

# Newsletter



St Osmund's  
CE Middle School  
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Thursday 30th April 2026

Dear Ossie's Families,

I think the biggest win in school so far this term has been the opening of the school field. In the first couple of days back when it was still a bit drizzly, if I had £1 for every student that stopped me to ask if the field would be 'in play', I'd be a wealthy woman!

One of the things I love about Ossie's is the way our young people play together. I honestly think it's one of the main benefits of our (increasingly rare) 3 tier system. Our Year 8s still love a game of (wo)man hunt and when you walk around on duty, there is imaginative role play taking place amongst all year groups. I just don't know if it would be the same if our KS3 students were in a Secondary setting.

We had a busy start to the year in the SEN department, with our inaugural SEND day for students to come in with their adults and meet with tutors. We had 78 appointments on the day, which represents just over half of students on our SEND register. It was a lovely opportunity to meet with tutors and make sure that Individual Learning Plans (ILPs) are up to date. We have amalgamated our Learning Passports with targets set by tutors and core subject teachers so that all staff are informed as to what works for our young people (and what doesn't), and what they need to be working towards.

If you were unable to make the meeting, we will be sending ILPs out by post and would ask that you complete the Learning Passport with your young person so that staff have up to date information as to how best to connect with students. The ILPs have targets attached so that parents and carers know what school are focusing on. For those in Year 8, these documents will form part of the transition to The Thomas Hardy School. We would ask that these forms are returned to the SEND department via tutors so that we can update the online documents.

For those of you that did attend, the finalised documents will be emailed to you for your records.

We have an INSET day on Friday and I will be getting together with the rest of our colleagues in Wessex MAT to focus on the latest thinking around teaching reading and progressing that at KS3.

This means that your young people have a blissfully long weekend to look forward to.

In my usual style, I will revert to talking about the weather and having looked at the forecast (repeatedly), it remains unsettled. Fingers crossed it brightens up and we get some of the sunshine we have enjoyed so far this week.

Enjoy the break!

Miss Carter-Miles  
SENDCo



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



### Monday 4th May—BANK HOLIDAY

Thursday 7th May—Mendip & Mendip Camp Parents Information Evening

Monday 11th May—Thursday 14th May—Year 6 SATs Week

Tuesday 19th May—Paris Parents Information Evening

Friday 22nd May—Non Uniform Day for Ossie's Fest

### Monday 25th May— Friday 29th May—HALF TERM

Monday 1st June— Back to school

Friday 5th June—Ossie's Fest

Tuesday 16th & Thursday 18th June—Year 7 Coastal Trip—letter to follow

## ENRICHMENT WEEK

Watch this space for Enrichment Week updates! We will be adding to this section over the next few weeks to remind you of any action you may need to take.

### Things To Do:

- Check you child's medical and dietary requirements are correct on Arbor. You can find these on the main menu under 'profile', dietary requirements / medical conditions.
- Upload a copy of your child's passport and GHIC card (Paris trip) as per the letter sent to you on Monday 9th March.
- Thursday 7th May—Mendip and Mendip Camp Parents Information Evening—5pm
- Tuesday 19th May—Paris Parents Information Evening—5pm

