



Information session for parents

2025-26

Tuesday 30th September 2025



Tapestry is a system of online journals where we will be recording your child's learning and development. You will be able to see snapshots of your child's achievements and progress as they move through Nursery and Reception at West Acton Primary school.

Tapestry is an easy-to-use and secure online learning journal in which we can celebrate your children's learning and development together.

Why do we use Tapestry?

In Early Years (Nursery and Reception) staff have always recorded evidence of the children's learning with photos and observations. Now we keep these photos and observations digitally in an online journal.



Giving you access to this throughout the year makes an important connection between school and home to keep you updated with your child's progress, abilities and achievements.



Soon you will be given access to see all of the wonderful things your child is doing at school.

First you will need to give your permission for your child's photos to be used in Tapestry. This is separate from the general photo permission that the school asks for.

After you have done this, you will receive a link which when clicked on will take you through to the website to set up your account.

Please look out for this email.

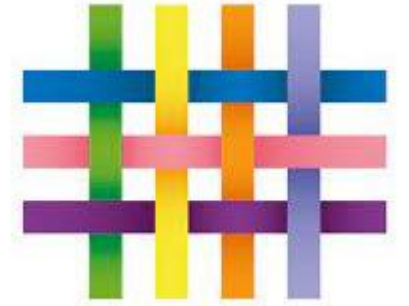


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You will be able to see and share your child's learning with them at home and you can talk together about what your child is doing at school

You may wish to add your own observations of your child to contribute to their learning journal too.

Together we will build a very special journal of your child's unique experiences and journey through their early education. These achievements and memories can be kept as a permanent record.



Where to find Tapestry

To access the web browser version of Tapestry go to:

www.tapestryjournal.com

You can also download the free **Tapestry app** for your phone or tablet which is very easy to use. Just search for the name “Tapestry mobile” in your App store and look out for the Tapestry logo.





Login Information

In order to use Tapestry, the school will create a user account for you on the system. The account holder will be the person who is the **first priority** contact for your child.

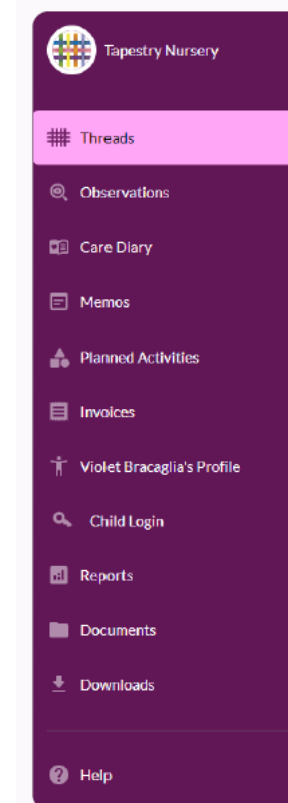
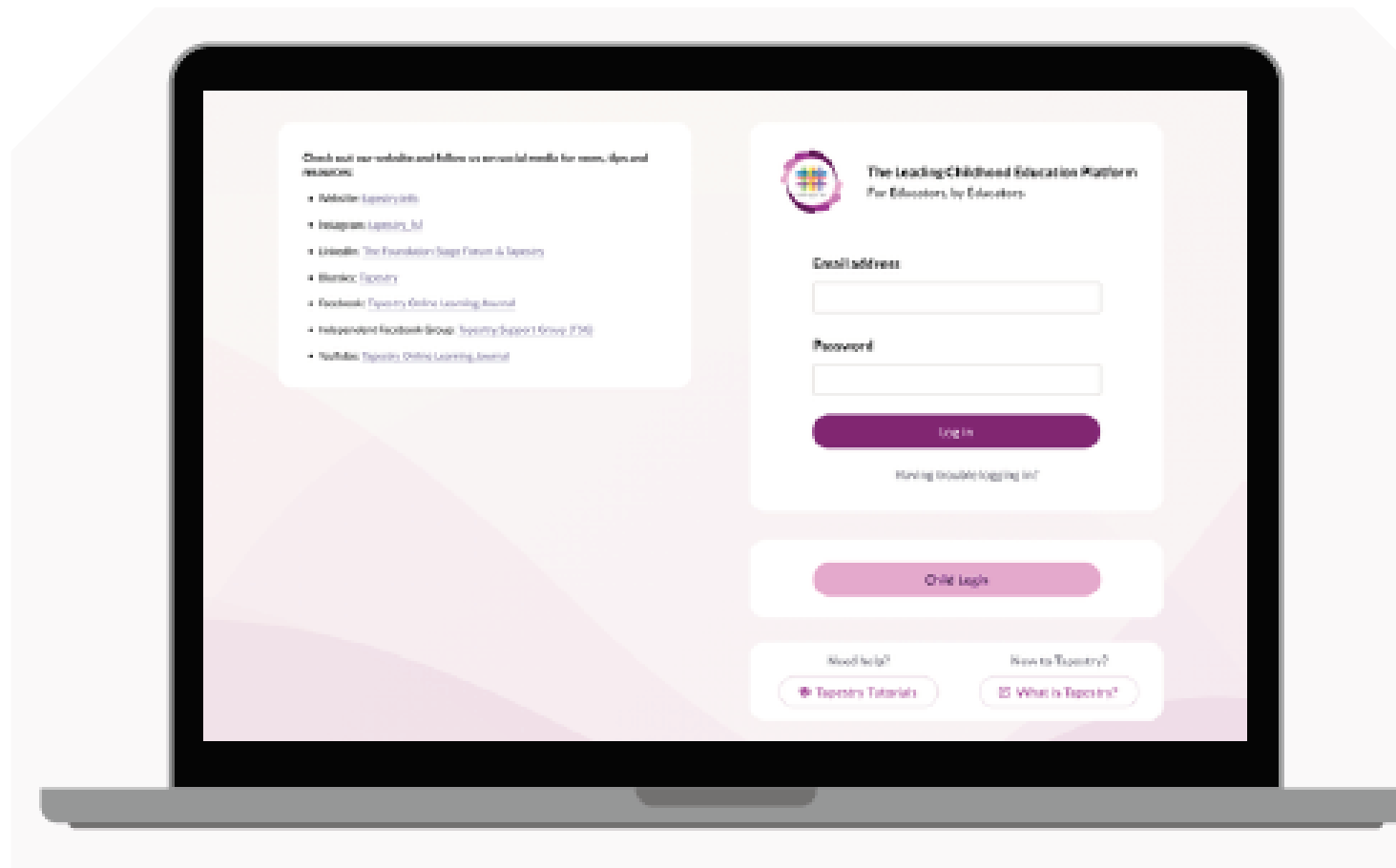
Your Username: This will be your email address.

