



Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to share some exciting OPAL updates with you.

## **Wheeled Area**

We have recently made lots of changes to our wheeled area to help turn it into a place where children can play, relax and spend time together, rather than just walk through.

We are working hard to make:

- benches
- a pretend play cars
- tyre planters
- bug hotels

Some of the items above still need a few finishing touches. For example, our pretend cars still need wheels and steering wheels added. We have added these items to our Amazon wishlist and would be very grateful for any donations.

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/30I7EFY0UNFN4?ref\\_=wl\\_fv\\_le](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/30I7EFY0UNFN4?ref_=wl_fv_le)

We are also very low on chalk so any donations of chalk would be greatly received.

## **Scooters in OPAL**

We are also excited to officially introduce scooters into OPAL playtimes after the May half term.

Scooters will be added gradually while children learn how to use them safely. Staff will support the children in developing important skills such as:

- balance
- steering
- stopping safely
- controlling speed
- using space safely with others

## **Orchard Area Update**

We are still working on the replacement for the Little Library in the Orchard area. We have now decided that the space would work best as a giant outdoor board games area.

We are currently looking for giant outdoor board game sets. If you have any suitable games at home that are no longer used, or know of any businesses who may be able to help, we would love to hear from you.



## OPAL POP at Lunch Events

We are very excited to be running two more Parent OPAL Play (POP) lunchtime events this term:

- Reception Parents — Friday 12th June
- Year 1 & Year 2 Parents — Friday 19th June

These events give parents and carers the chance to experience OPAL alongside their child and see lunchtime play in action.

Numbers for both events will be limited and parents/carers will need to sign up before the event. More details and sign-up information will follow shortly.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support with OPAL.

Kind regards,

Mrs Leech

Outdoor Curriculum Leader