



ST. MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

20th September 2026

Hello from the nursery team:

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

Dear parents and carers,

Monster trucks, cars, bikes and trikes continue to be popular and the children have enjoyed playing with the garage in the garden, so we will swap the carpet fairies for garage and cars this week. Children have also enjoyed filling and emptying containers and water play, so we will continue this interest and have sensory lentils for exploring scooping and filling etc.

For our new starters, we requested in the new starters summary that parents send us 3 or 4 photos for the nursery floor book. These should be of things that are special to your child; family photos are ideal and create a reassuring conversational prompt. Please send the photos to your tapestry account, and we can then transfer these into the floor book format.

Just a reminder to ensure clothing and footwear are named; we are not expecting perfect sewing, a biro or a Sharpie is fine!

Snack: some parents diligently bring an item for shared snacks as requested, but we have been running a little short and have been rather limited in what we can offer. Children who stay for a long day are also offered a snack in the afternoon. We provide cow's milk and water and ask each child to bring a piece of fruit/vegetable or an alternative healthy snack for each session. Because of their high sugar content, dried fruits such as raisins may be included in lunch boxes but are not allowed for snacks. On Thursdays, we appreciate donations of eating apples, as we use these to create hot apple water. Thank you.

We have also been told that Lidl has its waterproofs in stock! We highly recommend Lidl for waterproofs; they are cost-effective, and the quality is actually very good. You can also remove the fleece lining to convert winter weight into summer weight, so they really are good value. (Their wellies, however, are dreadful: the calves are very narrow, and the fleece lining pulls out too easily!)

Did you know that if your child attends on a Tuesday afternoon, they join a dancing class with Cerys from Laird Ballet School, and on Friday afternoons, Primal Cubs, a physical movement and skills class with our very own parents Steve and Anastasia (Stella's parents). These activities are provided as part of your child's standard session. I am sorry but we are unable to open these classes for children who do not attend on those days.

Are you confident with a chainsaw? We have a Forest school job that just needs a competent parent/grandparent for an hour or so.

Hilary

THIS WEEK...

Mathematics:

When children play with lentils, filling and pouring between different containers, they are developing many important skills through hands-on exploration. They are learning about capacity, quantity and size as they notice which containers hold more or less. This supports early mathematical thinking and language such as full, empty, more, less, heavy and light. Scooping, grasping and pouring also strengthen fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination and control. This open-ended play encourages curiosity, imagination and communication.

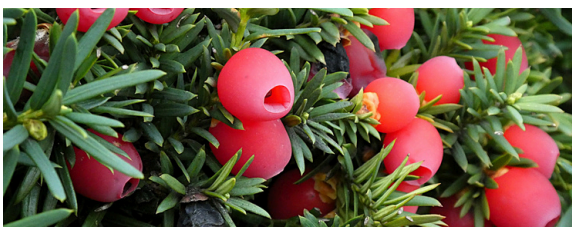


Number of the week:



We are Eco Explorers!

Our Forest School children are spending time enjoying the new environment, and learning our important Forest School rules. There are many common woodland plants that are toxic to some degree. At Forest School children are taught how to identify yew trees (which are common to our local woodland and forest school areas). These trees are identified with red ribbon if on site, and the children are shown the leaves and berries. All parts of the Yew tree are toxic. Our 'no pick, no lick' rule keeps everyone safe. Would you be able to identify the UK's common toxic plants? Here's a useful link to [The Woodland Trust's guide](#)



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 21st : Theodore

Tuesday 22nd: Maddie

Wednesday 23rd: Willa

Thursday 17th: No Star today!

Friday 25th: Otis

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