

ST. MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter 2nd November 2026

Hello from the nursery team:
Hilary, Melissa, Aimee, Adnana, Holly, Justyn, Kelly, Lizzie and Louise.

Dear parents and carers,
Welcome back from the two-week half term. We hope you managed to have some fun autumnal activities with your children! At nursery this week, with Halloween fresh in children's minds, we will build on this interest with some super sensory slime to explore. Play clothes are essential as always ~ the slime does wash out, but clothing may require a pre-soak if you have slime crust patches! We will also be painting pumpkins inspired by a new book, Lots of Dots by artist Yayoi Kusama. You can also see Kusama's works at the Moco Modern Art Museum in London.
It is a busy week as we also have Bonfire Night and Remembrance Sunday.
Whilst Brockham is an excellent local Bonfire (and features in our Bonfire Night book!) it is not ideal for younger children. However, there is an excellent community Bonfire in Westhumble at 'Westhumble Field'. Also on 7th November, with a torchlight procession starting at 5.15 p.m. from the junction of Burney Rd, Chapel Lane and Alders Lane. Bonfire lighting is at 6 pm and fireworks from 6.30 pm.
We will also be talking about Remembrance Sunday. Your children will likely notice the poppies appearing around the towns and villages, and older siblings may be involved in parades. At nursery, we talk to the children about why we wear poppies at this time of year. We try to answer any questions in a simple and factual way, but our underlying message is 'we wear poppies to say thank-you to the soldiers/service people who help to keep us safe'. Depending upon questions, we may expand this, but what we really seek to do is introduce remembrance in a way that nursery-age children can understand. We will also have paper poppies for children to explore respectfully.

Hilary

Dates for your diary
Wednesday 18th November ~ Nursery AGM and social evening from 7pm in the back room at The Running Horses
Sunday 29th November ~ 'The Magic of Christmas' Nursery Christmas Fair
Thursday 17th December ~ Nursery Nativity



THIS WEEK...

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT:

Being physically active every day is important for healthy growth and development.

NHS guidelines suggest that preschoolers should be physically active for at least 180 minutes a day, including active outdoor play...all movement counts!

If it's time for a pre-winter tidy up in the garden, get your child involved! Helping in the garden by raking leaves, pushing a wheelbarrow, digging and weeding is a fun way to develop general strength (gross motor skills), which helps when it comes to writing later on and counts towards that 180 minutes of daily physical activity.



Number of the week:



Bonfire Safety

Please remember that statistically, the most dangerous firework is a sparkler; they should not be given to children under 5 years old. Why not try safer options such as ~

Glow Products: Glow sticks, glow necklaces, and glow-in-the-dark bracelets provide a colorful nighttime effect with zero heat or fire risk.

LED & Fiber-Optic Wands: Battery-powered light wands, flashing gloves, or foam LED sticks mimic the motion and magic of sparklers and can be reused.



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 2nd: Torvi

Tuesday 3rd: Hugo

Wednesday 4th: Alex

Thursday 5th: No star

Friday 6th: Chester

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