



Information session for parents

2026-27

Wednesday 23rd / Thursday 24th September 2026



We would like to introduce you to **Tapestry**

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 days 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.

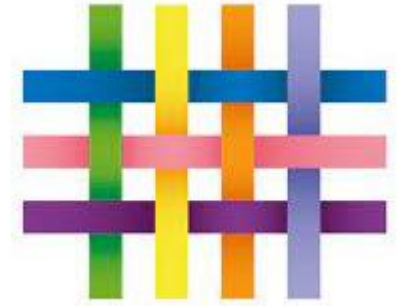


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You will be able to see and share your child's learning with them at home and you can talk together about what your child is doing at school.

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

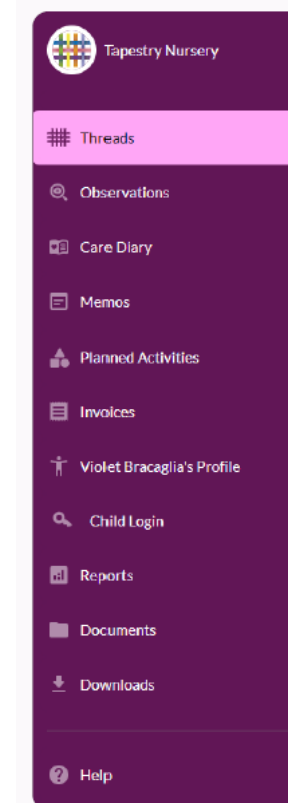
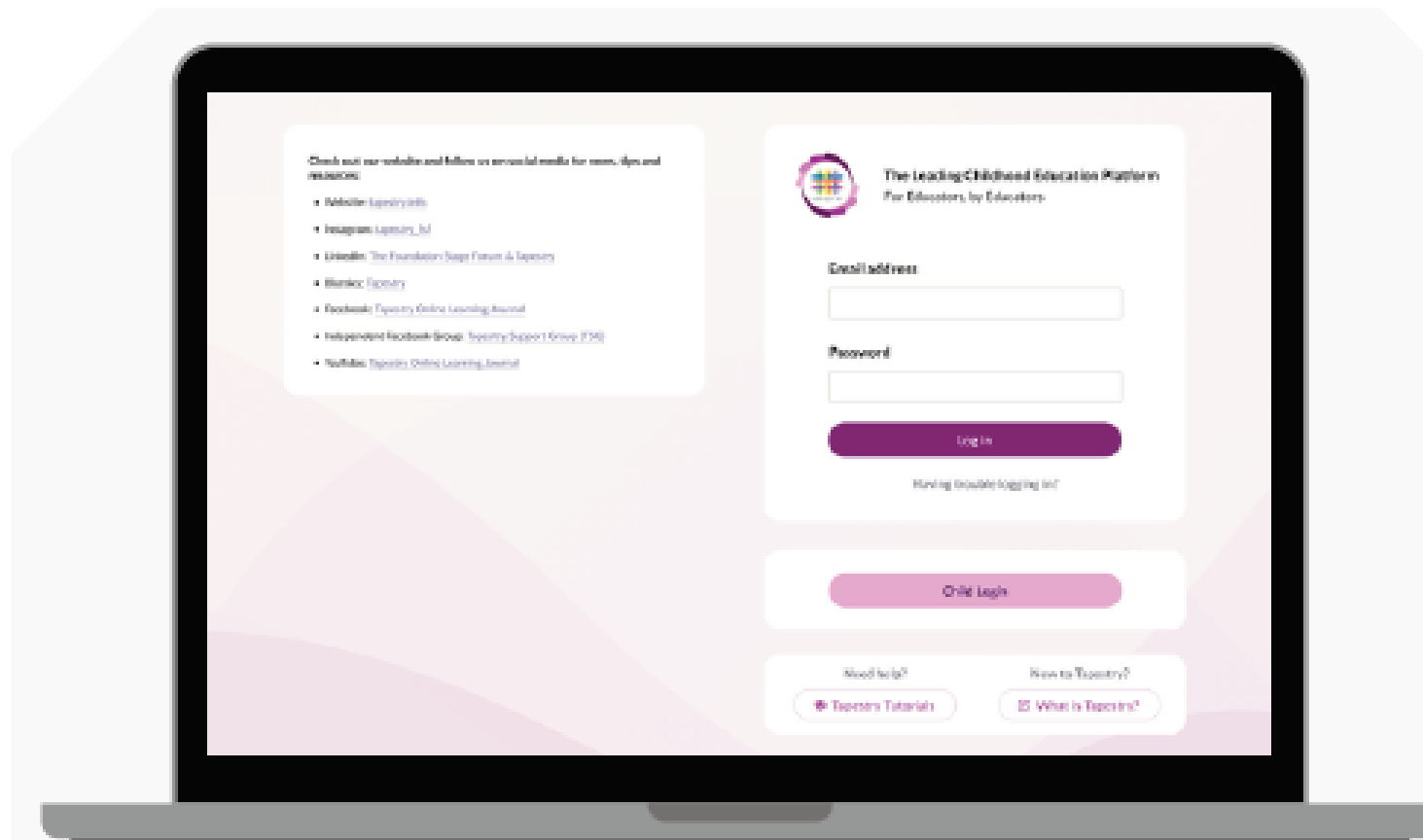
To access the web browser version of Tapestry go to:

