

St Michael's Nursery Newsletter

November 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope all our families had an enjoyable October break. In this newsletter you will find dates and information of all the events taking place at St. Michael's Nursery and into the festive season.

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Our Annual School Christmas Coffee Morning will take place on Friday 28th November at 10.00 a.m. All parents are welcome to attend. If you want to bring



your child out of nursery to join this event with you, as the nursery children don't generally visit the Coffee Morning, please collect them yourself from the main nursery door and drop them off again afterwards.

If you have any donations for the tombola, please hand them in to the school office. We would be grateful for any unopened bottles of alcohol/juice/jams/sauces; toiletries; stationery; unwanted gifts; confectionery. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

NURSERY NATIVITY

Our Nursery Nativity will take place on Tuesday 16th December at 1.30pm. All children will be included in this lovely event, even if they don't normally attend on a Tuesday. More details will follow nearer the time.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The nursery Christmas Party is due to take place on Wed 17th December, and again if any child does not normally attend on that day, they are very welcome to join us. There may be a special visitor, and we don't want any children missing out. Again, more details will follow nearer the time.



INSERVICE DAY

The school and nursery will be closed to all pupils on Monday 17th November.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

Our Halloween Parade will take place on Friday 31st October at 1.30 p.m. in the school hall and parents are all very welcome to attend. Children are invited to come to nursery in costume.

Morning children will remain in the building, **if you want them to take part**, but must be collected by 2.45 p.m. from the nursery door. Please let staff know at drop off if they are staying or being collected as normal at 12.45 p.m.

Afternoon children should attend their normal session time. Any children who do not normally attend nursery on a Friday are welcome to come via the front door at 1.15 p.m. and should be collected again from the nursery at 2.45 p.m. There will be a raffle and any donations towards this would be gratefully received. We have a supply of costumes in school, please contact Mrs Di Mascio if we can help.



FOYER WALL DISPLAYS

Please have a look at the wall displays in the Nursery Foyer. There is one area for Planning, which outlines the Curriculum for Excellence Outcomes that are planned to be covered over the course of the month. The children always have an input into our planning by letting us know of their interests. Should there be anything special coming up in your life that you would like us to cover within our planning, then please use the post it notes on the wall to let us know.

There is another area for Self-Evaluation. This area will let you know which two indicators of the Quality Improvement Framework that we will focus on each month. We would be keen to gather your thoughts around how well we perform in these areas through feedback and suggestions. Again, please add your comments via the post it notes on the wall.

BARNARDOS STAY AND PLAY/DROP IN SESSIONS



If you have a child under three, our popular Stay & Play sessions for toddlers have restarted on Fridays from 9.00 until 10.30 a.m.

There is no need to book a place, please enter via the nurture room fire door. There is also an opportunity to meet with our Barnardos worker Monica, on an informal basis, on Wednesday mornings between 9.00 and 10.30 a.m.

SUPPORT AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a wonderful time, but it can also be expensive and can put pressure on families. The school works in partnership with local charities and organisations to help families at this time. If you or someone you know could benefit from toys, food hampers or winter clothing please contact Mrs Greechan or Mrs Di Mascio. All enquiries will be treated with the greatest confidentiality.

SENIORS LUNCH

Last year we invited the more senior members of our community along to the school for an afternoon of hospitality. The catering staff kindly supplied soup, sandwiches and cakes. The senior children took great enjoyment in serving our guests and the choir entertained. This year we intend to run this successful event again on Monday 15th Dec at 1.30 p.m.



Please spread the word to grandparents, neighbours who are retired and those in the community who once had children or grandchildren at St. Michael's. All are welcome!!

PARENT COMMITTEE

I am very grateful to the parent who came along and joined me for the first Parent's Committee Meeting for this year. We discussed the following:

- Positive feedback regarding Parent's Meetings
- Planning wall display - this is in the foyer and will be edited to ensure that it is clear to all parents what we are working on each month. Please add your ideas and suggestions.
- Lunch system - we will look into a way of letting parents know how much their child has had for lunch using the coloured system but without parents having to ask staff for the information.

Your support and comments/suggestions are always welcome.

STAY & PLAY SESSIONS

We are delighted to invite parents and carers into nursery to spend some time with the children and see some of the routines and experiences the children have. Our day is busy, but we welcome you to come and join us between 9.00 - 10.30 a.m. and/or 1.30 - 2.30 p.m. on the following days.

Monday 10th November

POPPIES

Tuesday 11th November

DAISIES

Wednesday 12th November

ROSES

Thursday 13th November

DAFFODILS

Friday 14th November

BLUEBELLS

Should your child's allocated day not work for you around your own commitments then please speak with a member of staff who will make alternative arrangements for you.

KEEPING IN TOUCH THIS WINTER

blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/stmichaelsweb/

If the weather should take a turn for the worse any updates about access to the school building will be updated in Winter Services section on the Council website www.northlanarkshirecouncil.gov.uk





NURSERY ENROLMENTS

The timeline for ELC applications has changed.

Parents and carers of children turning three before the end of February 2027 should apply for an Early Learning & Childcare Placement **as soon as possible**.

The application form for 2026/27 is now available for parents & carers to complete. The deadline for applications is **28 November 2025**. More details and application form can be found at [Early Learning and Childcare Applications | North Lanarkshire Council](#)

Anyone applying for a deferred entry to school will need to complete paperwork and send it into Mrs Di Mascio. An e-mail with further information was sent 21st October.



PRIMARY ENROLMENTS

This normally takes place over the course of a week in January. Anyone who has already applied for a deferred entry must still register for school. More details will follow when we have them from North Lanarkshire Council.

FUTURE DATES

A number of parents have asked about the date of our pre-school Graduation. We are proposing that this session's Nursery Graduation is held in the afternoon of Tuesday 18th June 2026.

As always, if there is anything in this newsletter that you would like to discuss or indeed any aspect of nursery life, I can be contacted at nldimascion@northlan.org.uk

Kind regards,
Mrs N Di Mascio
Depute Head Teacher