

WELCOME!

- ▶ 3.30pm: Tour of the Nursery & drop off
- ▶ 4.00pm: Headteacher's Presentation in the Hall
- ▶ 4.30pm: Collect children outside the hall



NURSERY Open Day



**Mr J. Lane
Headteacher**

Mrs R. Tillotson, Deputy Headteacher

Mrs C. Hendy, Nursery teacher & EYFS leader





Our Mission Statement

Excellence . Enrichment . Enjoyment



Our Nursery



- ▶ Our **maintained** school nursery was established in February 2016
- ▶ Catholic values of the school echoed in the nursery
- ▶ Our vision for the nursery is to provide a gateway to **learning**
- ▶ Teacher-led, educational provision
- ▶ Overwhelmingly positive feedback from parents
- ▶ Oversubscribed
- ▶ Well organised, creative, playful, stimulating learning environment
- ▶ Purpose built nursery classroom and numerous outdoor spaces across the school grounds
- ▶ Children have the opportunity to explore, to be challenged, to be curious, to experiment, to investigate, to discover and to grow spiritually with their friends



Our Early Years philosophy...



- ▶ Provide a wide range of experiences and opportunities to learn
- ▶ Follow the EYFS curriculum
- ▶ Embedding essential routines and independent skills such as toileting, dressing and eating with a knife and fork
- ▶ Developing the social and emotional skills needed to form relationships and adapt to new experiences such as sharing and turn taking
- ▶ Building oracy and vocabulary to understand and communicate effectively
- ▶ Learning to persevere when facing challenges and be critical thinkers
- ▶ Embrace outdoor learning
- ▶ Learning through play and following their interests
- ▶ Children learning from each other
- ▶ Promoting independence
- ▶ Child led topics based on their interests
- ▶ Learning to pray & worship together
- ▶ **Partnership with parents as primary educators - weekly newsletter and approachable staff**



I am an EYFS learner and I ...

- LOVE reading and can read some words
- enjoy my learning and always try my best
- can communicate with others
- am always kind
- am curious about the world around me
- have a growth mindset and am resilient
- am ready for my future learning

A day in the life of our Nursery!



The children arrive at nursery with their parents/carers and hang their coats and bags on their pegs and move their picture across on the register.

Any spare clothes or nappies are kept in the children's bags as well as any comforters from home.



From St Michael Catholic Primary School & Nursery

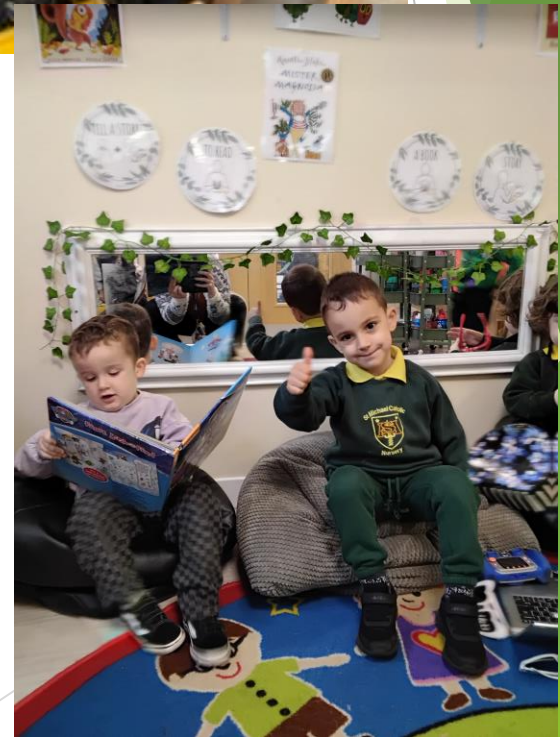


The children explore the classroom learning environment for a while then gather and sit on the carpet together for prayers and registration. We discuss the weather and any other special events which might be happening together.



We have access to our water bottles from home all day.