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.



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

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.



Login Information

Logging in for the first time:

When you receive your activation email,
click on the link.

You will be asked to choose and set your own
password and 4 number pin code

Your password needs to be at Least 12 characters long.

A screenshot of the Tapestry login interface. At the top is the Tapestry logo, which is a circular emblem with a woven pattern and the word "TAPESTRY" below it. Below the logo, the text "The Leading Childhood Education Platform" and "For Educators, by Educators" is displayed. The "Sign in" section follows, with a link for "New user? Find out more about Tapestry". There are two input fields: "email" and "password". The password field has a toggle icon for visibility. Below the password field is a link for "Forgot your password?". At the bottom is a large purple button labeled "Log in".

The Leading Childhood Education Platform
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Sign in
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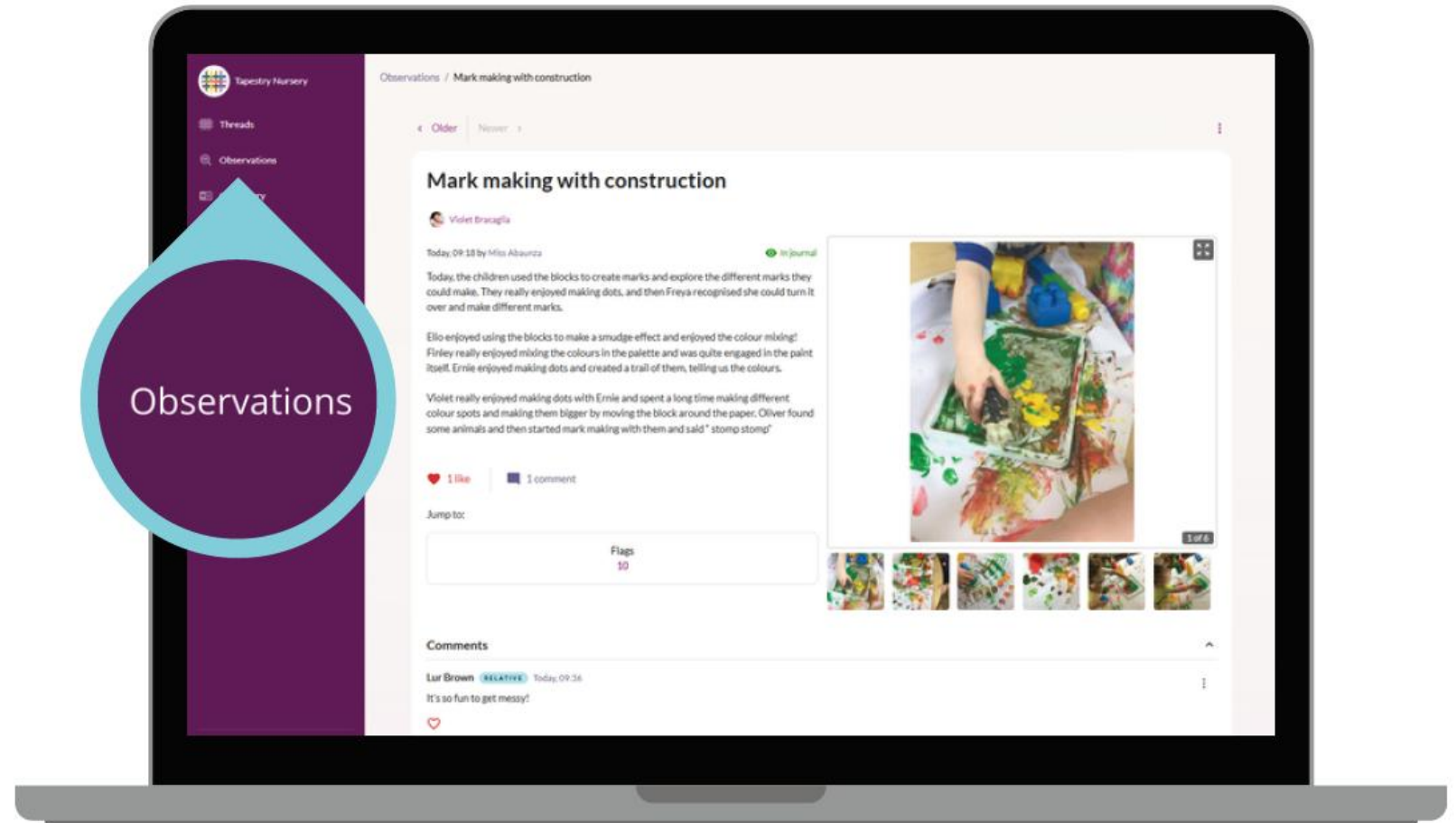
Once you are set up, your Login screen will look like this:

A screenshot of the Tapestry login interface for West Acton Primary School. The interface is white with a light purple border. At the top left is the Tapestry logo, a circular icon with a grid of colored lines. To its right, the text "The Leading Childhood Education Platform" and "For Educators, By Educators" is displayed. Below this, the school name "West Acton Primary School" is written in a bold, italicized, black font. The login form consists of two input fields: "Email address" and "Password", both with rounded rectangular borders. Below the password field is a large, rounded purple button with the text "Log in" in white. At the bottom of the form, there is a link "Having trouble logging in?" in blue text. At the very bottom, it says "Powered by" followed by the Tapestry logo and "ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL".A screenshot of the Tapestry login interface for Miss Birch. The background is a light purple gradient. At the top, there is a circular profile picture placeholder with a person icon. Below it, the name "Miss Birch" is displayed, followed by a "Switch" link in purple. The main login area is a white rounded rectangle containing the text "Enter Tapestry PIN" and four empty circles for the PIN. Below this is a numeric keypad with buttons for digits 1 through 9 and 0. At the bottom of the white area is a link "Login with email and password" with a small icon of three dots. Below the white area, there is a link "Having trouble logging in?". At the very bottom, the text "1.0.4 Apple iPad (10th generation) iPadOS 26.5.2" is visible.

Observations

Once logged in, you will see your child's observations on your home screen in a list.

