

Newsletter



St Osmund's
CE Middle School
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Friday 15th May 2026

Dear Ossie's Families,

This week I joined Key Stage 2 for their Wednesday Worship. They were learning a new song for us all to sing together in school during Friday worship: By the Rivers of Babylon. It left me with a new earworm. The two year groups then sang it as an echo. It was very impressive for the first run through. I can't wait to hear the whole school sing this in Worship in a couple of weeks.

This term's Worships have been spent considering life's big questions. This week's question was 'Is it better to receive or give?' We are forever grateful to all of our volunteers who give the gift of time. No matter how big or how small the contribution is to life at Ossie's. This may be in the role of a Governor, listening to children read or maybe you have helped as part of Frossie's at the school disco or one of our fairs.

If you feel that you would like to give in this way please contact the school office or Frossie's direct – we have Ossie's Fest coming up on the 5th June, it would be lovely to see you either giving your time or your company to make this evening a special one. This gift of time enables us to raise funds to enrich the opportunities that we give our children. Currently Frossie's are raising funds for a new minibus. Past projects have included funding for some of our Enrichment Week options, Christmas Lunch and books for the library.

In preparation for Ossie's Fest, our students are invited to wear non uniform, next Friday (22/5) in exchange for a donation of soaps and smellies (Yr 5&6) or sweets and chocolates (Yr 7&8) up to the value of £1.

This week our year 6 pupils have demonstrated resilience with their approach to the SATs and were able to celebrate in style on the field this morning relaxing with an ice cream and some off-timetable time – fortunately we were able to utilise our lovely field. We hope that the results, when published later this year, will show that they have prepared well and demonstrated what they have learnt so far while at school.

Whatever you are doing this weekend with friends and family, have a good one!

Rebecca Golledge

Mrs Rebecca Golledge
School Business Manager



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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

Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th June—Year 8 Retreat Day

Friday 5th June—Ossie's Fest

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

Tuesday 7th July—Transition Day

Wednesday 8th July— Ossies Games—more details to follow

Thursday 16th July—Year 8 Leavers' Picnic—more details 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.
- 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	<p>Zoneball – KS2 –WDA – Sports Centre</p> <p>Zoneball – KS3 – WDA – Sports Centre</p>	<p>Wonderland Rehearsals – All Years – SSH – Small Hall</p> <p>Art Club – KS3 – SST – Art Room</p> <p>Dodgeball – KS3 – WDA – Sports Centre</p> <p>Rounders – KS2 – ERE, JHA – Field</p> <p>Softball – KS3 – DKI - Field</p>
TU E S D A Y	<p>OCAG – KS3 – HMU – Rm 20</p> <p>OCAG – KS2 – SCA – Rm 11</p> <p>Art Club – Year 6 – SST – Art Room</p> <p>Street Soccer – KS2 – WDA – Sports Centre</p> <p>Street Soccer – KS3 - WDA – Sports Centre</p>	<p>Rock & Pop Club – All Years – SSH – Music Room</p> <p>Athletics – All Years – DKI, ERE, WDA, JHA - Field</p>
W E D S	<p>Basketball – KS2 – WDA – CANCELLED</p> <p>Basketball – KS3 - WDA – CANCELLED</p> <p>Creative Writing – KS2 – Room 11</p>	<p>Pickleball – All Years – Sign up required - CANCELLED</p> <p>Tennis – KS3 - ERE – Top Courts - CANCELLED</p> <p>Creative Writing Club – INVITE ONLY - Library</p>
TH U R S	<p>Computer Club – KS2 – LPi – ICT Room</p> <p>KS3 OCAG Energy Savers – HMU – Rm 20</p> <p>Street Soccer – KS2 – WDA – Sports Centre</p> <p>GIRLS Street Soccer – KS3 - WDA – Sports Centre</p>	<p>2.45 - 3.15pm - Concert Band—KS3—SSH—Music— INVITE ONLY</p> <p>Handball – KS3 – DKI – Top Courts</p> <p>Gardening Club – All Years – Outside room 3 - (sign up with Miss Pike first before attending)</p> <p>Rounders – KS3 – DRO – Field</p> <p>Cricket – KS3 –GBI – Field</p> <p>Tennis – KS2 – WDA – Top Courts</p> <p>Volleyball – KS3 – AMI – Sports Hall</p> <p>Coding Club – GOT, LFO, ICT Room</p> <p>Chess Club – INVITE ONLY – CMI – CANCELLED</p> <p>Wonderland Rehearsals – All Years – SSH – Small Hall</p>
FR I	<p>Chaos Tag – KS2 – WDA – Sports Centre</p> <p>Badminton – KS3 – WDA – Sports Centre</p>	<p>Badminton – Year 8 – CURRENTLY FULL</p>

WRAPAROUND CARE

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

SKILLS FOR WORK

Year 7 PSHE lessons after half term will be looking at "Skills for Work" and considering different job options. If you feel that you would be able to come in and share your experiences and your careers journey with a class of Year 7 pupils, we would love to hear from you!