We also sit together and have whole class snack times twice a day and our lunch time meal between 11:30 and 12:00.



The children can have a hot school meal OR a packed lunchbox. School meals are paid for by you. We encourage this. Meals are served in the nursery



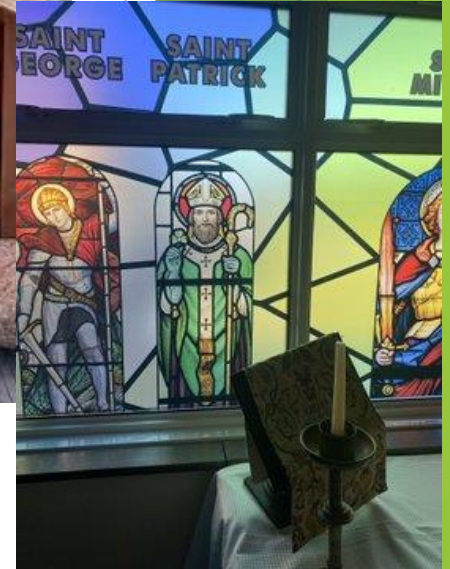
For most of the day the children are independent. They explore the learning opportunities, toys and play areas both inside and outside the classroom with their friends, supported by our teachers and teaching assistants/key workers.



The adults also take children in small groups to complete fun, learning activities and additional intervention groups too.



The children are lucky enough to explore the wider school facilities and grounds too and feel very much part of the Saint Michael's school family.



At the end of the day the children help to tidy the nursery toys away, they pray and gather for a story time. The children collect their coats and bags from their pegs and go home.







Settling-in

- ▶ Home Visit in July
 - ▶ A chance to get to know your child and you in the place they feel most comfortable
- ▶ Stay and Play in September
 - ▶ When the children begin nursery, parents are welcome to stay and help them settle in the morning

Other information...

- ▶ Separate set of Nursery policies and procedures e.g. sun cream, intimate care/nappy changing etc.
- ▶ Uniform: polo shirt and jumper
- ▶ Shared secured entrance with Reception classes
- ▶ The Early Years Practitioners are Key Workers
- ▶ Lunch served in the nursery
- ▶ Arc Pathway to share significant moments of learning



Questions



Admissions...

Is my child the right age?

YES, if on the 31st August 2026...

- ▶ Your child is 2 or 3 years old
- ▶ Your child is 2 years old and will turn 3 *before* the 31st March 2027 (a place *MAY* be offered from our waiting list if spaces are available after Christmas or Easter). If not, you will need to apply again this time next year for September 2027.

NO, if on the 31st August 2026...

- ▶ Your child is 2 years old and will not turn 3 until after 31st March 2027. You should apply this time next year for September 2027.

Planned Admission
Number

92 (68 spaces)

OPTION 1

Mon, Tues, Weds AM
46 (34 spaces)

OPTION 2

Weds PM, Thurs, Fri
46 (34 spaces)

10
2 year
olds

36
(32
spaces)
3&4 year
olds

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2 year olds

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Term-time only (38 weeks)
Two separate classes each week.

OPTION 1 Turtles class:

- **Monday 9:00am - 3:00pm**
- **Tuesday 9:00am - 3:00pm**
- **Wednesday 8:45am - 11:45am**

OPTION 2 Dolphins class:

- **Wednesday 12:15pm-3:15pm**
- **Thursday 9:00am - 3:00pm**
- **Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm**
- No variances available
- No Morning Club or After School Club places
- School lunch cost £2.75 (to be confirmed)
- Wednesday hours different

3 intakes during the academic year, September, January and May depending on availability in the nursery classes at that time and the age of your child.

Last year, we were full from September and no places were available during the year

Childcare Reforms 2023

Early Years Entitlements

The changes to Early Years Funded hours are set out below and are being rolled out in phases, beginning in April 2024.