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

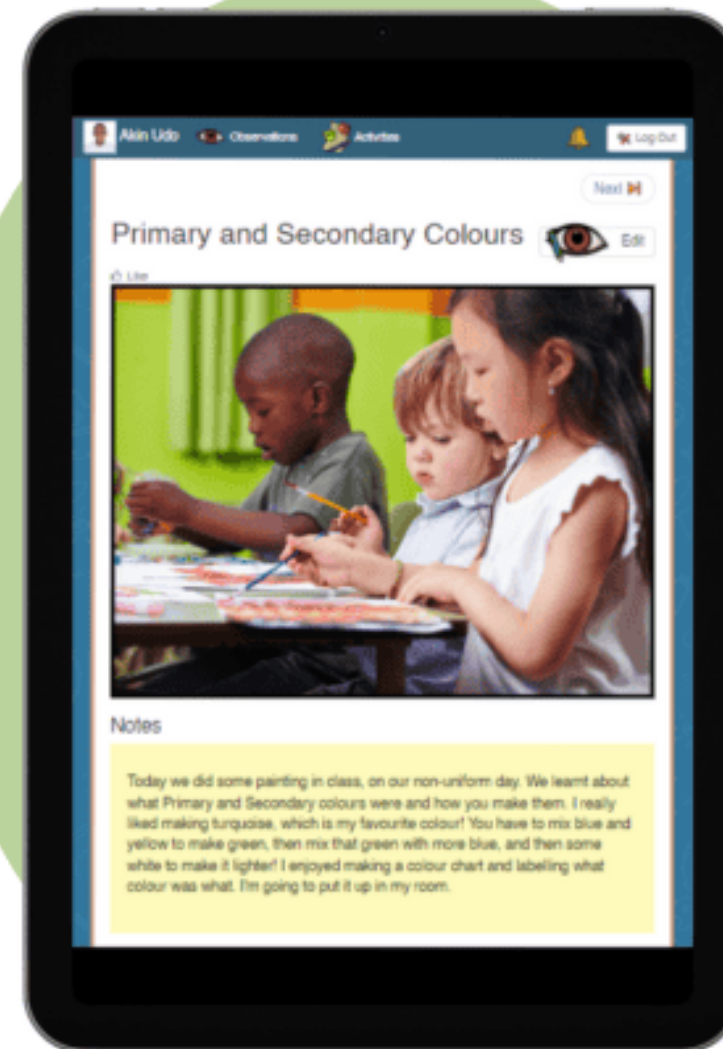


Observations

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 will include the following information:

- The date and time it was recorded
- The title
- A brief description of the task and learning observed.
- A photo or short video
- Links to the Early Years curriculum

A Humpty Dumpty Model - Junk modelling materials

by Catherine Howan added 25 Nov 2016 10:55 AM

21 Jayden Hartney

27 Likes



Only managers have permission to download these photos and videos

Notes

Jayden used the junk modelling materials to make a Humpty Dumpty model. He used a box, paper, string, sticks, glue, string, paper and sticks to create his model. Jayden demonstrated creativity when he used the scissors to make a hole in the top of the box. He said, "This is for the crack in the top of Humpty Dumpty's head". Jayden then used crayons and felt-tip pens to draw a face for Humpty Dumpty to sit on. He persevered at this activity for a long period of time. An excellent model Jayden!

