



Newsletter

OPAL play at St Edward's

We're excited to share that OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) is returning to lunchtimes at St Edward's! With OPAL, children can now move freely between the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds, enjoying play with friends of all ages.

Over the past year, we've added lots of exciting opportunities, including scooters, balance bikes, a stage with costumes and music, den building, and much more. These activities help children develop imagination, creativity and problem-solving skills — all while having fun!

Our approach is also rooted in Article 31 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), which recognises every child's right to relax, play and take part in cultural and creative activities. We can't wait to see the children making the most of these opportunities as OPAL continues to grow.



What's next...

Looking ahead, we are excited to develop even more opportunities through OPAL, including new exploratory and locomotor play areas. We also plan to host special play events and launch our Play Rangers group, where pupils can take on a leadership role in supporting and enhancing play at lunchtimes.

Golden Welly award

We are also introducing a Golden welly award to give to pupils who have been recognised for excellence during lunchtime. This will become part of our celebration assembly in school.



Competition time!

OPAL BINGO

To help us collect resources for OPAL play we are hosting a loose parts bingo. If you have any of the following items at home that you would be willing to donate to our school, please send them in with your child and they can cross it off their year group's bingo card.

Get ready to play... OPAL BINGO				
Laundry basket 	Suitcase 	Spoons 	Action figures 	Plastic crates
Dress up items 	Cars 	Dinosaurs 	Pans 	Plastic dolls
Lego 	Old electricals 	Scooter 	Pushchair/stroller 	Tarpaulin
Beach spades 	Buckets 	Large plastic vehicles 	Skateboard 	Cardboard tubes
Egg containers 	Wooden planks 	Leaves 	Wellies 	Chalk

Read More about Opal:

<https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk>