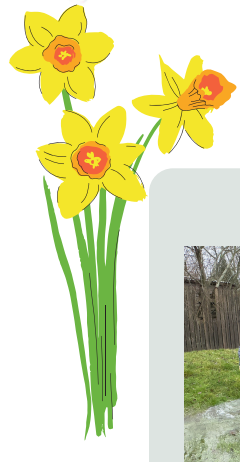
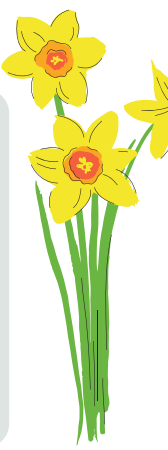




Tanworth-in-Arden



OPAL Newsletter



2026 Spring Term Update



"To ensure that every schoolchild has an amazing playtime every day with no exceptions" (OPAL)



We're excited to launch OPAL News, our half-termly newsletter dedicated to all things OPAL at our school. Every half term, we'll share updates on how playtimes are developing, new resources the children are enjoying, and highlights of the creativity, collaboration and problem-solving we see through play. OPAL News offers a window into the rich play experiences that support children's wellbeing and learning – and ways you can support this at home too.



This half-term we have been making the most of the wet weather with some muddy play in the puddles! The children have been keeping busy with the chinks and have also been using watercolours to create lovely paintings.

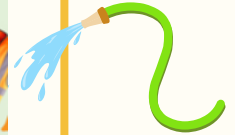




OPAL PLAY LEADERS



| Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
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| Iver Amber Freddie D Chester | Archer K Margaux Grace Archie | Isaac George Nancy Phoebe S | Teddy Jude Neeva Florence | Alex Isla H Hollie Mia | Jess J Ruby Ollie Barclely |



How you could help...

Although OPAL is up and running well now, we still need a constant flow of donations for play times. Please see below for the sort of items we are after:



- Loose parts – crates, palettes, guttering
- Cardboard
- arts and craft materials
- Paintbrushes (any size)
- Old birthday/greeting cards
- coat hangers
- any old garden furniture (tables/chairs)
- Road signs
- Garden bulbs



Donations of clothing that no longer fits your children:

- wellies
- raincoats
- sun hats



Please drop any items into school and we can sort them from there. Thank you!

WELL DONE

A special well done to Year 1 who were the OPAL Dot winners for the Autumn term.. OPAL dots are little stickers that the staff carry around and when they see someone who is sharing, being creative, playing well, tidying up etc. they get an OPAL dot. These dots are then collated on a class chart and the class with the most dots at the end of the half-term get extra OPAL time.

Please visit the OPAL web page for more pictures and information about our OPAL journey



<https://www.tanworthschool.co.uk/opal-1/>