Your Password: You will receive an email generated by the school that contains a link you can follow to set up your own password and PIN number for Tapestry. The email will come from:

noreply@tapestryjournal.com

This link will expire 30 days after it has been sent. If you have any issues with logging in, please see Miss Birch or your child's teacher for assistance.

Whilst the Tapestry App is great for everyday on-the-go usage, the desktop version provides a few extras you might find helpful.



 **The left-hand side menu**
Find your way around all the **features** and **settings**.

Tapestry Tip: If something that is mentioned in this guide doesn't appear on your menu, this means your setting/school **hasn't enabled the feature**. You can always talk to them if you think it would be helpful to use.



Login Information

Logging in for the first time:

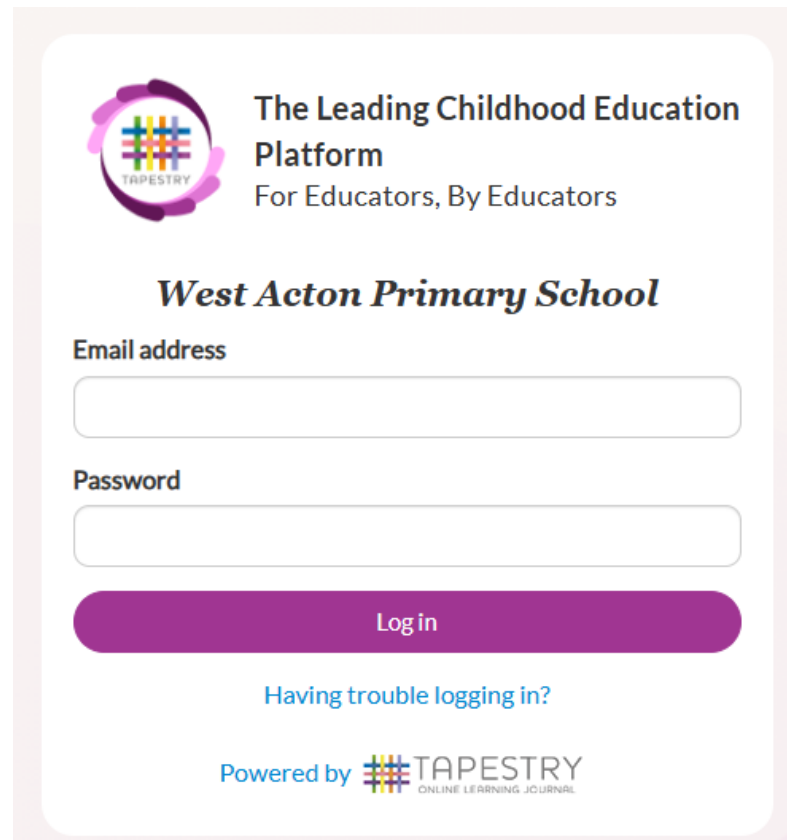
Click on the link in the email

Choose and set your own
password and 4 number pin code

**Your password needs to be at
Least 12 characters long.**

Login Information

Once you are set up, your Login screen will look like this:



