



OPAL - Parents Newsletter & Update, Term 2, 2025-2026



Dear Parents/ Swalecliffe Families,

Firstly, we'd like to introduce you to our new OPAL Play Co-Ordinator Mrs Forster. Mrs Forster has already been busy sourcing new materials, designing OPAL zones and visiting other OPAL schools. She is currently on the hunt for a caravan which we will use as a social space at playtimes. Let us know if you can help ...



“Hello, I’m Mrs Forster. I have a background in design and outdoor education. I’m really look forward to developing the OPAL programme at Swalecliffe”

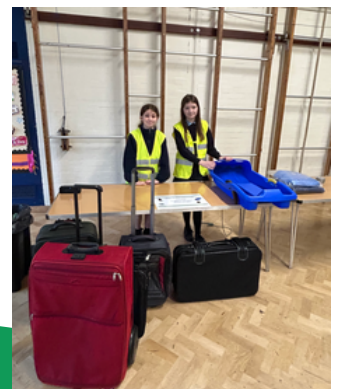


We'd like to create something like this!

OPAL BINGO DONATIONS

A huge and massive thank you for all your donations. They were FAB and Mrs Forster is planning and making, ready to introduce children to new areas and types of play.

We can't tell you how much your support with donations is invaluable with a project like this. However, we need to make another plea to any families that may be able to help with some woodwork for us, for example, helping to build our mud kitchens that we now have sinks.





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Next up will be ...

Re-Vamped and Improved Den Building



Sledge Track



Digging & Exploration



Mud Kitchens

Email the office F.O.A Mrs Forster if you can help build our mudkitchens. Thank you!



UNUSUAL ITEMS

We are on the lookout for some unusual items to create more awe and wonder during our playtimes. If you have anything bizarre sitting around at home that you'd like to donate, or if you work with a company that would be willing to help us, please do get in touch. Items we have thought of are: an old telephone box, a rowing boat or canoe, traffic lights and of course the caravan that we are desperate for.



Many thanks for your support,
Miss Garton & Mrs Roy (Play Curricular Leads)
Mrs Forster (Play Co-Ordinator)

