OPAL Play Newsletter

November 2026

Our OPAL provision has been continuing this academic year and we are increasing the equipment and activities we have on offer for the children. We are delighted to have received a Nationwide Colleague Grant, which has allowed us to order lots of lovely new things for the next phase of our project – we are eagerly awaiting its arrival! Our order included welly storage, outdoor blocks, tarpaulin for den building and rain ponchos. We have also installed a new outdoor hand-washing facility on one of our playgrounds too.

The children have been able to play on the different playgrounds around the school, which has allowed more opportunities for the Key Stage One and Key Stage Two children to mix with one another at lunchtimes. It has been wonderful to see the different year groups playing together and our older children acting as role models to our younger children.

As we enter into the colder months, please ensure that your child comes to school suitably dressed for the colder weather: **winter coat, hat, gloves and a scarf.** We will be aiming to stay outside as much as possible, in all weathers, so appropriate clothing is essential.

Donations

If you have any **old wellies** that are too small for your child, please donate them. Please leave any donations in the **purple wheelie bin** in the KS2 playground.

Can you help?

Exciting news! We are looking to further enhance our outdoor space and are looking to build a sand pit. If a group of parents would be able to help us with this, we would be very grateful! Please contact the school office if you are able to.

Congratulations to Year 6 pupils, Ghofran and Shayoni, who are our new OPAL Champions. They are responsible for helping to set up and tidy up the equipment and activities at lunchtimes. They will also talk to children in assemblies to provide OPAL updates and reminders.