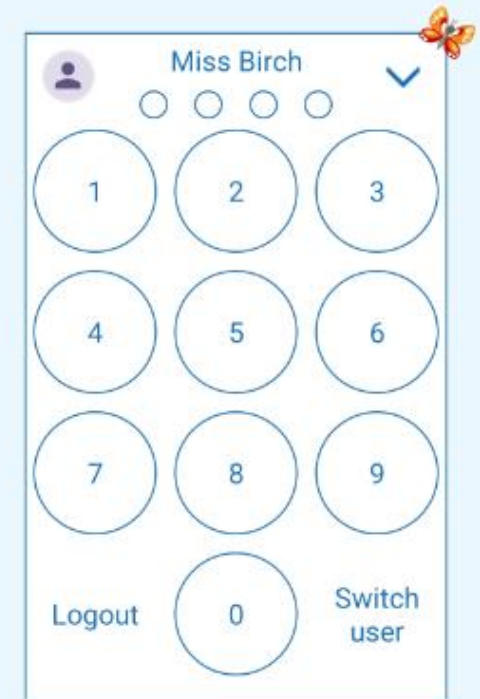
The login screen for West Acton Primary School. At the top left is the Tapestry logo (a stylized grid of colorful lines). To its right, the text reads "The Leading Childhood Education Platform" and "For Educators, By Educators". Below this, the school name "West Acton Primary School" is displayed in a bold, italicized font. There are two input fields: "Email address" and "Password". Below the password field is a large purple "Log in" button. Underneath the button is a link that says "Having trouble logging in?". At the bottom, it says "Powered by" followed by the Tapestry logo and "ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL".



West Acton Primary S...

The new Tapestry look is finally here! To help you with the transition, we've created [handy guides](#) just for you.

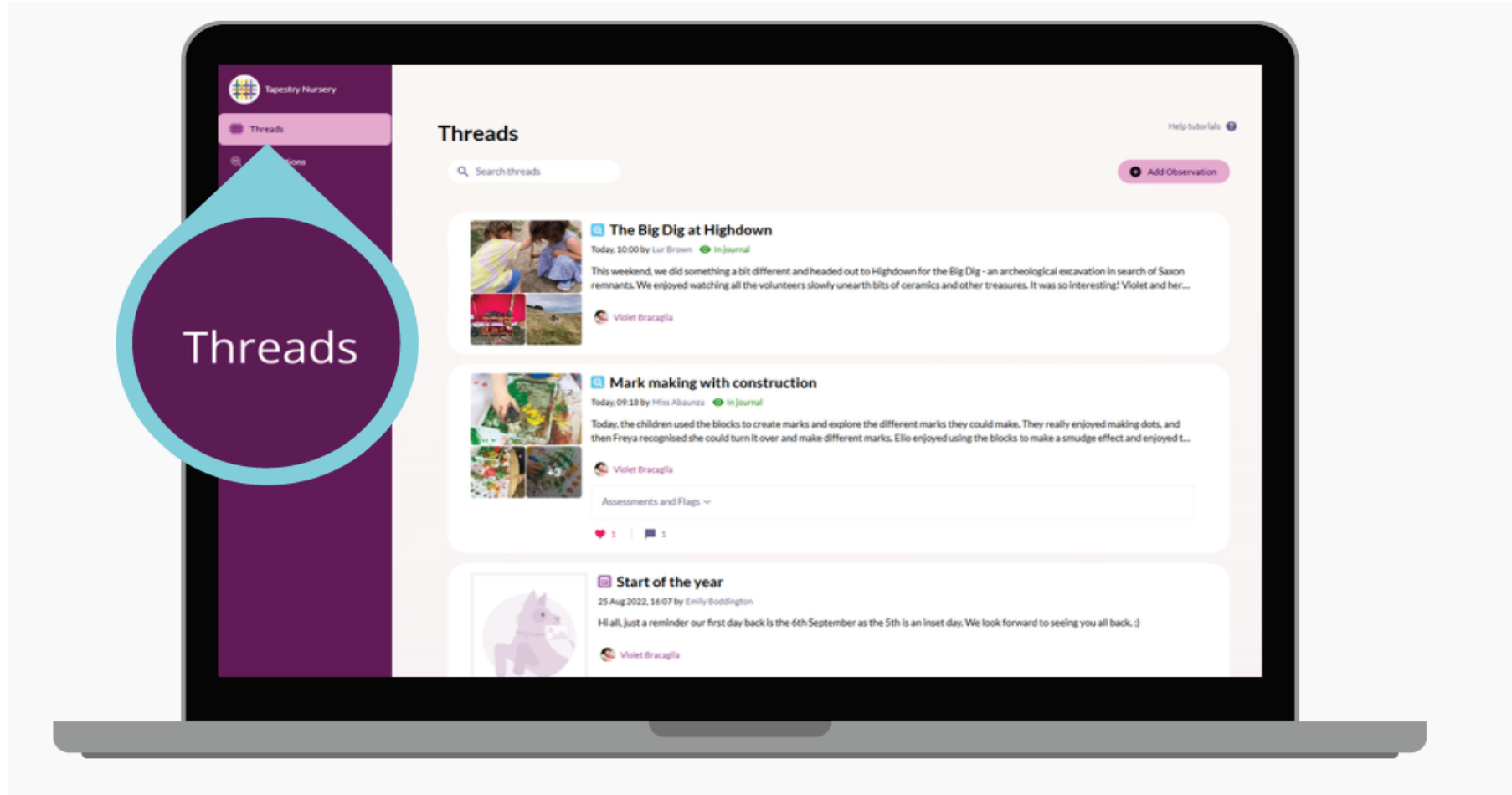
Help relatives get in contact with you, enter your setting's contact details [here](#).



