



OPAL Newsletter

Term 5



Opal's vision is that every child in every school has an amazing hour of high quality play every day—with no exceptions. We firmly believe in this vision, and our goal is to give every child at least one hour of excellent play each day. (<http://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk>).

Wow! Another busy term! We have had new zones being opened; the long awaited sandpit (aka Grove Park beach), the reading shed, the buggy boards, the stage and the sports zones with the first sport introduced— table tennis, the football league, and finally the arts and crafts zone

Grove Park Beach (The sandpit)

The Grove park beach is finally now open! The children have already started exploring and enjoying this fantastic new space for creative and imaginative play. We can't wait to see all the sandcastles and fun to come!



New zones! New adventures!

We're excited to share that several new play zones have opened – and the children are loving them! The Reading Shed offers a quiet nook for book lovers, while the Giraffe House is buzzing with arts, crafts, and with a view of the lively Year 5 and 6 football matches. Our all-year Table Tennis League is in full swing, with daily champions being crowned. Buggy boards are proving a big hit, and the stage with the dress-up zone have had a fun revamp. Playtime has never been more exciting!



Get ready to play.... OPAL bingo!

What is OPAL Bingo? Great question! OPAL Bingo is a fun way for children to help improve their playtimes while earning extra OPAL play. Each year group has a colour-coded bingo card for Term 6. To play, children bring in the items listed on their card. For every 3 coloured squares completed, their class earns 5 extra minutes of OPAL play. Completing 6 squares earns 10 minutes, and if they manage to complete all 9 squares, they'll enjoy the full 15 minutes of bonus OPAL play! Bingo cards are on display near the OPAL board by the Serengeti building. All donations can be dropped off at outside next to the office. Let the bingo fun begin!

What's next?

Can you believe it? We're already heading into Term 6, and our OPAL journey has been incredible so far – thank you for joining us along the way! So, what's coming next? We're excited to open the Water Zone, which promises lots of fun. There will also be more sports activities introduced on the sports playground to keep everyone active and the KS1 football league will start. In addition, the introduction of the two new calming zones to offer peaceful spaces for the children, and another exciting play zone is currently in the design phase. A huge thank you to all of you for your continued support in helping us expand and improve our OPAL lunchtimes. Both staff and children truly appreciate it, and we're looking forward to all that's still to come.

Laundry basket	suitcase	Wooden spoons	Action Figures	Plastic trucks
Dress up	Cars	Dinosaurs	Pans	Dolls
Lego	Wheelbarrow	Fabric	Plastic tubes	Tarpaulin
Beach spades	Buckets	Trowels	Watering can	Cardboard
Guttering	Wooden planks	Baking pans	PVC pipes	Chalk

