



Through God, We
Love, Laugh and
Learn.

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Dear parents and carers,

We are very pleased to announce that we will be using Tapestry as our online learning journal provider.

Tapestry allows you to login with a secure username and password so you can view wow moments from your child's learning in school. You can like and comment on observations that we add for your child and it's also possible for you to add your **own observations**. Your comments and own observations will allow us to find out about which activities your child really enjoy and the learning they get up to at home. Observations from the teachers will not be daily as this can take time away from us having valuable interaction with your child. Instead, the teaching staff will upload some lovely learning for you to see as we capture it.

Home Learning – Capturing moments from home is just as important as in school. If your child has a wow moment such as writing their name, numbers, riding their bike, having a swimming lesson, going on a nature walk, building with lego or even baking then please share this with us. Any kind of learning or fun is wow to us! Working in partnership and sharing learning gives the teaching staff a whole rounded view of your child's abilities and supports assessment, as some activities they may only show off at home.

All data that is entered to Tapestry is stored securely on their servers. If you are interested in finding out more information about this, you can go to <https://tapestry.info/security>.

Once we have set you up with an account you will be able to login using any web browser from tapestryjournal.com or by downloading the Tapestry app from the Play or App store, depending on what type of device you are using. Remember, if you are going to use the App version of Tapestry to ensure auto updates are turned on for your device so you always have the most up to date version of the app.

We will set you up using your email address and once this has been done, you will receive an activation email from which you can set up your own password to login with. You will also be asked to set up a 4-digit PIN which you can use on the Tapestry app to quickly log back in once you've initially logged in. Do remember to keep an eye out on your spam/junk folders for this email which will arrive in September when Mrs Farrell enters them all.

We do hope you enjoy using Tapestry, do let us know if you have any questions about it.

Best wishes,

The Early Years Team





Frequently Asked Questions

Why use an online system?

Hand writing observations, printing out photos, cutting out and sticking all of these into a paper book is very time consuming. By taking photos and videos that can be instantly uploaded this increases the time that staff can spend with your children, supporting their learning.

We were also impressed with the way in which parents can instantly see what their child has been up to and can also share it with family members such as grandparents.

How do I get onto the system?

If you consent to us using Tapestry for your child, we will set up an account for you and provide you with log on details.

Tapestry can be accessed online at: www.tapestryjournal.com

It is available as a free app from the Apple Store and also on Android devices.

We will use your email address so that we can set you up a personal account. This will be a secure way of logging in, and you will only be able to see your own child's book.

I don't have a computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone. How can I access Tapestry?

If you are unable to access the internet on any device at home, then we can print your child's book each term upon request.

How do I change my settings?

If during the year you wish to change your email address or add another family member on, please let the teacher know and they will do this for you.

How do I add an entry to my child's Learning Journey?

Choose the 'Add Observation' option (or the 'plus' icon on your iphone/ipad) and add the relevant information in the boxes on screen. Photos and videos may be uploaded by choosing the 'add media' option. When you have saved your observation, you may go back to the home screen at any time by choosing 'home'



Tapestry – An Online Learning Journal
Permission Slip

Child's Name: _____

To comply with GDPR, we will need your permission before we can use photographs of your child.

- I give permission for an online Tapestry Learning Journey to be created and maintained for my child.
- I give permission for my child's photo to appear in any group photos used in Learning Journeys.
- I agree not to electronically share, by social media or other platforms, any part of my child's Learning Journey.

The email address I wish to use for my Tapestry account is: (please write clearly using upper and lower case as appropriate).

Adult email address:.....

Parent/Carer signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return this slip to the class teacher.

