

Friday 16th October 2026

OPAL Donation Week! Monday 2nd November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our exciting OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) project, which is now underway at Kings Furlong Junior School, we are continuing to develop and enhance our play provision. To support this next stage of the project, we are asking for donations of a range of resources that will enrich children's play experiences.

We strongly believe that play is a vital part of children's development. Through play, children develop social skills, creativity, imagination, resilience, cooperation, coordination and problem-solving skills, whilst also building friendships and having fun.

As we continue our OPAL journey, we will be introducing a wider variety of resources and creating new opportunities for imaginative, child-led play through the use of 'loose parts'.

Loose parts are everyday items that children can move, combine, redesign and use creatively in their play. These resources provide endless opportunities for exploration, teamwork, innovation and enjoyment.

We would be extremely grateful for donations of the following items:

- Suitcases of any size
- Anything with wheels or castors
- Plastic milk crates, delivery crates or bread trays
- Briefcases, particularly hard-cased ones
- Kitchen pots, pans, baking trays, wooden spoons and chopping boards
- Small gardening tools, such as trowels, spades and brooms
- Tubes of various sizes and materials
- Buckets
- Old keyboards, torches, laptops, calculators, mobile phones, desk phones, webcams and cameras that no longer work
- Large sheets of fabric and brightly coloured material
- Foam sheets, bodyboards, camping mats and yoga mats
- Guttering
- Pool noodles
- Dressing-up clothes such as hats, scarves, waistcoats, wedding dresses and character costumes
- Pegs for den building

We will be holding a collection week beginning Monday 2nd November 2026. Please do not bring donations to school before this date, as we do not currently have the space to store them. If you would like to donate larger items, such as pallets or cable drums, we will be happy to help unload them when you arrive.

The sooner we can gather these resources, the sooner the children can begin enjoying them.

Headteacher: Miss A Westaway

Deputy Head: Miss S Dunn

We will be sharing further information later in the year and will invite parents and carers to a special session where you can experience OPAL play alongside your children.

We are incredibly excited about this project and hope you will support us as we work together to create even richer, more engaging play opportunities for all of our children.

Thank you for your support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Miss Westaway', written in a cursive style.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Westaway
Headteacher