Early Years Foundation Stage

Expressive Arts and Design

Exploring and using media and materials

43-50+ No Proficiency

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

Being imaginative

43-50+ No Proficiency

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

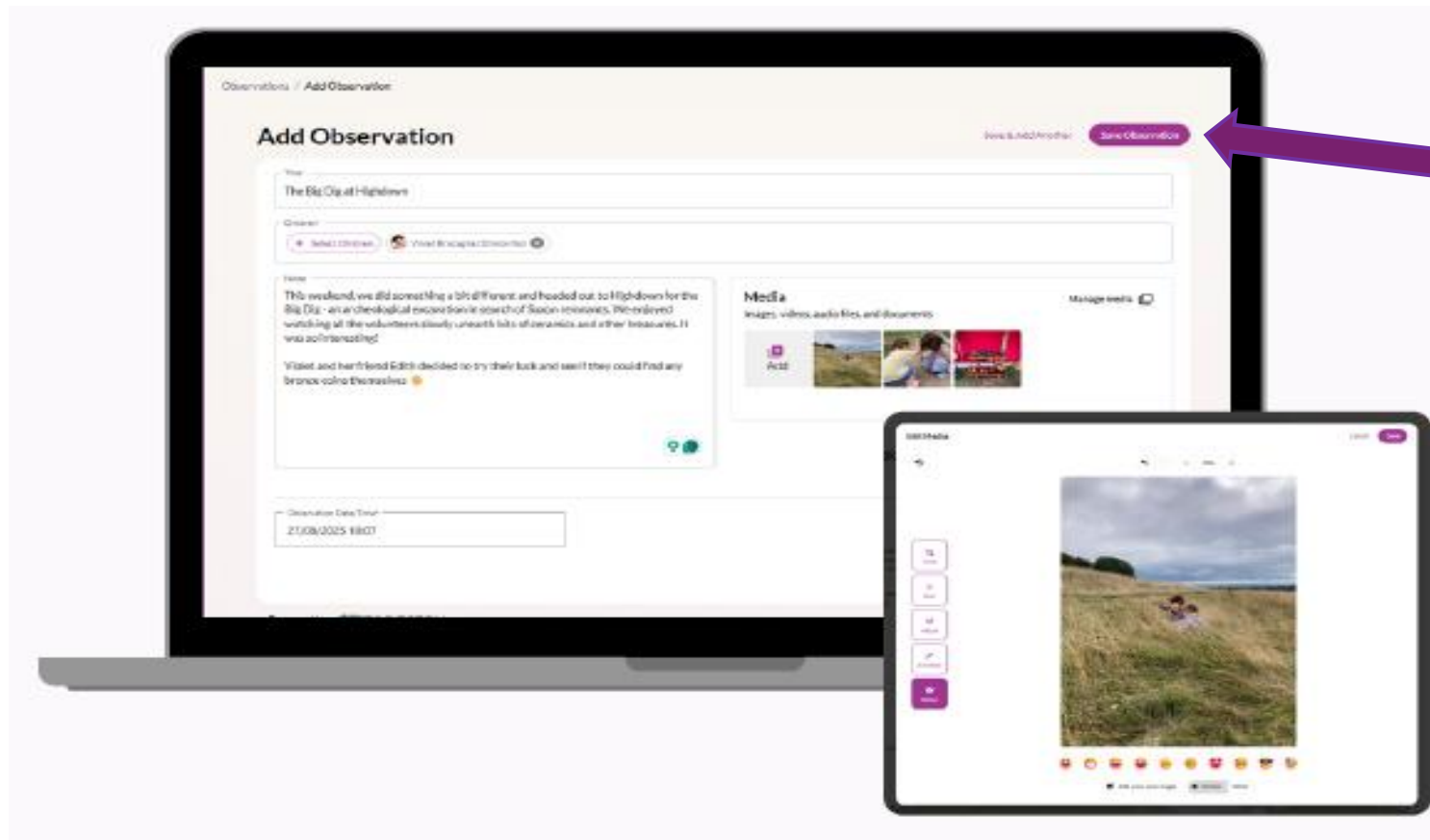
Observations

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.

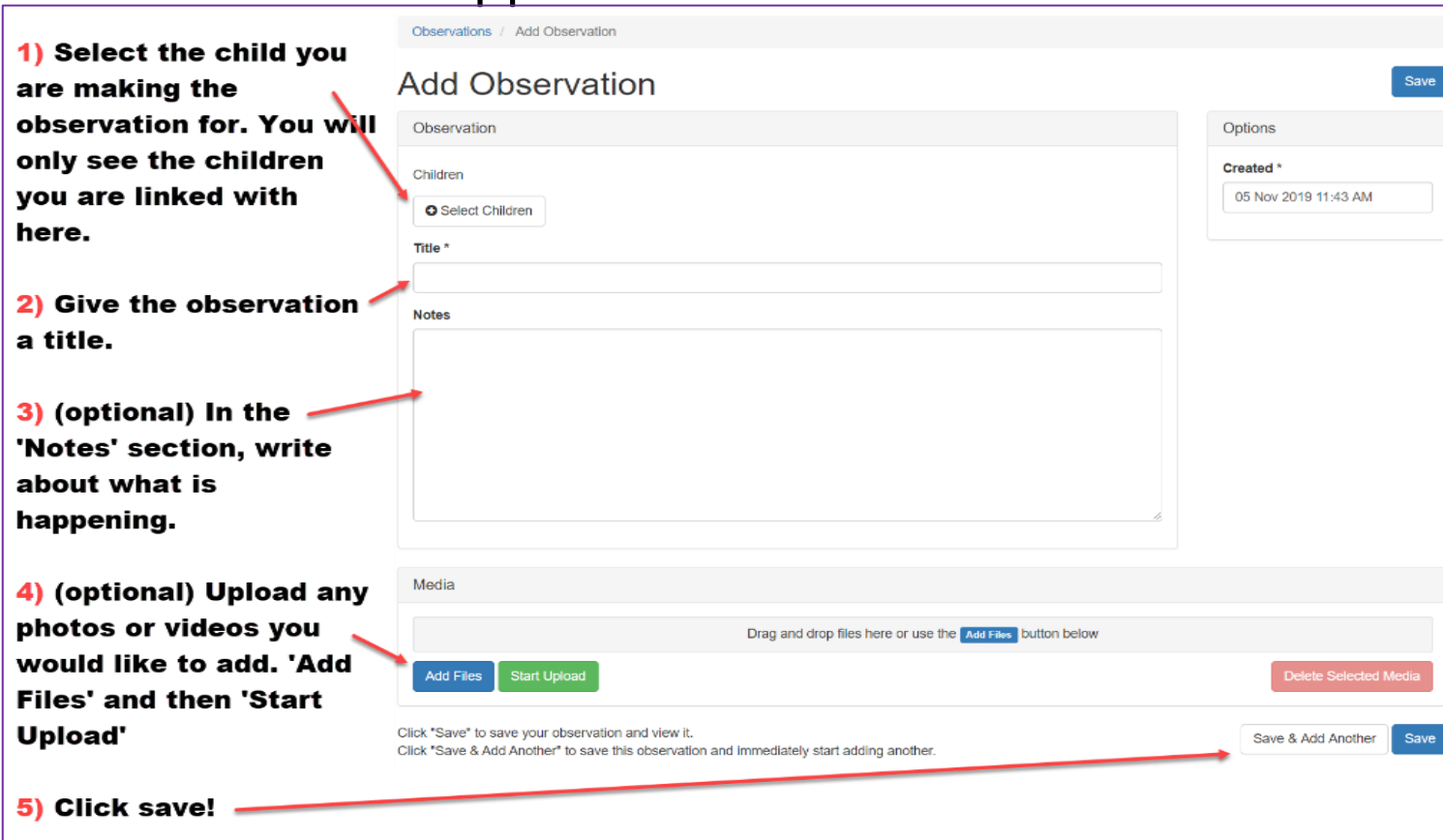
1) Select the child you are making the observation for. You will only see the children you are linked with here.

