

St Michael's Nursery Newsletter

October 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are looking forward to our visit from HMI from 19th October when we will have the opportunity to showcase our nursery and all of the great things that we achieve here.



The children are all well settled into nursery life and are enjoying taking part in a variety of different activities. There has been lots going on with more planned for the next few months. The white board in the nursery foyer will keep you updated with relevant information and points of interest.

HOLIDAYS AND INSET DAY

Week beginning 12th October is the school October Holiday and we hope that you all have a lovely, enjoyable break with your families. Nursery will reopen on Monday 19th October.

The nursery will be closed to all our children for an Inservice Day on Monday 16th November.



HALLOWEEN

We are delighted to be able to invite parents and carers to our joint nursery and infant Halloween Parade. This will take place in the afternoon of **Friday 30th October**. More details have been sent out separately to all parents.

OCTOBER TOPIC

This month the children will be learning about Halloween and Autumn. The children will be using books to find interesting information and will use this to plan, make choices or learn new things. They will all have the opportunity to develop an understanding of size and amount by observing, exploring and communicating with things in the world around them.



SPONSORED EVENT FOR ST MICHAEL'S DAY

The children had a wonderful time during our sponsored dance last week. We would like to thank everyone for the sponsor money handed in so far and to remind anyone with outstanding donations to hand these into the nursery by Friday 9th October. So far we have raised £324.00 which will go into our fund to help support the children and purchase new toys for them.

LEARNING JOURNALS

Learning Journals will continue to be published at the end of each month. If you are new to Learning Journals or have not logged on for a while, you will be sent an email straight from Learning Journals asking you to set up your account. It would be helpful if you could change your settings to send you an email every time an update is posted to your child's account, so you don't miss anything. Likewise, you are able to post photos of your own experiences so we can share them with your child in nursery as well. If you have any questions or need any help with this, then please speak with a member of staff.

PARENT'S MEETINGS

These are taking place over the course of this week. Meetings include information about how the children are settling at nursery and will focus on target setting if these have not been done in consultation with a member of staff already. If you have missed your day or have not yet signed up, group lists in the foyer have times available or speak to a member of staff.



WEATHER

As the weather is now changing and becoming colder and wetter, we would ask that all children come to nursery in appropriate clothing. We strongly discourage trainers or shoes with laces at nursery as getting ready to go outdoors becomes very time consuming for staff. Welly boots are perfect for this time of year and the children can put them on themselves which gives them a sense of achievement and pride. If all children could come with a change of clothing, including socks and pants please. These should be left in their green bag on their peg. Please ensure that all items, including shoes, are named.



We also ask that at home you work with your child to develop their independence skills to allow them to be able to take off and put on their shoes/boots and coats by themselves. Doing this gives the children a great sense of achievement.

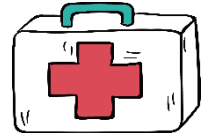
LUNCHES



Children are enjoying developing their independence skills through the Scottish Government initiative for nurseries called 'Loving Lunches'. The children now come for lunch at a time of their choosing within an hour window in what we call 'rolling lunches'. This allows for more independence and a sense of pride when they can make their own choices and start to serve themselves. You can ask staff at the end of the session about how much your child has eaten during the session.

MEDICINE IN THE NURSERY

Please ensure that any medicine or inhalers are handed to a member of nursery staff and not left in your child's bag. Even if your child does not require to be given the medicine during the session, it must be kept in a secure cupboard whilst in the nursery. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



TOILET TRAINING

By the time a three year old child starts nursery they should be toilet trained unless there is a medical or specific reason why they are not. We are finding more children starting nursery in nappies. Good practice is to have three consecutive days at home to allow children to become confident with using the toilet. Please let me know or speak with a member of staff if you are having trouble training your child for the toilet.



Your Health Visitor is also available for advice regarding this.

PARENT COMMITTEE MEETING

We were very grateful to the parents who came along recently to our first committee meeting of the year. Minutes of this were sent out to all families to have a look at. The next meeting date will be sent out after the October week holiday and as always, we would love to see as many parents as possible attend to provide feedback and support.

NURSERY ENROLMENTS

If you, or anyone you know has a wee one who is due to start nursery during 2027-28 then please know that applications can now be sent into the school office. More information can be found on the NLC website [Early Learning and Childcare Applications | North Lanarkshire Council](#)

FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

School Coffee Morning - Friday 27th November at 10.00 a.m. - all welcome
Parent Council Christmas Event - Sunday 29th November - more info to follow
Seniors Lunch - Friday 11th December at 1.30 p.m. - please spread the word
Nursery Christmas Nativity Play - Tuesday 15th December at 1.30 p.m.
Nursery Christmas Party - Thursday 17th December
Finish for Christmas holiday - Friday 18th December at 2.30 p.m.

POINTS OF INFORMATION

We would ask you to please remind your child not to bring toys into the nursery, unless this has been previously agreed with a staff member.

Please inform the nursery staff if you change address, phone number, email address or emergency contact details.

Thank you for your continuing support and remember if you have any comments or suggestions either speak to one of the nursery staff or send me an email:

nlbelamk@northlan.org.uk

Finally, can I ask all parents to pass on any relevant information from this newsletter to any other family members or friends who may help with your childcare arrangements around nursery.

Yours sincerely

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