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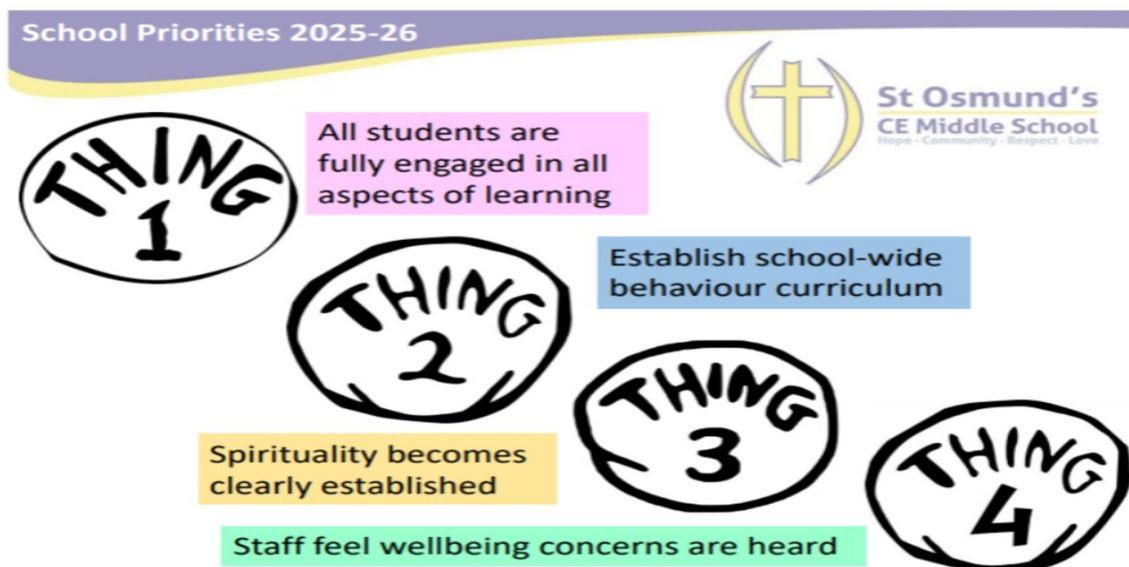
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Friday 5th June 2026

Dear Ossie's Families,

What a fantastic first week of this last half term of the academic year! Yes – we have already stepped into June; hard to believe I know. We have all been really impressed with how our Ossie's have returned to school and have applied themselves in their lessons and activities. We have instantly returned to our calm, purposeful and positive ways of working. With clubs immediately restarting, it was brilliant to see so many students taking part in the lunch time and after school opportunities we provide. On Wednesday and Thursday, our Year 8s enjoyed their last Retreat Day with us. Held at The Dorford Centre, this day helps our Ossie's to reflect on their time at St. Osmund's and to prepare them for their next school after us. Separately, on Thursday Year 7 enjoyed experiencing live drama from visiting Thomas Hardy School students performing their own creative pieces. And tonight, it's Ossie's Fest!!! As you can imagine, Frossie's have been busy in school this week and today, preparing for a wonderful night. Doors open at 5pm and you can pay for entry at the gate. Everyone is welcome!

As a reminder to our school community, our main school priorities for this academic year are below. As you would expect from us, we constantly remind our Ossie's of **THING 1** as we seek to make the most of every learning moment:



This week all parents/carers received our updated High Expectations information. We particularly ask that parents/carers revisit this information with their child/ren, so that everyone can enjoy working, playing and socialising safely.

I wish you and your loved ones a wonderful weekend, however you decide to enjoy it.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Gareth Biddle
Head of School



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Friday 5th June—Ossie's Fest

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

Monday 29th June—Friday 3rd July—Enrichment Week

Tuesday 7th July—Transition Day

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

Thursday 16th July—Year 8 Leaver's Service—9:30am—St George's Church,
Fordington

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. There are still several outstanding
- Following the information evenings, the Rockley and Mendip presentations have been added to the school website.
- Final balances were due on 1st June. Please contact the office if you need to discuss individual circumstances.