The user interface for Miss Birch. At the top, there is a profile icon, the name "Miss Birch", and a blue checkmark. Below this are four small circles. The main area contains a 3x3 grid of large circles numbered 1 through 9. At the bottom, there is a "Logout" button, a circle with the number 0, and a "Switch user" button. A small orange butterfly icon is in the top right corner.

Observations

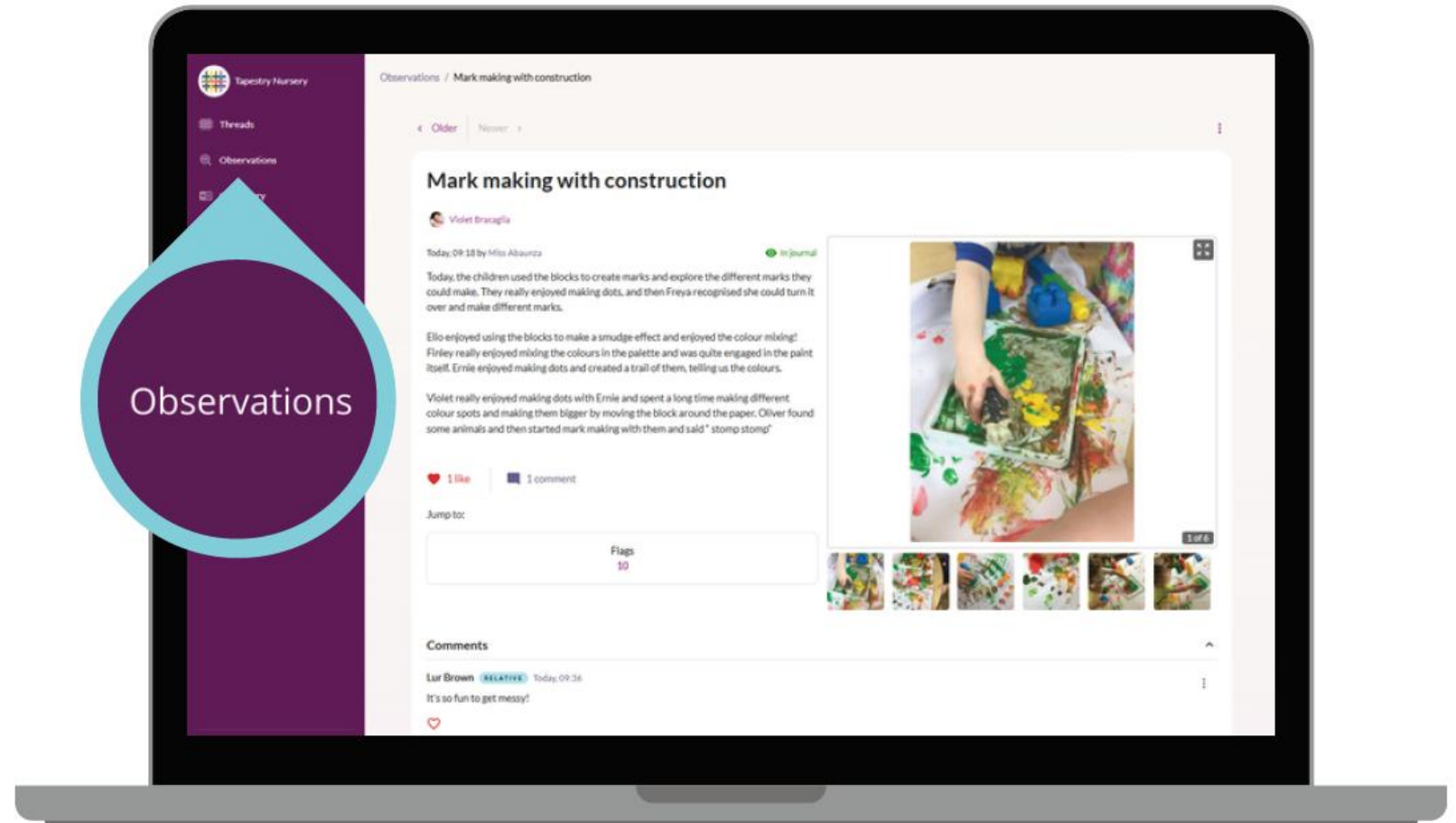
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If you have more than one child in Nursery and Reception, you will be able to see both of them in the same account.



