



Opal Newsletter

July 2025



Our OPAL journey so far...

Where to begin? It is hard to believe that we only started our OPAL journey in January this year! That means we have only had 23 school weeks of OPAL lunchtimes or 114 lunchtimes to be precise. We are incredibly proud of the provisions we have made so far and have lots of things planned for the next academic year where we will continue to include spaces and resources to enable our children to immerse themselves in all 16 types of play. It is safe to say our children have really enjoyed their OPAL lunchtimes so far!

What have we introduced?

- Tyre Play
- Mud Kitchen
- Small World Play
- Dancing
- Dressing up
- Bubble machine
- Chalk
- Painting
- Free flow
- Forest School

Sandpit
Outdoor classroom

What do our children think of OPAL?

I really like OPAL because we have lots of different things to play with!

I love the Forest School!

So much fun! There are great choices about what we can play with!

You get to do lots of fun activities!

I enjoy making obstacle courses with the tyres!

Free flow is great as I'm not limited to one area of the playground anymore!

It's 100 times better than when it wasn't OPAL!

Sand Pit ...

Thank you to Mr Ling (Parent Governor) and Mr Carter (Site Manager) for giving up their time to build a sand pit for our children and to you all for the brilliant fund raising you have contributed to this year. Without your support this would not have happened! It is safe to say it has been a huge hit on the playground and with the weather we've had recently we have felt like we've had our very own beach in the playground.



Outdoor Classroom ...

The Outdoor Classroom is a brilliant resource for us as a school - again thank you to you for your fundraising efforts. At lunchtimes it is currently being used as a 'Lego' den where our children can let their imaginations run wild, as well as for lessons through the week!



Donations...

Thank you for all your generous donations so far! Having a clear out over the summer please think of us and donate any items you think would be useful for OPAL. Thank you!

If you would like any more information about OPAL then please refer to the page on our school website which can be found here:

[Outdoor Play and Learning \(OPAL\) | St Laurence Church Junior School](#)