

*"Let your light shine"*  
Mt5 v16

Stogursey Pre-School is part of Stogursey C of E Primary School and serves Stogursey and the surrounding villages. Our Pre-School is set up with quality resources, carefully matched to a young child's needs and developmental stages. It is known as the Little Acorns and as we are all aware from little acorns, great oaks grow.



This is the fundamental belief we have of how children develop, if we get the Foundations (roots) right everything else will follow. With this in mind we try to develop our curriculum around play based learning. We encourage the children to be independent learners and offer an environment to facilitate this.

For example, whilst the children enjoy making snowmen with the play dough they are also developing their fine motor control which in turn will help them to write. The staff will also be encouraging counting, colour recognition, size, shape, etc. whilst all the time chatting with the children and developing their vocabulary.

The children have also been attending Forest School once a week with our Forest School Leader, Bonnie. As the children enjoy the outside they are developing in all areas of the curriculum. The outdoors is a wonderful environment for the children to learn. They enjoy a hot chocolate and biscuit as they look inside the box to find out what they will be exploring today.

The children are at one with nature and look closely at how things change. This week we discovered the rotten apples under the trees and spoke about the animals and bugs that might be eating them, afterwards we made Christmas decorations using string, pinecones and cinnamon sticks. Because it is winter we also made bird feeders and put them just outside our classroom window so we could see the birds come and visit us. To finish off we enjoyed jumping in muddy puddles and rolling down the hills.







We welcome Caroline Hawkes to our Local Governing Committee as a foundation governor with responsibility for Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and Liane Field as our new preschool supervisor. Both have excellent experience of this stage of education and are committed to the further development of our Preschool.

### A Dream that is not a Dream

Leaves crunch like sweet wrappers  
     Autumn sunset  
     Pink glowing gown  
 Dancing in the sunset – floating people  
     Flowing seaweed grass  
     -across the sky  
 I feel free and freedom is happiness

The sparkles and puff of frilly clouds  
 The sky – bright as the sun – gold and gleaming  
 Rivers stroke the grassy hills  
 Seeds are falling like bells  
 Veils of roses drip from trees  
     Like butterflies

Leaves are like feathers  
 Falling down from the sky

I close my eyes and hear whispers

Kaycee, Bronte, Matilda F, Matilda C and Winter

### The Magic Field of Stogursey School.

The clouds were like dragon smoke floating over  
 the magical field  
 The candy castle of jelly bricks wobbled in the sky  
 The secret pathway curled like a helter-skelter  
 through the lava grass to the magical drinking lava  
 There was a mysterious hole shaped like a dragon  
 Fire breathing hunky punks hung from the trees  
 and other trees are shaped like them  
 Apples look like miniature pumpkins  
 There were magic bears that wore earrings of  
 flowers and numbers  
 In the creepy forest the trees came to life at night  
 There was a clearing in the middle where a dragon  
 disguised itself as a bench  
 The fields smelled like dragon dust  
 The tress roared - some benches flew with  
 wooden butterfly wings  
 There was fairy dust in the sky.

- Alfoxton Class

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