

Our playtimes at Stockingford Academy just got even better!



Here at Stockingford Academy, we are going to be launching a new programme in the Spring Term of 2023! The programme is called **OPAL**, which stands for Outdoor Play and Learning, and it will TRANSFORM our playtimes.



Our school aims are:

- To provide children with a play setting which is both stimulating and challenging.
- To allow children to take risks.
- To provide children with a range of environments which will support their learning across the curriculum and about the world around them.

The link below will show you a video of what we aim our playtimes to look like. You will notice in the video that some of the children are wearing a pair of wellington boots, so that they are able to access grassed areas, no matter what the weather. <https://outdoorpeople.org.uk/pages/outdoor-play-and-learning-opal-primary-programme>



From Spring 2023, we please ask that you send your children in with a pair of wellington boots. The aim is to store these in school, so that your child can access them each playtime. They will be stored on outdoor welly racks, near your child's classroom. With the weather becoming cold and wet, we would also like to remind you that your child needs to bring a warm coat with them, every day.



Please keep your eyes peeled for our OPAL countdowns! Each week, we will be asking for any donations that you may have, that can help us to provide our children with fun and exciting playtimes. The items we may ask for range from old buggies and bikes, to tarpaulin, to pots and pans!

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