June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Tapestry - An Online Learning Journey**

At St John’s, each child will have an online learning journey that can be accessed by yourselves at home. Staff in school will be adding photos and comments about your child’s learning during the first few weeks of term and we would like to make this available for you to access from home. I know many of you will have used this at your child’s pre-school setting so are familiar with it.

Tapestry is a vehicle which can be accessed on a computer or laptop, and also on any Apple or Android device such as a tablet or smartphone. We have chosen this company because they are secure and it is also an exciting way of keeping track of your child’s development and their time with us.

The safeguarding of our children is of upmost important and the success of this system depends on your support with this issue. Tapestry is run by The Foundation Stage Forum Ltd and is fully GDPR compliant Everything that is added to Tapestry will be added to our school account and can only be viewed by the school staff that use the system and also yourself using your own log on details. You will only have access to your own child’s Learning Journey and this cannot be seen by other parents. Also, it is crucial that you DO NOT share photos or videos from your child’s Learning Journey on social media or through other platforms. Any incident where this confidently is broken will be dealt with very seriously and will result in your home access to the system being withdrawn. We really want this system to be about YOU celebrating the achievement of YOUR child and school documenting their progress throughout their time with us.

On the back of this letter are some Frequently Asked Questions, so please read these. We would also like to signpost you to the Tapestry website where you will find lots of information and videos <https://tapestry.info/parents-carers/#about-tapestry>

Attached to this letter is a permission and information slip to allow us to make your child’s Tapestry account ‘live’ so you can access it at home. Please sign it and return so we can activate your child’s account. This will be done through an email to the email address that you supply us with.

Children who already have Tapestry from their pre-school setting will need to create a new account for St John’s. This will be done for you so please follow the instructions on the email you receive (please check your junk box as sometimes emails go there!)

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Miss Griffiths



**Tapestry Frequently Asked Questions**

**Why use an Online system?**

Handwriting observations, printing out photos, cutting out and sticking all of that 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 and making the most of the time we have for teaching and learning opportunities throughout the school day.

We are also impressed with the way in which parents can instantly see what their child has been learning and can also share with other family members. The ability for parents to comment and add photos of home achievements mean we are able to see each child holistically taking into account their achievements at school and home.

**How do I get onto the system?**

When we have received the consent form back, school will set up an account for you and provide you with log on details.

Tapestry can be accessed online at <http://eyfs.infor/tapesrty-info/introduction>

It is available as a free app from your app store – just search Tapestry.

We will ask you to provide an email address so that we can set you up with a personal account. This will be a secure way of logging in and you will only be able to see your own child’s Learning Journey.

**I don’t have a computer/laptop/tablet/smartphone. How can I use Tapestry?**

If you are unable to access the internet on any device at home, then you will still be able to access your child’s Learning Journey by using our class computers and booking an appointment to come in at the end of the school day.

**I am not very confident with computers or the Internet. How can I access Tapestry?**

One of the reasons we chose Tapestry was ease of use. It is a very easy system to use but should you have any problems, a member of staff will be able to support you. This will need to be done by booking an appointment to see us at the end of the school day.

**Why do you need my email address?**

Your email address is required in order to set you up with access to your child’s account. It is to ensure security on the site and also so that we can email you when a new entry has been added for your child.

**How will photos/videos be used?**

We aim to just use photos of your own child on their Learning Journey, however at times this is not always possible depending on the location and position of your child’s play and learning. Many of the most meaningful photos show children interacting in group play or completing activities with others. At times we will add whole class photos to show special occasions (i.e. a dress up day). Please be sensitive and ensure confidentiality should other children be in a photo of your child’s learning.

**Tapestry – Online Learning Journey Permission Slip 2025 – 2026**

Child’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Please tick the following statements in order for your account to be activated:**

I give permission for an online Tapestry Learning Journey to be created and maintained by St John’s C of E Academy staff 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 or manually share by social media or other platforms, any part of my child’s Learning Journey.

I agree to ensure my child’s Learning Journey is kept confidential and I understand that failure to do so will result in loss of access to the system at home.

I agree to keep my log in details secure.

I agree that in line with confidentiality procedures, should I have any queries about my child’s Tapestry Learning Journey/my account, I will contact the class teacher first and not discuss with others.

Please write the following details clearly so we can input the correct information onto your account.

The email address I wish to use for my Tapestry account is:

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Second email account if you wish:

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Please return to school so we can activate all accounts. Thanks ☺