



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

Timothy Hackworth Primary School



Monday 15th June, 2026



OPAL Stay and Play Sessions- Tuesday 23rd June

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

OPAL Stay and Play- Invitation

Following the wet weather last week, 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 Tuesday 23rd June. This is the rescheduled date. Please keep your fingers crossed that the weather is kind to us this time. This opportunity will allow us to share our current OPAL provision with you all and will help us to celebrate our very own 'Morning of Play' in place of the sessions we had to postpone. 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 (EYFS playground)

2s and Nursery- afternoon attendance: 2.45pm – 3.30pm (EYFS playground)

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 – Tuesday 23rd June

On Tuesday 23rd 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 – Tuesday 23rd June

Children are once again invited to participate in a non-uniform day on Tuesday 23rd June as part of the revised OPAL Stay and Play sessions. 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,

Mrs. L. Boulton

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