Observations

The next best thing to being there: observations are **words, photos or video clips** about what your child has been up to during their day, so you can talk with them about it later. And you can **add your own observations** about your child's experiences at home too.

To view an observation, click on the title or thumbnail image of an observation on the 'Observation' page.

Selecting any one of these will open up the observation for you to look at.



Viewing an Observation



An observation on Tapestry will include:

- Date and time
- A title (linked to the learning)
- Brief description of the learning/task
- The relevant Early Years statements
- A photo or a video
- The name of the staff member who took the observation.

A Humpty Dumpty Model - Junk modelling materials

by Catherine Howen added 25 Nov 2016 10:59 AM

Like

Copy



Only members have permission to download these photos and videos

Notes

Jagden used the junk modelling materials to make a Humpty Dumpty model. He used a long piece of yellow sticky tape, glue, sticky tape and white glue to create the model. Jagden demonstrated creativity when he used the scissors to make a hole in the top of the box. He said, "This is for the crack of the top of Humpty Dumpty's head". Jagden then used crayons and felt to make a well for Humpty Dumpty to sit on. He persevered at this activity for a long period of time. An excellent model Jagden!!

Early Years Foundation Stage

Expressive Arts and Design

Exploring and using media and materials

43-55+ No Relationship

- ✓ Construct with a purpose in mind, using a variety of resources.
- ✓ Uses simple tools and techniques competently and appropriately.
- ✓ Selects tools and techniques needed to shape, assemble and join materials they are using.

Being imaginative

43-55+ No Relationship

- ✓ Create simple representations of events, people and objects.

