



ST. MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

13th September 2026

Hello from the nursery team:

Hilary, Melissa, Aimee, Adnana, Anna, Justyn, Kelly, Lizzie and Louise

Dear parents and carers,

This week, we continue to introduce new children and families to the nursery. We appreciate parents not looking in the windows at drop-off and pick-up times, as this can upset some children. We will honestly let parents know if your child is not settling. We do try to take photos to show moments of play using the Tapestry app, but with new starters, our priority is to help the children settle and become familiar with the new routines and environment.

This week at nursery, we will continue to have the buttons out for playing and exploring, but after observing some play, we will introduce coloured sorting pots. Pink sparkly playdough has been specifically requested, and we will also have small world fairies and unicorns for carpet play. We will have dolls for bathing and bikes and trikes for gross motor physical play. Lots of opportunities to paint, play in sand and continue to explore all the resources we have to offer!

Please take note of this month's star of the day calendar, which will be in one of those windows we've asked you not to look in!!

We know some parents haven't joined the parents' WhatsApp group yet, and some have asked about uniform. Please introduce yourselves while you wait for nursery to open its doors and join the parent community.

The funding claim form is attached to this newsletter. This **MUST** be completed and returned by **Friday 18th September**. You can complete it digitally or request a paper copy. Please be aware that most people do struggle to complete the form correctly!! Do use the guidance link in the form.

Hilary

THIS WEEK...

Mathematics:

Sorting and grouping helps children make sense of the world by noticing similarities and differences such as colour, shape, or size.

These activities strengthen attention to detail and encourage critical thinking, as children learn to follow simple rules like "all the red things" or "all the round things." Sorting also supports language development, giving children opportunities to describe what they see and explain their choices.

Most importantly, sorting is fun. Whether it's tidying toys, exploring natural objects or loose parts, children are developing and learning through play.



Number of the week:



We are Eco Explorers!

Lunchtime at nursery provides a great opportunity to explore and celebrate recycling. We talk about the types of wrapping and packaging the children find in their lunchboxes, and if it could be recycled or reused. The children become engaged in this and it's lovely to see them celebrate when something can go in the recycling bin or 'Snappy' the recycling box, if they can add their clean tin foil to our tin foil ball or if they can put their picture on the 'super-reuser' board!



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 14th September: Harrison

Tuesday 15th: Belle

Wednesday 16th: Nova

Thursday 17th: No Star today!

Friday 18th: Jacob

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