The lesson times are at various points during the school week, so hopefully we can find a slot that would suit your availability. You could do a 25 minute session or a 50 minute session, depending on your preference!

These sessions have proved incredibly useful in previous years, and the pupils get so much out of the experience.

If this is something you could help with, please email the school office, office@stosmunds.wessex.ac

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>



OCAG DONATIONS

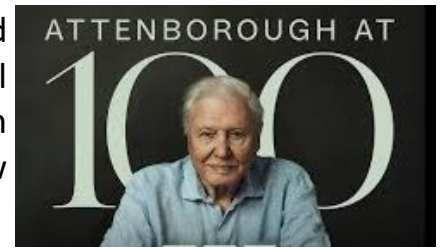
OCAG are looking for donations of cardboard and scrap fabric to make bookmarks for Ossie's Fest. If you can help, please send donations to the school office for Miss Carney.

2027 SKI TRIP—PLACES STILL AVAILABLE

There are 5 spaces left for the 2027 Ski Trip. This trip is available to anyone who will be in Year 8 from September. If you would like more information, please email trips@stosmunds.wessex.ac

SIR DAVID ATTENBOROUGH'S 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Two OCAG students were chosen to be part of Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday Celebration. Just 100 impactful individual youth portraits were filmed from above at an open aired theatre in Expo City Dubai! Please watch the clip below and see if you can spot our Ossie's climate activists.



["Our Promise To You" | A 100th Birthday Tribute to Sir David Attenborough \(with cards\)](#)

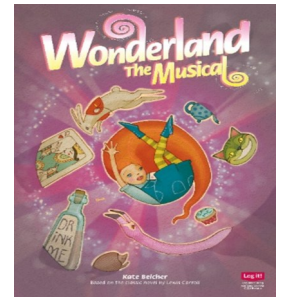
WONDERLAND THE MUSICAL

We are absolutely delighted to have shared the KS3 cast list. We were blown away with the quality of auditions - our talented Ossies made the job of casting very difficult indeed!

Rehearsals until half term:

Monday 18th May: FULL CAST - all year groups

Thursday 21st May: Head Cook and Cooks only



Please note: from September, it is likely that rehearsals will be on Mondays and Tuesdays: please bear this in mind for planning commitments to outside clubs/ lessons etc.

If your child no longer wishes to take part, or you have any queries, please get in touch with Mrs. Macnair.

WE WILL ROCK YOU BOYS WORKSHOP—FREE

WOW Youth Musical Theatre is inviting boys in Years 8–12 to join us for a free musical theatre workshop inspired by our upcoming production of We Will Rock You.

This session aims to encourage more boys to get involved in singing, acting and performing in a fun, supportive environment.

Sunday 31 May

2:00pm–3:30pm

WOW Studio, Weymouth. FREE to attend

No previous experience or preparation needed.

There may also be an opportunity for selected participants to be invited to join WOW's November production of We Will Rock You.

Book your free place now:

<https://www.wowyouththeatre.org.uk/.../we-will-rock-you.../>

FROSSIES

Frossie's, our Parent Teacher Association, continue to make a remarkable difference to our School life at St Osmund's, supporting opportunities that enrich every child's experience. This year alone, they have generously donated £1,500 towards Enrichment Week, helping to provide exciting activities and memorable learning experiences.

Their ongoing fundraising efforts are also contributing towards a new school mini bus, which will open up even more opportunities for trips and wider learning.

Last year, they ensured every child was given the opportunity to enjoy a special Christmas lunch, an act of kindness that meant a great deal to our whole school community.

Frossie's relies on the support of parents and carers, and we would love to see more people get involved, whether by helping at events or joining the committee. Together, we can continue to build something truly special for our children.

To get involved, please email frossies@stosmunds.wessex.ac

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

OSSIE'S FEST



OSSIE'S FEST 2026



Friday June 5th 5pm to 9pm

Ossie's Fest and Raffle Tickets for sale now on Arbor!



Live band -
Flaming Cactus
Student bands
Open mic

OACG:
clothes stall and
bake sale



Bar
Hot food
Crisps & drinks
Candy Floss
Raffle
Tombola
Plant stall
Football game
Henna & glitter
tattoos

Adult £3, Child £2 (50p increase per ticket on the gate)

With thanks to our sponsors:



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OSSIE'S FEST



OSSIE'S FEST 2026 GRAND RAFFLE



Don't forget to get your raffle tickets - £1 each, for sale now on Arbor.

We have many great prizes from fabulous local businesses who have so generously agreed to support us, including:

**£50 Voucher for The Trumpet Major
Wagamama Vouchers
Family ticket to Abbotsbury Swannery
Voucher for Baboo Gelato
Voucher for Poundbury Garden Centre
Gift bag from Redefine Poundbury
Vinyl Van Voucher
Seventh Seal Voucher
Massage Voucher from Move Clinic
Voucher for Cranbornes
Gift from Wise Owl Toys
Plus many more to come!**

Tickets also for sale for a limited time at Ossie's Fest with the draw taking place later that night.



