

For the past 4 years **The Mulberry Tree Steiner Kindergarten**, has been nurturing children in its lovely home at Cromhall Village Hall. The kindergarten is for children aged 3-6. There is nowhere else in the area quite like it. The rhythm of the morning is very important - starting with seasonal crafts, followed by free play. Then circle time singing and rhymes, next a snack usually prepared together and then a walk in the local countryside and finishing with a story.

“The most amazing thing is that they just learn so much through the simple rhymes, the walks and the imaginative play. There is no rushing. No chaos. Just really natural.” Sian – parent from Stone.

It is always a hive of activity but never over-stimulating. Children are encouraged to play with natural materials in a homelike environment. Simple domestic activities: cooking, gardening and sewing create a rhythm within the week and develop a wide range of skills. Time is made each day for imaginative play.

“As a parent, I am so glad that I made the choice to send them to the Mulberry Tree. I’m glad it didn’t pass me by. It is just so special.” Jackie Schofield – Wotton parent.

Teacher, Clare Benson, has been with the kindergarten since it began. In its recent report, OFSTED stated:

“The teacher demonstrates an excellent knowledge and understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage and has carefully considered how they can promote each area of learning within the framework whilst following the Steiner approach .

“Children have superb opportunities to learn and develop outdoors.”

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There is also a parent and toddler group in Rangeworthy – ring Sian on 01454 269701.