**Please note that there will be no wraparound care during Enrichment Week.**

# OSSIE'S OPPORTUNITIES

	LUNCH	AFTER SCHOOL 3.15pm - 4.15pm
M O N D A Y	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
T U E S D A Y	<p style="color: green;">OCAG – KS3 – HMU – Rm 20</p> <p style="color: green;">OCAG – KS2 – SCA – Rm 11</p> <p style="color: green;">Art Club – Year 6 – SST – Art Room</p> <p style="color: blue;">Street Soccer – KS2 – WDA – Sports Centre</p> <p style="color: blue;">Street Soccer – KS3 - WDA – Sports Centre</p>	<p style="color: purple;">Rock &amp; Pop Club – All Years – SSH – Music Room</p> <p style="color: blue;">Athletics – All Years – DKI, ERE, WDA, JHA - Field</p>
W E D S	<p style="color: blue;">Basketball – KS2 – WDA – Sports Centre</p> <p style="color: blue;">Basketball – KS3 - WDA – Sports Centre</p> <p style="color: green;">Creative Writing – KS2 – Room 11</p>	<p style="color: blue;">Pickleball – All Years – Sign up required</p> <p style="color: blue;">Tennis – KS3 - ERE – Top Courts</p> <p style="color: green;">Creative Writing Club – INVITE ONLY - Library</p>
T H U R S	<p style="color: green;">Computer Club – KS2 – LPi – ICT Room</p> <p style="color: green;">KS3 OCAG Energy Savers – HMU – Rm 20</p> <p style="color: blue;">Street Soccer – KS2 – WDA – Sports Centre</p> <p style="color: blue;">GIRLS Street Soccer – KS3 - WDA – Sports Centre</p>	<p style="color: purple;">2.45 - 3.15pm - Concert Band—KS3—SSH—Music— INVITE ONLY</p> <p style="color: blue;">Handball – KS3 – DKI – Top Courts</p> <p style="color: green;">Gardening Club – All Years – Outside room 3 - (sign up with Miss Pike first before attending)</p> <p style="color: blue;">Rounders – KS3 – DRO – Field</p> <p style="color: blue;">Cricket – KS3 –GBI – Field</p> <p style="color: blue;">Tennis – KS2 – WDA – Top Courts</p> <p style="color: blue;">Volleyball – KS3 – AMI – Sports Hall</p> <p style="color: green;">Coding Club – GOT, LFO, ICT Room</p> <p style="color: green;">Chess Club – INVITE ONLY – CMI – Library</p> <p style="color: purple;">Wonderland Auditions – All Years – SSH – Small Hall</p>
F R I	<p style="color: blue;">Chaos Tag – KS2 – WDA – Sports Centre</p> <p style="color: blue;">Badminton – KS3 – WDA – Sports Centre</p>	<p style="color: blue;">Badminton – Year 8 – CURRENTLY FULL</p>

## HAVE YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGED?

Children from families who are entitled to free school meals (FSM) will receive financial help from the school for uniform, including school shoes, additional learning resources, financial support for both curriculum and residential trips along with free hot meals, provided by Local Food links. **Funding is also available to provide a supermarket voucher of £15 per student for May half term.** To check if you are eligible for free school meals please click on this link—it only takes two minutes! <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/at-school/free-school-meals>



## REMINDER—WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

We'd like to remind all parents that our school is a nut free school. We kindly ask all parents and carers to support us by ensuring that packed lunches and snacks brought into school do not contain nuts. By working together, we can create a safe and inclusive space where every child can learn without unnecessary risk. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## WONDERLAND THE MUSICAL

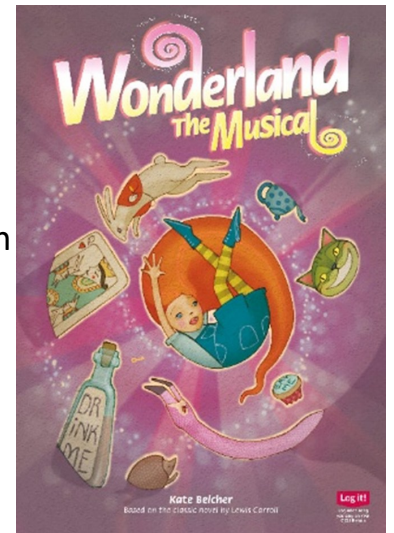
### St Osmund's presents..... **WONDERLAND THE MUSICAL!!!!!!**

1<sup>st</sup> Rehearsal for all who want to be involved and those with named parts

- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May** 3.15 – 4.15pm - meet in the music studio.

Rehearsals after this date will be:

- **Monday rehearsals – Whole Cast**
- **Thursday Rehearsals – Those with lines and solos.** (You will be told each week if you need to attend.)



## WRAPAROUND CARE

**Please note there will be no wraparound care provided during Enrichment Week, Monday 29th June—Friday 3rd July (inclusive).**

## OSSIE'S FEST

June 5<sup>th</sup> 5pm-9pm

OSSIE'S FEST 2026

Ossie's Fest is back for 2026, tickets available now on Arbor, more information coming soon!



We are looking for sponsors and raffle prizes for our fun family event, if your business or workplace may be interested in supporting, please get in touch with your friendly PTA team - [frossies@stosmunds.wessex.ac](mailto:frossies@stosmunds.wessex.ac)



Ticket prices £3 an adult, £2 a child when purchased in advance, 50p increase per ticket on the night.



## NON-UNIFORM DAY IN EXCHANGE FOR A DONATION TO OSSIE FEST

In exchange for wearing non-uniform to school on **Friday 22nd May**, please could we ask for the following donations to be brought to school on the morning of **Friday 22nd May**:

**KS2 (Years 5 & 6) — Soaps and smellies**

**KS3 (Years 7 & 8)— Sweets and chocolate**

**All items are to be of the value up to £1.00**

**The year groups are only suggestions—if you have any of the items feel free to bring them in.**

# WESSEX ARTS FEST

Wessex Arts Fest - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 10am - 3pm. FREE ENTRY FOR ALL!

Come and join us for a day celebrating the arts at Thomas Hardy School. A day for all the family! Music and Drama performances by young people, workshops for all ages (adults and children). Come and Try instrument sessions, Music Tech, Ceilidh dance, Pre-school music, Big Sing, BBQ, Cakes and much more!

Come and watch, or sign-up in advance to take part in various sessions. We'd love to see you!

[music.wessex.ac](http://music.wessex.ac)



**FREE!**



**WESSEX  
ARTS FEST  
2026**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May  
@ Thomas Hardy School  
10am – 3pm**

**A day of music, drama and dance performances  
and workshops for all the family.**

Performances by orchestras, jazz bands, rock bands, choirs and individual young musicians from across the local schools.

Drama, musical theatre and dance performances by students from The Thomas Hardy School.

Workshops for all to take part in (sign-up in advance!)  
"Come and Try" instrument sessions and music tech sessions  
Ceilidh dance, Dance workshop, Big-sing workshop, Pre-school music, Samba workshop, Folk music workshop, Street band workshop, BBQ, refreshments and more!

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CERNE GIANT FESTIVAL

18th April - 9th May

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Giant**



**Festival**

CERNE ABBAS

[www.CerneGiantFestival.org](http://www.CerneGiantFestival.org)

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GO  
FLY

## DORCHESTER KITE FESTIVAL

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> June, 11am-4.30pm  
The Great Field, Poundbury

### Design a Kite Competition!

Help launch Dorchester's first ever Kite Festival by designing a kite to represent our town. Take inspiration from the landscape, places, and people to create 'A Celebration of Dorchester'. Use your creativity and imagination to decorate the template on the reverse of this sheet.

Designs will be judged by the Mayor of Dorchester. The winning design will be made into a real kite by an artist and flown by the Mayor to start and end the festival!

Please don't forget to fill in your contact details so we can get in touch with the lucky winner.

**Parent/guardian please complete so we can find our winner! BLOCK CAPITALS**

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel/Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick to allow us permission to use your design for future marketing:

**Enter by Midday Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

To enter, send your entry form and design to us by

Email: [conniehollings@dorchester-tc.gov.uk](mailto:conniehollings@dorchester-tc.gov.uk)

Post/drop-off: Dorchester Town Council, 19 North Square, Dorchester, DT1 1JF



Please see following page for the kite template

**My Celebration of Dorchester!**





# CASTERBRIDGE CANTER

**CHARITY FUNDRAISER FOR  
DORCHESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL PTFA**

**Wednesday 8th July at 7pm  
10K & 5K trail race**

10K and 5K chip timed trail races around some absolutely stunning farmland. A pure trail run with no roads, maybe some hills, and 90% crosses private land with special permission just for this event! It promises to be a challenging and enjoyable evening with bar, BBQ and lots of cake.

Find us on Facebook for more information

**ENTRIES NOW OPEN AT**

**[www.casterbridgecanter.co.uk](http://www.casterbridgecanter.co.uk)**

GIRLS FOOTBALL



MAIDEN NEWTON  
YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB



# GIRLS FOOTBALL

GIRLS CELEBRATION DAY

We're excited to be hosting a  
Girls Football Celebration Day!



SUNDAY  
3RD MAY



10:00 AM  
TIL 1:00 PM

FOOTBALL FUN INCLUDING:



GAMES  
& ACTIVITIES



FOOTBALL  
CHALLENGES



SMALL SIDED  
GAMES



FOOD &  
REFRESHMENTS

WE WILL ALSO BE RUNNING A  
"JOIN OUR TEAM!"  
OPEN SESSIONS FOR GIRLS TEAM

U8s,  
U10s, U12s  
& U14s



Sign Up

COME ALONG, HAVE FUN, MAKE FRIENDS &  
PLAY FOOTBALL!

Memorial Playing Fields, Hedley Haward,  
Maiden Newton, Dorchester DT2 0AX



# Need support?

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PARENTS AND CARERS WITHIN  
THE SOUTH WEST OF ENGLAND  
AFFECTED BY CRIMINAL AND  
SEXUAL EXPLOITATION.**

**WE'RE HERE IF YOU NEED US:**

**Tuesday's &  
Wednesday's  
10am - 1pm**



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