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

Save

Observation

Children

Select Children

Title *

Notes

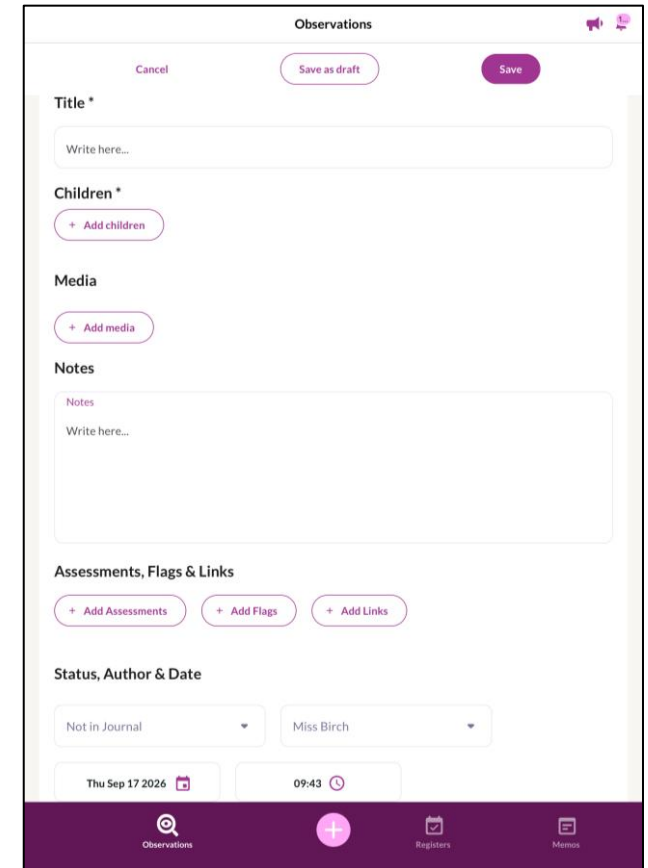
Media

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

Add Files Start Upload Delete Selected Media

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



Observations

Cancel Save as draft Save

Title *

Write here...

Children *

+ Add children

Media

+ Add media

Notes

Notes

Write here...

Assessments, Flags & Links

+ Add Assessments + Add Flags + Add Links

Status, Author & Date

Not in Journal Miss Birch

Thu Sep 17 2026 09:43

Observations Registrars Memos



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.

