

Moreton Morrell Primary School – OPAL Platinum Award

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Congratulations to Moreton Morrell Primary School on achieving the OPAL Platinum Award, marking it as one of the top primary schools in the country for outdoor play. The school has transformed its grounds with pupils at the centre of decision-making, supported by staff, governors, and families.

Children enjoy rich, year-round outdoor play, with features such as a huge sandpit, gravel digger pit, mud kitchen, and a wide variety of loose parts. Natural spaces like the Peace Garden, G3 Garden, and Woodland School are open daily for reflective and nature-connected play. The result is a calm, happy, and engaged play environment.

The school's strong community links led to the creation of a shared pop-up park, and support from the local College in creating welly racks means that the pupils can enjoy their beautiful green playgrounds all year around.

Special thanks to the OPAL Working Party, including Headteacher Sarah Eadon, Emily James (Curricular Lead for Play), Zoe Cleeton Pritchett (Play Coordinator), Lucy Willcock (Play Governor and parent rep) Lauren Murray (lunchtime coordinator), and to all the playground staff for their hard work and dedication.

This is a fantastic achievement and one the whole school community should feel very proud of.