



Newsletter Summer 25

Play day—Tuesday 1st July
2.15-3.00pm

Come along and take the opportunity to play alongside your child and experience what OPAL is all about.

Why OPAL?

Since the school started it's OPAL journey back in 2021 we have worked hard to enrich the children's play and seen the amazing difference quality play provision makes to all children, not only in the playground but in their learning and every day lives.

At St Pauls we believe that by providing quality and diverse play opportunities your children develop many skills including; creativity, resilience, risk-based assessment, problem solving and so much more.

Other items we are particularly looking for

Are you having a clear out? Before you get rid of items, please consider whether the item could enhance your child's play at school. You will be amazed at the children's creativity.

Obviously, all items must be safe for the children to use but may be something that isn't suitable for its original purpose.

- A wheelie suitcase with a broken zip
- A pair of crutches/zimmer frame
- Old garden chairs, table, bench
- A pushchair
- Large outside sweeping brushes
- Tractor tyres
- Large storage box/Shed

What's next? We need your help!

As we continue to develop our outdoor space our children have requested even more play opportunities through our weekly OPAL assemblies.

SANDPIT

We are in the process of building our sandpit and would love some donations of **buckets, spades, windbreakers, rakes and any small digger toys.**

DRESS UP

The children love dressing up and would love more **hats, bags, wigs and clothes.** So, when you next sort out your wardrobe, please consider if there is an **old jacket, skirt or dress** that you could donate to the children. Any fancy dress clothes would also be appreciated.

TUNNELS

The children love being able to create their own obstacle courses. We would love **tunnels** for them to be able to crawl through.

LOGS for seating

Do you know anyone that could provide us with logs for seating? Our Log circle is in need of updating and we need to replace our log circle.

If you work for a company who might like to support us developing OPAL even further, please do speak to us .



OPAL at St Paul's



Newsletter OPAL BINGO

OPAL Bingo

To enable us to continue and develop with OPAL, we need various items. We appreciate that money is tight and people have limited time to offer to help, we are very grateful for whatever can be given. Most items donated to OPAL are what someone no longer wants, so it's a win, win situation.

We hope OPAL Bingo will help us to get the items we need to get more exciting areas of play up and running.

How will OPAL Bingo work?

Each class will be working as a team and will be given a set of items to collect. When a child brings in an item, it will be given a safety check by one of the OPAL team and then subject to it being suitable, it will be ticked off on that classes list. The more of each item donated, the better.

When a class have collected all their items, they will have earned themselves an extra 20 minutes OPAL playtime. Additional time will be given if more than one of each item is collected and for bonus items

Get ready to play... OPAL BINGO

Metal sieve/Colanders



Herb Plants



Scooter



Old Kettle



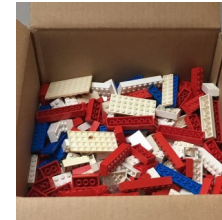
Plastic/Metal jugs



Garden Trowel



Lego



Watering Cans



Hard Hats



Hammock



Funnels



Plastic Storage Containers /boxes



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