	September 2023 (current offer)	April 2024	September 2024	September 2025	September 2026
Eligible 2 year olds*	15 hours	15 hours	15 hours	15 hours	15 hours
All 3 and 4 year olds	15 hours	15 hours	15 hours	15 hours	15 hours
3 and 4 year olds of working parents	30 hours	30 hours	30 hours	30 hours	30 hours
2 year olds of working parents		15 hours	15 hours	30 hours	30 hours
All working parents of children aged 9 months to 5 years			15 hours	30 hours	30 hours

*The funding for 2 year olds is currently available to Families receiving certain benefits, OR If the child is classed as "looked after" OR If the child has an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

15 or 30 hours?

Working parents

If you live and work in England you may be entitled to 15 hours funded childcare support from the term after your child turns 9 months old, until they start school.

From the term after your child's 3rd birthday, this can be combined with the **15 hour entitlement for all 3 and 4 year olds** to make up 30 hours of funded support over 38 weeks of the year.

You can usually get funded childcare for working parents if you (and your partner, if you have one) are:

- in work or starting a new job
- on sick leave or annual leave
- on shared parental, maternity, paternity or adoption leave

The amount of funded childcare you can get depends on:

- your child's age and circumstances
- your income (and your partner's income, if you have one)
- your immigration status

If your child is 2 years old and receiving some additional forms of support, they may be entitled to **15 hours early learning** under a separate scheme. If you meet both sets of eligibility criteria, you must apply through the 15 hours early learning scheme. To apply for this scheme, you will need to contact your childcare provider or **your local council**.

15 or 30 hours?

- ▶ All 3 & 4 year olds are entitled to 15 hours -
- ▶ +15 hours is the additional hours for working parents
- ▶ Available over 38 weeks, so ties in perfectly with school terms
- ▶ In a two parent family, both must work full or part-time and in a one parent family the sole parents must work full or part-time.
- ▶ Online eligibility checker via the Childcare Choices website
- ▶ You will receive a 12 digit eligibility code which we **MUST** have on your application form if available or as soon as you receive it
- ▶ The local authority will check the eligibility twice a term and let us know if circumstances have changed
- ▶ If you are no longer eligible and after a grace period, the funding will stop for the additional hours. The child will then only be entitled for the 15 hours
- ▶ In our offer letter, will confirm which option is the 15 hours entitlement and which option is the additional +15 hours
- ▶ Different options for how to use the additional hours but we would ask that they are all used at our nursery
- ▶ We expect the children to attend for the full week
- ▶ Full information on Surrey's Family Information Service website
- ▶ Privately funded additional 15 hours (£135.15 per week)



Admissions - How are places allocated?

- ▶ Oversubscription Criteria used to allocate places
- ▶ Based on the information you give us with your application form, your child's application will be placed in one of 16 categories
- ▶ Please read the policy!

2. Oversubscription Criteria

Where there are more applications than the number of places available places will be offered according to the following order of priority:-

1. Catholic looked after and previously looked after children. (see notes 2 & 3)
2. Catholic children with a Certificate of Catholic Practice at least one of whose parents is a permanent member of staff and has been employed at the School for at least two years at the time of application. (see notes 3, 4 & 10)
3. Catholic children with a brother or sister at the school or nursery at the time of admission, with a Certificate of Catholic Practice who are resident in the parishes of Saint Michael's, Ashford and Saint David's, Stanwell. (see notes 3, 4, 7 & 11)
4. 4. Catholic children with a brother or sister at the school or nursery at the time of admission, with a Certificate of Catholic Practice who are NOT resident in the parishes of Saint Michael's, Ashford and Saint David's, Stanwell. (see notes 3, 4, 7 & 11)
5. Catholic children with a Certificate of Catholic Practice who are resident in the parishes of Saint



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5. Catholic children with a Certificate of Catholic Practice who are resident in the parishes of Saint Michael's, Ashford and Saint David's, Stanwell. (see notes 3, 4 & 11)

