



# Saint Thomas More R.C. Primary School

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## OPAL Newsletter Autumn 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back!

It has been lovely to see everyone back at school and continuing with our lunchtime routines. Although we are still hoping for some warmer weather, we are getting prepared for winter and will be introducing some new areas and routines to ensure our space is being used as best as possible.

### Zones

We have introduced various zones for winter for the children to explore. We will be discussing these areas with the children as to how they will be managed.

**Zone 1:** Football Game

**Zone 2:** Digging Area

**Zone 3:** Construction Area

**Zone 4:** Forest Area

**Zone 5:** Painting Area & Free Play

**Zone 6:** Ball Games

### Winter OPAL Kit

Please can all children bring in the following items to ensure they have full access to all areas of OPAL Play:

- Wellies/spare of change of shoes
- Spare change of clothes and socks (in case of any falls/slips where children need to get changed)
- Waterproof coat

Each child has their own bag with their name on for their kit. If your child still has things in school from last year and they are still suitable they can remain in school. Children who do not have the above kit in school may not have access to all the zones available.

**To support the development of each zone, we are asking families for the following donations:**

- Tarp
- Aprons for painting
- 1-2inch paint brushes
- Outdoor paint
- Tennis balls/soft balls for catch
- Mud kitchen accessories

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## OPAL Wish List...

We are always thinking of how we can develop our playtimes and space for the children. We would love to create a large seating area for children to socialise. We would love a mud kitchen for the children to play in and access – we have lots of accessories but are looking for an actual kitchen! Our second wish is that by the summer term, we would be able to have enough of an area to seat 30 children comfortably. If anyone is looking to dispose of any of the below items please keep us in mind!



As always, thank you for continued support to improve our children's playtimes.

Miss Hughes  
OPAL Play Lead

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