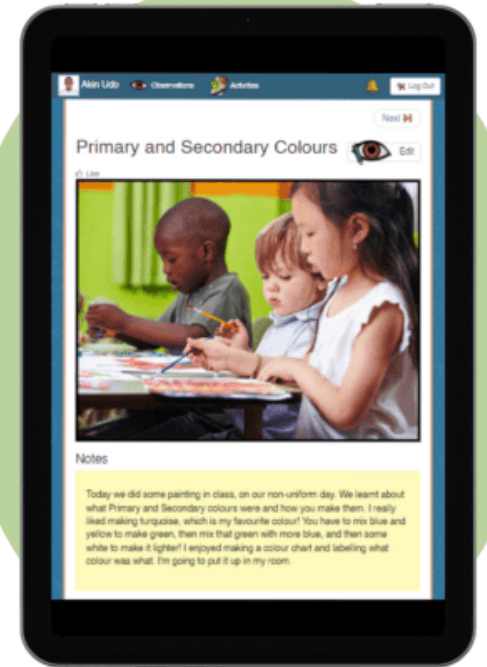
Security

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. Please do not download photos directly from Tapestry. Do not screenshot photos or observations and share them anywhere else, online or otherwise.

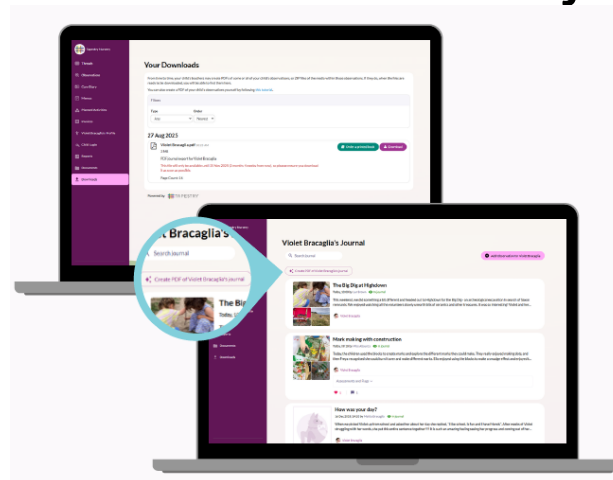
When you sign the permission form you will be agreeing to this.





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.

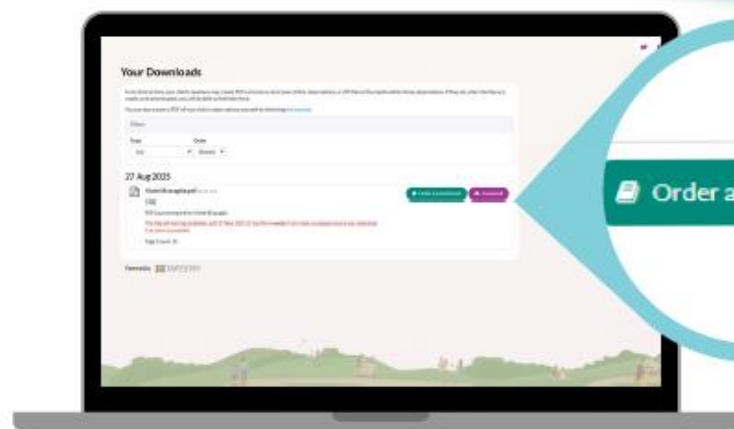
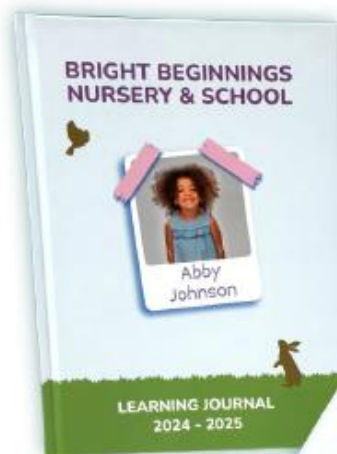
If your child is leaving part way through the school year please ask your child's teacher for access to download their journal before you leave West Acton.



Tapestry are now offering a service to get your child's journal printed into a book. We will remind you about this at the end of the school year. If you wish to order one it is through a separate company.



TAPESTRY
ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL



Order a printed book



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.