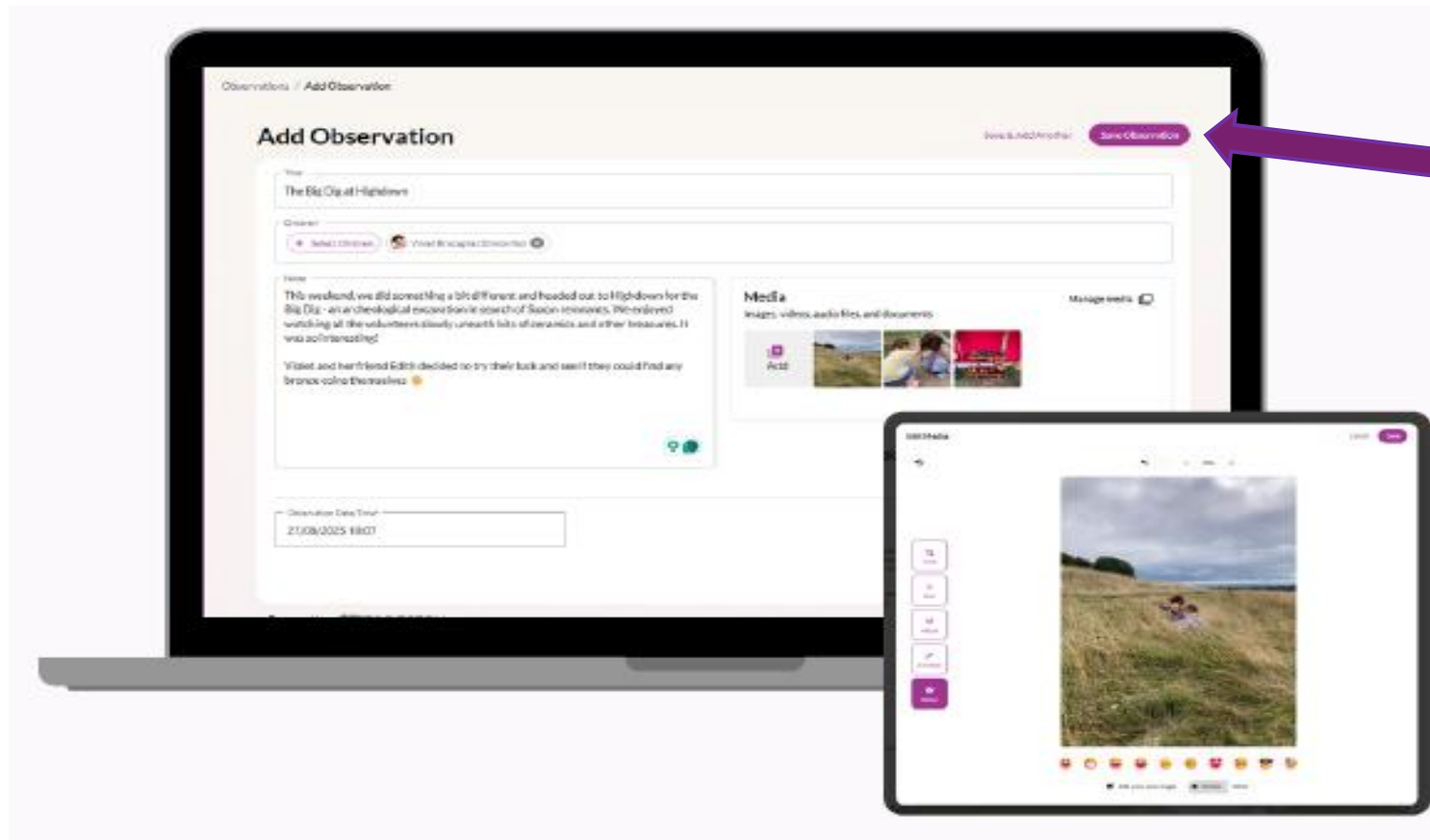
Observations

Will include a link to one or more of the seven areas of the EYFS curriculum:

- Personal, social and emotional development (PSED)
- Communication and language (C&L)
- Physical development (PD)
- Literacy (L)
- Mathematics (M)
- Understanding the world (UTW)
- Expressive arts and design (EAD)

Making an Observation

We would also love to see your contributions too. It is easy to add your own photos or observations to your child's journal. Choose the '+ Observation' option



Making an Observation

Add the relevant information in the boxes on screen. Photos and videos may be uploaded by choosing the 'add media' option. The observation will say "not in journal" until a member of staff has approved it.

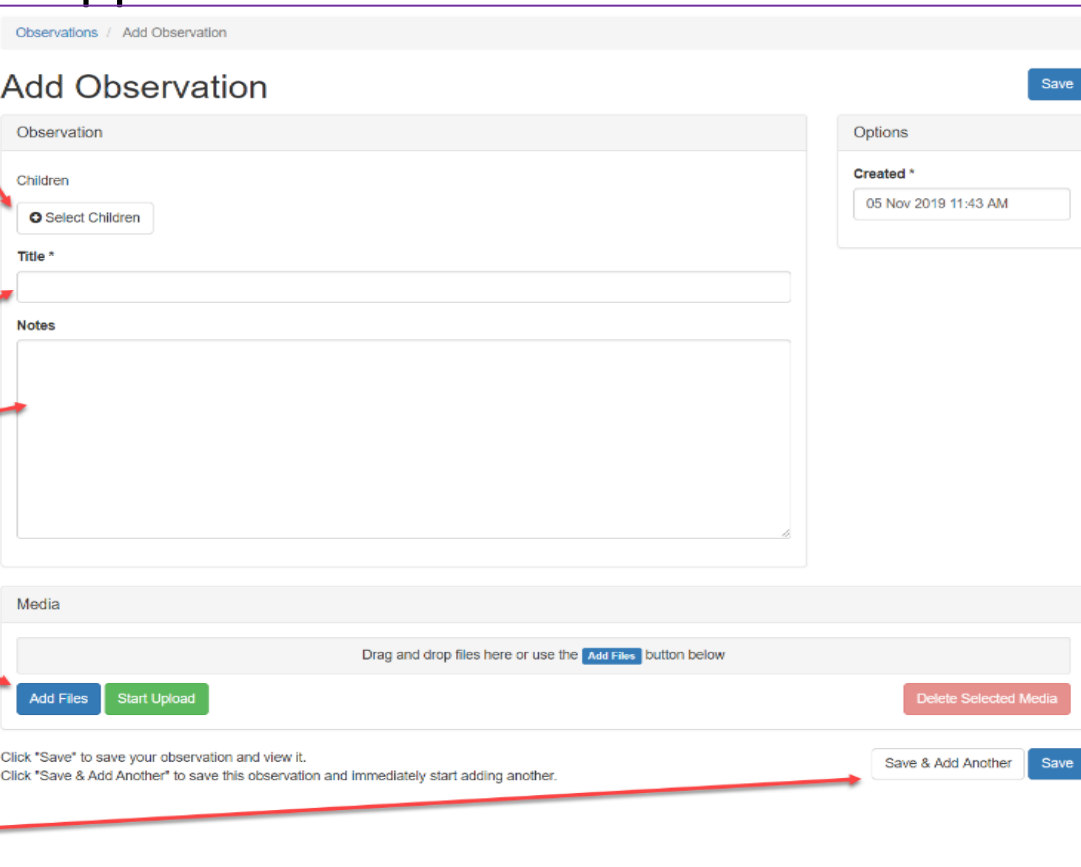
1) Select the child you are making the observation for. You will only see the children you are linked with here.

