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

Timothy Hackworth Primary School

Tuesday 20th October, 2026

OPAL Stay and Play- Tuesday 3rd November 2026

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 at the start of October, 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 3rd November**. 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 ‘Afternoon of Play’ in place of the sessions we had to postpone. This opportunity will allow us to continue to share our current OPAL provision with you all and will help us to celebrate the right to play and rest. It is also a great time to celebrate our Gold Level Rights Respecting School reaccreditation.

Did you know that children spend 20%, or 1.4 years, of their primary school years on the playground or playing in some form?

At Timothy Hackworth, we are passionate about developing our outdoor play and learning offer so that provision is the best that it can be. Play has many benefits and helps children to learn and develop.

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: 11.15am - 11.45am (EYFS Garden)

2s and Nursery- afternoon attendance: 2.45pm – 3.15pm (EYFS Garden)

Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3: 2pm – 2.30pm (Middle and Front Yard)

Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6: 2.45pm – 3.15pm (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. Children are to attend in full school uniform please.

OPAL Raffle – Tuesday 3rd November

On Tuesday 3rd November, we will also be holding an OPAL Raffle as part of the Stay and Play sessions.
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 day itself. The OPAL Raffle will be drawn shortly afterwards.

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

As always, we thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. L. Boulton *Mrs. S. Simpson-May*

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