Priority Within an Oversubscription Category

Applications will be ranked in order of the oversubscription criteria above. Within each category, applications will then be prioritised in the following order:

Up to 10 full time places (or equivalent) for 2 year olds

- a) Candidates eligible for 15 hours Free Early Education for Two Year olds (FEET)
- b) Candidates with a preference for 15 hours as working parents of 2 year olds
- c) Candidates with a preference for 30 hours as working parents of 2 year olds
- d) Candidates paying privately

Up to 62 places for 3 and 4 year olds

- e) Candidates with a preference for 15 hours universal entitlement
- f) Candidates with a preference for 30 hours as working parents of 3 and 4 year olds
- g) Candidates paying privately for an additional 15 hours per week

3. Tie Break

If there are more applicants for places in the categories below, priority will be given in age order starting with the oldest.

Waiting List

- ▶ Any candidates not offered a place are kept on our waiting list
- ▶ We can receive applications for the waiting list throughout the year
- ▶ If your child turns 3 before March 31st, they can join next years waiting list now. A place may become available at the start of the term after they turn 3 years old. They may also have the chance to join earlier if parents are willing to pay and pupil/child ratios allow
- ▶ If places are available, we will review the list and offer places to begin at the start, usually at the start of the Spring term or Summer term.
- ▶ Will need to apply once again for September 2027 if a place has not been given beforehand
- ▶ Any change in circumstances must be notified to the School in writing. Applicants may be asked to provide proof of address.



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To apply for **September 2026** you must...

- ▶ Complete the school's Nursery Application Form and return it to the school
- ▶ Include proof of residence: current utility bill (within the last 6 months) **AND** a council tax bill (other options listed at the end of the Admissions Policy)
- ▶ Include Copy of Birth Certificate
- ▶ Include the eligibility code (where necessary)
- ▶ Include Confirmation of FEET Funding (where necessary)
- ▶ Include Copy of baptism certificate (where necessary)
- ▶ Include Certificate of Catholic Practice (where necessary)
- ▶ Include Evidence of exceptional need (where necessary)

DEADLINE: 27th April

All available on the school website along with parish boundary maps, lists of roads and information on FEET

Limited number of hard copies available from Mrs Wise today



Certificate of Catholic Practice



If you are a parishioner of St Michael's or St David's, Father Sidon will be available on the following day to certify the Certificate of Catholic Practice:

► Wednesday, 25th March, 9am-1pm

Please collect Father's information form from the Church and bring the Certificate of Catholic Practice with you.

If you attend another parish, please ask your parish priest to sign the certificate

Saint Michael Catholic Nursery Admissions Timetable

September 2026 Intake

Event	Date
Open Afternoon	19th March, 3.30pm
Father Sidon available at The Saint Michael's Church Presbytery to sign Certificate of Catholic Practice for St. Michael's & St David's parishioners	Wednesday, 25 th March, 9am-1pm
Applications due	Monday, 27 th April
Confirmation letters sent	Monday, 18 th May
Deadline for parents to accept a place	Monday, 8 th June
Deadline for registration forms to be returned to school	Monday, 22 nd June
Home Visits	July 2026
Parents Stay and Play and children begin nursery	Thursday, 3rd September 2026 or Monday, 7 th September 2026

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Other information:

- ▶ Strongly advise that you drop in the application by hand to the school
- ▶ Special post box!
- ▶ A receipt will follow
- ▶ Ensure you do not miss the 27th April deadline
- ▶ ALL information in the pack is also available to view and download on the school website
- ▶ Limited number of hard copies available from Mrs Wise



Admissions

This Admissions Policy relates solely to admissions to the School's nursery. There is a separate Admissions Policy for all other admissions to the School including Reception.

A place in the nursery does not guarantee a place in Reception.

A new application will be required for entry into Reception (or other years), and any such application will be subject to the separate Admissions Policy.



