

## **Soho Parish Primary School**

Soho Parish Primary School is located in the heart of the West End. They are a small school with less than 24 pupils per class and very limited space. Over the last few years we have worked with them to raise money for the redevelopment of the playground. During this time they managed to raise over £200,000 which was invested in the design of a three storey timber structure, dramatically increasing the outdoor playable area. The playground was completed in 2015.

Carrying on from this, we have this year helped introduce a soft landscape for the benefit of the children in the form of allotment planters, container plants, a wormery and ecological enhancements.

We have provided the children with 5 raised beds, a cold frame, and gardening tool sets. The beds and frame were installed by us and filled with compost. A gardening club has been set up to facilitate growing of fruit and vegetables.

A composting wormery has also been provided, which it is intended will be fed with waste from the school kitchen.

In addition, a bird nesting box, pollinating bee log and ladybird and insect tower have been positioned in place within the playground.

Continuing with an ecological theme but not interactive for the children, we have also provided the school with sedum pod trays which have been placed on a flat roof area. The sedum pods provide a green roof of an area 2 square meters, 10 pods in total. Each pod is 460mmx490mm. The pods can become an important replacement for missing habitat that occurs in built up areas. With an appropriate mix of species included, sedum roofs can provide valuable habitat for bees, other pollinating insects and butterflies consequently increasing the biodiversity of the local environment.