



# St Michael's Nursery Newsletter

## January 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you had a magical Christmas and fabulous New Year, although it almost seems so long ago now. The children have told us all about all the lovely gifts Santa left for them and it sounds like everyone had a wonderful time. The whole staff would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the very kind Christmas gifts.

St Michael's Nursery has many exciting things planned over the coming weeks. Please read on for more information.

### **PLANNING**

During the month of January the children will have the opportunity to learn about the season of Winter. They will participate in learning experiences to investigate how water can change from one form to another and relate their findings to everyday experiences. The children are building an igloo in nursery to reflect this learning. Please keep your donations of empty 4 pint milk cartons coming to help complete our creation.

The children will also be exploring, playing with and communicating through digital technologies, whilst using these safely and securely. They are also looking at patterns, recognising patterns in their environments and continuing patterns as well as creating their own.

Please look out for photos of our January planning and the work the children are doing on the wall display in our nursery foyer.

### **PARENT'S COMMITTEE**

I am asking for volunteers from parents to come along to the next planned committee meeting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 9.15 a.m. I appreciate that it is difficult for working parents to commit to times within the nursery day but I do try to vary the days/times of meetings to allow as many parents as possible to come along. At this next meeting, I am hoping to discuss the current vision, values and aims of the nursery and possibly update these in line with current policy and parent wishes. Your support of this would be extremely valuable.

### **STAFFING**

We will be welcoming Miss Hendry back for her maternity leave at the end of February and look forward to her returning. I know many of you will not know her yet but know that you will join me in welcoming her back to work.

## **SCHOOL ENROLMENTS**

This has been our week to have any pre-school children enrol for their Primary 1 place. Even if your child has applied for a deferred entry, they need to enrol for school. The last session is tomorrow, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. If you have not enrolled yet and are unable to attend tomorrow then please call and ask to speak to myself.

## **PARKING**

I would appreciate if all parents and carers would not use the staff car park if dropping off or collecting children. The carpark is for staff only. Please use the neighbouring church or Co-op carparks or surrounding streets.

## **PEEP**

Peep sessions share simple ways of supporting your child's learning and development in everyday life. Peep supports all parents and carers with children from pregnancy to school, in encouraging their child's learning and development. You can make a real difference just by talking, singing, sharing books and playing together. PEEP sessions started this week on Tuesday morning and will run for a six-week block. Please speak to Mrs McCormack for further information.

## **SELF EVALUATION**

Many thanks to the parents who have already completed and provided feedback through the form that was recently sent out about the events that we have run from August until now. If you have not done this, I would appreciate if you could take the time to do so.

As you will have seen in the nursery foyer, there is a Self-Evaluation wall display. We are obliged to continuously improve our service and we do this through evaluating our practice and consulting with others including the children, parents and partner agencies.

On the Self-Evaluation wall, there is space for your input and the area/areas we are evaluating will change on a monthly basis. Please take the time to have a look and leave some feedback using the post it notes provided. Your support is very much appreciated.

## **NURSERY UNIFORM**

It is great to see so many of our children wearing the nursery uniform. Please remember to write your child's name inside. A few jumpers have been getting mixed up therefore please make sure you take the correct jumper home. Jumpers can be ordered online from [www.logoxpres.co.uk](http://www.logoxpres.co.uk) under St. Michael's Primary.

## **HEADLICE**

I would urge all parents to continue to check their children's heads regularly and treat as necessary.

## **FOREST KINDERGARDEN**

Mrs Miller is again leading these sessions, which the children thoroughly enjoy. You will have been notified of your child is involved. Parents/carers will be invited along on the last week of the block to become involved with the children's learning.



## **BARNADOS/FIVE TO THRIVE**

We participate in North Lanarkshire's Five to Thrive initiative through our partnership with Barnardos. We are very fortunate to have the benefit of support from Monica and her team. They have access to a variety of services and support groups that you may be interested in. Remember that Monica runs a drop in for coffee and a chat every Friday afternoon and a toddler group in the school every Friday morning from 9 - 10.30am. Please note that all are welcome.

## **HOLIDAYS**

The school and nursery will be closed for all our term time children on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February. I will send out a link to all AM and PM children in the coming days to see who is planning to attend nursery during these days,

The nursery will be **closed** to all children on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February as it is an in-service day.

## **POINTS OF INFORMATION**

Please remind your child not to bring toys into the nursery in case these get lost or broken.

Please don't send your child to nursery with a backpack as there is no room for these in the cloakrooms. A spare change of clothes can be left in the small green bag that hangs on your child's peg and renewed as necessary.

Please inform the nursery staff if you change address, phone number or emergency contact details, and call in on the first day if your child is going to be absent for any reason.

Thank you for your continuing support and remember if you have any comments or suggestions either speak to one of the nursery staff or give me a call or send me an email where I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Yours sincerely

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