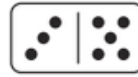
Communication, Language and Literacy:

Children acquire spoken language by being surrounded by all kinds of talk. Similarly they learn about **reading and writing** as they observe and get involved in real, purposeful literacy activities in their everyday lives. There are many ways you can engage children and create a language and literacy rich environment at home.

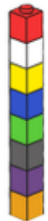
Try involving your child in everyday reading and writing to communicate with friends and family such as sending texts, emails, cards and letters.



Number of the week:



8
eight



Eco Explorers!

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.

Growing your own potatoes is an easy project to support this learning at home, hopefully with tasty results! We would love to see your pictures on Tapestry. Follow the simple instructions attached to the newsletter email to get started.



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 4th: Bank Holiday

Tuesday 5th: Belle

Wednesday 6th: Nova

Thursday 7th: Dylan

Friday 8th: Jacob

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