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12<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

### **OPAL NON-UNIFORM AND PLAY DAY**

As part of our continued OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) journey at Ivy Lane, we are excited to be holding another OPAL Play Day on **Friday 22nd May**.

Throughout the day, children will have the opportunity to explore different types of play across the school site, including some new equipment and play opportunities. Each year group will also receive an additional 45 minutes of playtime during the day to enjoy and experience the wider provision together.

One of the key parts of developing OPAL successfully is listening to the views of our whole school community. On **Monday** of that week, we will therefore be sending out a short parent survey to gather feedback and ideas about playtimes, outdoor play and the direction of OPAL at Ivy Lane. Your views genuinely shape what we do next and we would really appreciate you taking the time to complete it.

To celebrate the week, we will also be holding an **OPAL Non-Uniform Day on Friday 22nd May**.

Children are invited to come into school wearing clothes suitable for active, creative play. In exchange, we kindly request **a £1 donation from each child**.

Any money raised will go towards future play developments and equipment across the school site, with ideas and priorities discussed alongside the School Council.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of OPAL at Ivy Lane. The difference in children's confidence, creativity and enjoyment at playtimes has been wonderful to see and we are excited to continue developing this further.

Yours sincerely

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