



Langtoft  
Primary School

# OPAL

## Newsletter



DECEMBER 2023

**“A child has the right to rest and leisure, to engage in play and recreational activities”  
Article 31**

## Our journey continues...

We've been working hard this term to grow and develop our provision and play opportunities for the children with continued support from all our families. The children are loving the wheeled play—the suitcases, trolleys and scooters are very popular. Our range of dressing up clothes are used by children from all year groups and everyone was very excited about the latest introduction of our Lego shed.

The wellies and outdoor clothing are being well used as the children continue to access all areas of our school grounds and Mr Horsley has now finished building all the class welly racks.

We have also been extremely fortunate to have received further donations from Langtoft Parish Council and The Deepings Lions Club and we will be working with the children to carefully consider what to purchase with these funds.

**“To ensure that every child has an amazing playtime everyday with no exceptions” (OPAL)**



## Upcoming Plans

We've got great plans in store for the spring term to further enhance our provision at playtimes. With the help from members of our local community, we will be building a large sandpit, making further use of our school grounds and introducing tree climbing and inspiring children with seasonal activities and challenges.



This is what our lunch times look like in the Winter...



Did you spot our article in the Stamford Mercury?

<https://www.lincsonline.co.uk/spalding/news/meet-the-school-going-the-extra-mile-to-put-the-fun-into-pla-9342371/>

www.stamfordmercury.co.uk Friday, November 24, 2023

# Stamford Mercury 24.11

## EDUCATION



Cooking up a storm in the mud kitchen

### School puts the fun into playtime

Children are putting the fun back into playtime after their school signed up to an outdoor learning scheme.

The youngsters at Langtoft Primary School are now free to roam the entire school grounds whatever the weather, with plenty of activities to keep them active and spark their imaginations.

Whether it's wheeling their friends around in a suitcase, whizzing about on a scooter or cooking up a storm in the mud kitchen, all the children from reception to year six have something to enjoy.

Headteacher Becky Wood said: "We have seen such a positive impact on their mental health, behaviour, imagination and cooperation with others since launching the Outdoor Play and Learning project in September. It has transformed the children's playtimes."

The OPAL project is supported by Sports England

and sets out to ensure every schoolchild has an amazing playtime every day.

Langtoft Primary School is the only school in the Deepings area which has signed up to the scheme. Staff receive regular training and support to help them offer the best range of play activities.

Since the project was introduced, the children have been able to access den building materials, a mud kitchen, small world toys, scooters and dressing up clothes. Every few weeks a new play element is introduced during a special assembly where the children help to draw up a list of safety rules.

The project has been supported by parents and the wider community who have donated money, time and resources to expand the play opportunities. The next additions will be a sand pit and shelter funded by the Deepings Round Table and Deepings Lions Club.

# Donations Wish List

We are looking for donations of the following things. If you are having a clear out we would love to take them off your hands. Please put all donations in the box in the office or leave by the front door. We are also more than happy to collect any donations.

## Storage:

- Suitcases
- Washing baskets
- Trolleys



## Digging Area:

- Trowels
- Buckets
- Sieves
- Wheelbarrows



## Garden games:

- Connect 4
- Snakes and Ladders
- Skittles/Quoits
- Twister



## Chairs:

- Office chairs
- Pushchairs/buggies

