



'Respectful and resilient; being the best that we can be.'

Timothy Hackworth Primary School



Tuesday 19th May, 2026

International Day of Play – 11th June 2026

CRC Article 31 – All children have the right to play and rest.

Dear Parents and Carers,

[OPAL Stay and Play- Invitation](#)

We would like to invite parents, carers and adults from home to a very special **Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) Stay and Play** event on Thursday 11th June. This opportunity will allow us to share our current OPAL provision with you all and will help us to celebrate the International Day of Play. It is also a great time to celebrate our Gold Level Rights Respecting School reaccreditation.

The International Day of Play is a time to celebrate the power of play. It's a time to raise awareness about how central play is to every child's development and well-being. It is also a time when we can come together to make sure that every child is able to fulfil their right to play.

Please see timeslots below where you are invited to join us to celebrate an outdoor play session with your child:

2s and Nursery- morning attendance: 11am - 11.45am

2s and Nursery- afternoon attendance: 2.45pm – 3.30pm

Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3: 9.15am – 10am (Middle and Front Yard)

Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6: 10.15am – 11am (Middle and Front Yard)

Due to our outside space and multiple year groups attending at the same time, we are able to invite two adults per child.

You do not need to confirm attendance. It would be great to see you on the day.

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OPAL Raffle – Thursday 11th June

On Thursday 11th June, we will also be holding an OPAL Raffle as part of the International Day of Play. Prizes will have a 'play, sport and games' theme.

Tickets for the OPAL Raffle are £1 for a strip of tickets and will be available on our playground throughout the morning on the day itself. The OPAL Raffle will be drawn shortly afterwards.

All funds raised will be used to support our OPAL provision and ongoing fundraising.

Non-Uniform Day – Thursday 11th June

Children are invited to participate in a non-uniform day on Thursday 11th June as part of International Day of Play. The non-uniform day will have a sport and fitness theme. No donations are required.

As always, we thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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