



# Southwold Primary & Nursery School

*"Be all you can be and together we will shine"*

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Dear Parents

We are excited to introduce you to our learning journal called Tapestry in Nursery and Reception which records your child's learning and progress. Learning journals and big books have grown in popularity over the last decade, offering early years settings a way to record the development of their children. More recently they have been used in conjunction with the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) developmental stages to assess more formally how children are progressing. We are also very fortunate as some of our feeder preschools have been using Tapestry and therefore are able to pass over existing Tapestry profiles for children so we are hoping many parents are already familiar with this online tool.

To gather information and evidence about each child, observations are made by Foundation Stage staff using I-pads. These usually include photographs or video clips and may be of individuals or groups of children. Obviously, group observations and photographs will contain images of your child alongside others and we will want to share these observations with parents of each child in the group. These photographs can only be viewed by parents of children currently in Nursery or Reception. We ask that parents give permission for their child to be included in group observations and that parents do not share photographs of other children on social media sites. Please be assured that privacy and confidentiality is paramount in our Early Years unit and we hope parents will see the value of their child being included in these observations.

At the end of the year there will be an opportunity for you to download your child's completed Tapestry journal.

Kind Regards

Mrs Emily Holloway  
Assistant Principal and Early Years Lead

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Child's Name:

Class:

I give permission for my child to be included in **group or class** Tapestry observations.  
I confirm that I will not share **any** photographs from Tapestry on social media sites.

Parent/Carer signature:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address of Parent/Carer:

