

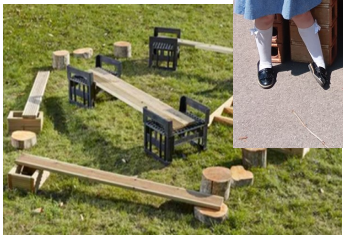
Opal's vision is that every child in every school has an amazing hour of high quality play every day—with no exceptions. We firmly believe in this vision, and our goal is to give every child at least one hour of excellent play each day. (<http://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk>).

WOW! What a Year on Our OPAL Journey at Grove Park! This year has been packed with excitement, discovery, and unforgettable moments as we've continued to transform outdoor play and learning at Grove Park.



A New Year new Zones and Big Adventures

Over the past year, we've introduced a wide range of new and inspiring play zones. From the sandpit, craft area, and den building to more recent additions like large loose parts, water play, an expanded small world area, the balance zone, calm zone, gardening club, and the always-popular destruction zone – our playground has never been more alive with opportunity. The clear favourite? Water play – a perfect way to stay cool and have fun during the warmer months!



Welcoming our newest explorers

This term, we were thrilled to welcome our future youngest children to a special stay and play picnic and OPAL taster session. With their OPAL passports in hand, they journeyed through exciting zones including the mud kitchen, buggy boards, water play, and large blocks – earning a stamp for each completed area. Their enthusiasm and curiosity have been a joy to witness, and we look forward to seeing them flourish even more in September.



OPAL club

Another exciting addition this term was the introduction of our OPAL Club. This gave children the opportunity to revisit favourite zones and explore new ones ahead of their full launch. Whether digging in the sandpit or building dens, every session offered a chance to play, connect, and create.



A Heartfelt Thank You!

Our OPAL journey would not be possible without the incredible effort of our entire community. To our dedicated play team and enthusiastic OPAL Rangers – thank you for your passion and commitment. To our amazing children – thank you for showing how play can be safe, joyful, and imaginative. To our OPAL mentor, Becky – your support and belief in us have been invaluable. And to everyone who donated sand, wood, roadwork gear, or gave their time – you have all played a vital role in building something truly special.

What's next?

Looking ahead, we're excited to launch even more OPAL developments, including Stay and Play sessions, the return of Welly Wednesday, OPAL club and new zone expansions already in the works. We are incredibly proud of how far we've come, and even more excited for what's still to come. Watch this OPAL space – the best is yet to come!