2) Give the observation a title.

3) (optional) In the 'Notes' section, write about what is happening.

4) (optional) Upload any photos or videos you would like to add. 'Add Files' and then 'Start Upload'

5) Click save!



Observations / Add Observation

Add Observation

Children

Select Children

Title *

Notes

Media

Drag and drop files here or use the Add Files button below

Add Files Start Upload Delete Selected Media

Options

Created *

05 Nov 2019 11:43 AM

Click "Save" to save your observation and view it.
Click "Save & Add Another" to save this observation and immediately start adding another.

Save & Add Another Save

Cancel Not in journal Upload

Add an Observation Title

Write some notes

Pictures, Videos, Audio and Documents
0 of a maximum of 100 media items.
Videos must be less than 10 minutes long

Add Media from Library Take a Photo Record a Video Record Audio Add Documents

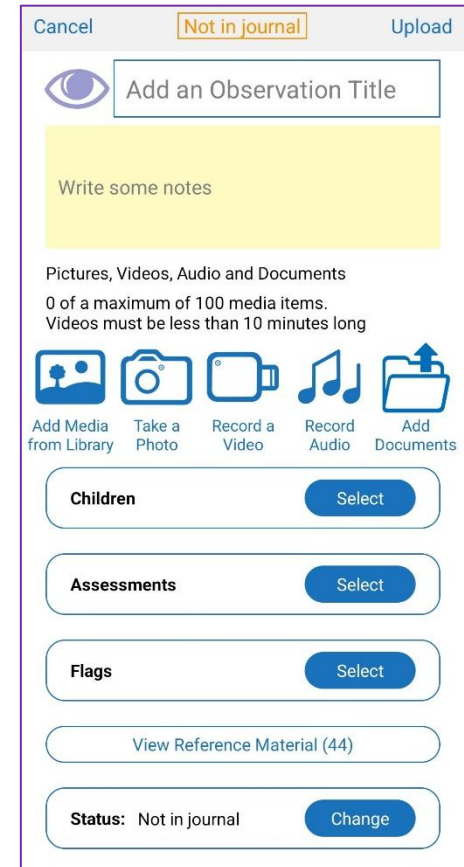
Children Select

Assessments Select

Flags Select

View Reference Material (44)

Status: Not in journal Change





Security

Tapestry is a secure system. Photos of your child are protected within the platform. Your child, their photos and their journal will not be seen by anyone else online.

Tapestry takes data security very seriously. There are many things that they do to ensure protection of your child's data. This includes; data encryption, partitioning networks, and having annual penetration tests. There is more information on this on their website.

Choose a secure password and keep it safe.

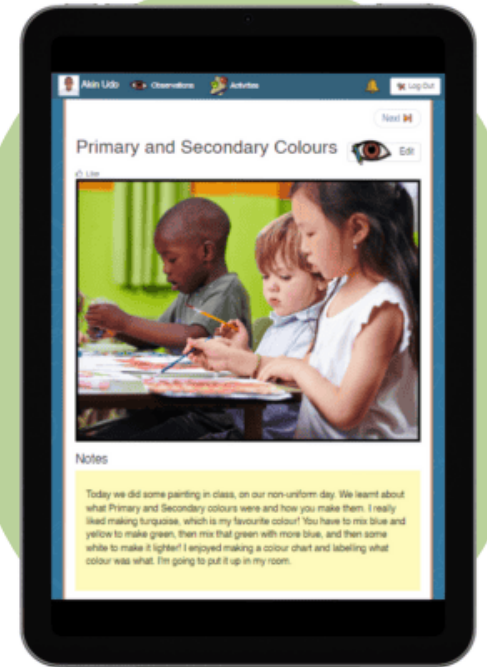
Security

You will only be able to see your own child's journal and observations on your child.

You may see other children in the background of photos, and your child may be seen in the background of other children's photos. We will never name or identify your child in another child's observation.

Please support us in keeping all of the children safe. You will not be able to download photos directly from Tapestry. You must not screenshot photos or observations and share them anywhere else, online or otherwise.

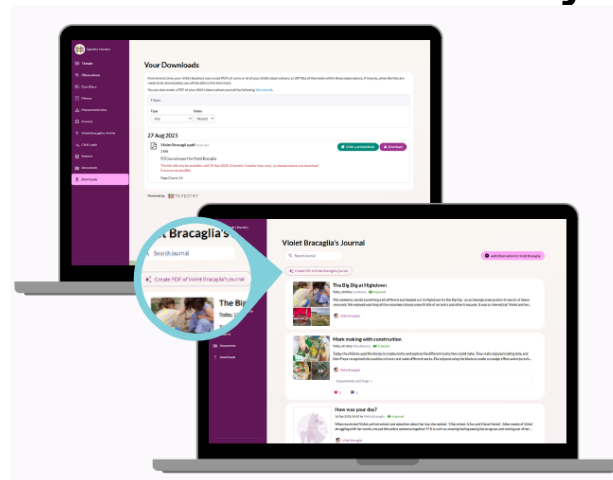
When you sign the permission form you agree to this.