FROSSIES

Ossie's Fest is fast approaching, and we are currently looking for a mobile bar for the festival on Friday 5th June. We would love to hear from any parent, carer, family friend or member of the school community who may own or have access to a mobile bar and would be willing to support the event. Whether through the free use of a mobile bar, discounted hire rate, or as a donation to the school. Your generosity would make a huge difference and help make Ossie's Fest a fantastic event for everyone, If you are able to help or would like more information, please get in touch with the school office.



OCAG at OSSIEFEST

CLOTHING & BRIC-A-BRAC STALL!

FRIDAY 5TH JUNE at OSSIEFEST 5PM - 9PM

ALL ITEMS
UNDER
£5!

Please donate:
clothing and accessories
of all sizes – kids and adults

- + Clothes & trousers, dresses, shoes
- + T-shirts, tops, jeans, hoodies
- + Hats, scarves, bags, jewellery
- + Toys, games, books, CDs, DVDs
- + Board games, household items
- + Ornaments, bric-a-brac



OSSIE'S
Climate Action Group

SHOP NOT SWAP!

- ✓ CLOTHES MUST BE:
- ✓ IN GOOD
CONDITION



**DONATE TO
MISS WAY
IN ROOM 3 ANYTIME!**



There's only one Earth

DUCK RACE & FUN DAY

TOM BROWNS, DORCHESTER
DUCK RACE & FUN DAY

Saturday 16th May from 12pm

CHILDRENS ENTERTAINMENT
FROM JAMIE JAMBO, 1:30PM

RACE AT 3PM

YOUNG LIVES
vs CANCER



MUSIC FROM

Chris Davies, Sam Brown & The Fabulous
Ukulele Club + Shannon White

Plus! Brace of Butcher BBQ, Glitter Tattoos,
Face Painting, Tombola, Games, Bouncy Castle,
Raffle.

Seasonal activity trail

FREE

Thorncombe's Leaf Trail

Friday 22 May to
Sunday 28 June

Come and enjoy our free family-friendly nature trail across our beautiful reserve.

Slow down and look closely to discover which leaves belong to which trees, noticing the rich variety of shapes and textures.

Follow the Thorncombe Loop to discover the hand-painted discs scattered around the reserve. Pick up a free pocket map to help guide you.

Our off-road mobility scooters can be used on this trail. Please book in advance on **01305 251228**.



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DORSET POLICE—WEBINAR



Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to invite you to attend an upcoming online webinar for parents and carers of children aged 10–18, focusing on knife crime awareness and prevention.

We understand that knife crime is a topic that can cause concern for families. The purpose of this session is to provide reassurance, share accurate information, and help you feel confident in supporting your child.

During the webinar, representatives from our local policing team will:

- Provide up-to-date information showing that knife crime levels in our area remain low
- Explain what local police are doing to prevent knife crime and keep young people safe
- Offer practical advice on signs to look out for if you are worried about your child
- Share guidance on what to do and who to contact if you have concerns
- Answer questions from parents in a supportive and informative environment

This session is designed to be informative, reassuring, and helpful, whether you currently have concerns or simply want to stay informed.

Webinar Details:

Date: 20th May 2026

Time: 19:00-20:00

Joining instructions: Online (joining details will be provided after registration)

If you would like to attend, please register using the link below:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/70e6d64d-b00a-43f1-be1f-3b65e8835ff8@4515d0c5-b418-4cfa-9741-222da68a18d7>

We strongly encourage parents and carers to take advantage of this opportunity to hear directly from local police and to ask any questions you may have.

If you have any questions about the webinar, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support in helping keep our young people safe.

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- **You bring your experience.**
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Mums, dads and carers can apply

To find out more, please scan the QR code, fill in the short enquiry form and we will contact you for an informal chat



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FRIDAYS 18:00



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KINGS ROAD, DORCHESTER,
DT1 1NH**



INTERESTED? GET IN TOUCH:
dsbcommittee@gmail.com



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DORSET

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Email dyd@activateperformingarts.org.uk to book onto a session...

Upcoming dates:

Sun 7th June: 10am - 11am

Sun 14th June: 10am - 11am

Sun 21st June: 10am - 11am

Sun 28th June: 10am - 11am

Sun 5th July: 10am - 11am

Venue: YMCA Dorchester, DT1 2RZ



FAMILY FUN DAY

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IS COMING TO

THE TRUMPET MAJOR!

Saturday 29th August 2026

UK Entertainer

KRAZY KEV

Entertainer & Magician

LIVE from 14:00 - 17:00



THE TRUMPET MAJOR

★ 29TH AUGUST 2026 ★

★ FREE ENTRY! ★



LET'S
GO
FLY

DORCHESTER KITE FESTIVAL

Sat 6th 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 15th May 2026

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

Email: 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!





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10K & 5K trail race**

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LONGMEAD COMMUNITY FARM OPEN DAY



Longmead Community Farm

Strengthening and Supporting Families



OPEN DAY

Thursday 11th June 10am -6pm.

All professionals and wellbeing facilitators welcome
Come meet the team, see our facilities and learn more about
the services we offer.

Longmead Community Farm, Milborne St Andrew, Blandford DT11 0HU



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