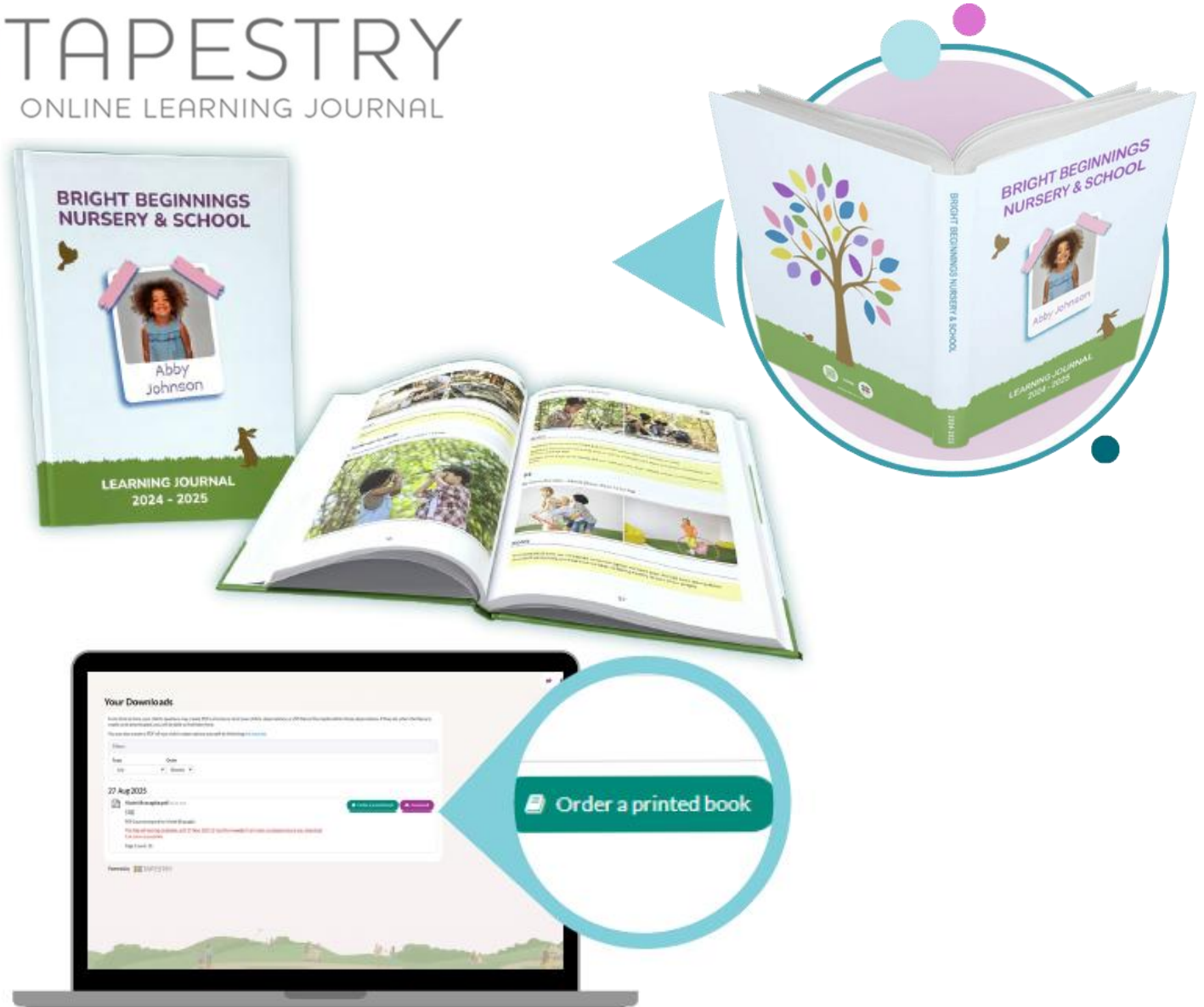
At the end of the school year you will be invited to download a PDF version of your child's Learning Journal. By then it will be full of wonderful memories of their time in Nursery and Reception and will be a lovely keepsake of their time at West Acton Primary School.

If your child is leaving part way through the school year please ask your child's teacher for access to download their journal before you leave West Acton.





Tapestry are now offering a service to get your child's journal printed into a book. You will get more information on this at the end of the school year.





We hope that you enjoy seeing the photos, videos and observations that the staff are busy uploading to your child's learning journal.

If you need any support in using Tapestry or have any questions please see your child's class teacher or Miss Birch.

Thank you for your continued support.