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 – Full Cast</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>
T U 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 – Sports Centre</p> <p>Basketball – KS3 - WDA – Sports Centre</p> <p>Creative Writing – KS2 – Room 11</p>	<p>Pickleball – All Years – Sign up required</p> <p>Tennis – KS3 - ERE – Top Courts</p> <p>Creative Writing Club – INVITE ONLY - Library</p>
T H 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 CANCELLED</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 – CANCELLED</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 - Library</p> <p>Wonderland Rehearsals – All Years – SSH – Small Hall - see newsletter for those needing to attend</p>
F R I		<p>Zone ball – KS2 – WDA – Sports Centre</p> <p>Badminton – KS3 – WDA – Sports Centre</p>	<p>Badminton – Year 8 – CURRENTLY FULL</p>

Changes to Free School Meals

From September 2026, the government has expanded Free School Meals (FSM), so that children in households that claim Universal Credit (UC) will all be eligible (as well as people still in receipt of some other benefits). Previously, your annual household income (excluding benefits) had to be under £7,400 for you to be eligible for FSM. This is a major change that will help a lot of families. All students who are eligible for FSM, will receive a wholesome hot lunch provided by Local Food Links.

We will be writing to you all after half-term with more information about FSM, and details of how to apply once Dorset Council have confirmed the process. We expect applications to be open in June.

In the meantime, however, we want to make sure that our families get all the support they are entitled to.

We urge you to check if you are eligible for Universal Credit. You might be surprised. This [article](#) suggests that a single parent earning under £39,500, or a couple with a combined income below £56,400 could be eligible for UC depending on their circumstances. Higher earners could also be eligible depending on the number of children they have, housing, disability and other factors, so it is certainly worth checking. You can find out more about UC, and how to claim, [here](#). Please take a look as soon as possible so that you are ready when FSM applications open. If you think you might be eligible for Universal Credit, but need help claiming, you can contact Citizens Advice for help by calling 0800 144 8 444.

Parent Survey—your chance to win a £50 Amazon Voucher

As part Dorset Councils Childcare Sufficiency Assessment, they are asking parents and carers about their childcare needs. This work helps them to better understand the current and future demand for childcare across the local area, enabling us to support families more effectively.

The parents survey has a **prize draw of 5 x £50 Amazon vouchers** - please access the link and QR code below, to take part.

Survey link: [Childcare Survey for Dorset Parents and Carers - Dorset Council - Citizen Space](#)

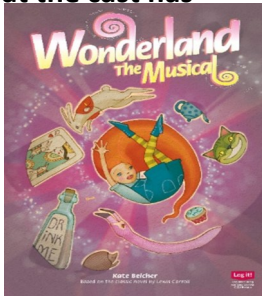


Closing date: Wednesday 17th June 2026

WONDERLAND THE MUSICAL

Please see below for the rehearsal schedule for the first 2 weeks after half term. Scripts will be given out to Y6 and Y7 pupils with speaking parts at the first rehearsal!

It would be lovely to see as many of the cast as possible for Ossies Fest - we will be performing 2 or 3 songs from the production to whet your appetite and show you some of the music that the cast has learnt so far!



Monday 8th June	Full Cast
Thursday 11th June	Alice 8 – <i>“Won’t you join the Dance?”</i> Mock Turtle – <i>“Lobster Quadrille”</i> White Rabbit and Alice 2 – <i>“Oh my Ears and Whiskers!”</i>

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



OSSIE'S FEST 2026 GRAND RAFFLE



List of prizes generously donated by fantastic local businesses:

- £50 voucher for The Trumpet Major
- £30 voucher for Wagamama
- Family ticket to Abbotsbury Swannery
- Vouchers for Dorset Golf and Country Club
- Voucher for Baboo Gelato
- Voucher for Teasel & Skylark bookshop
- Voucher for Poundbury Garden Centre
- Gift bag from Redefine Hairdressers
- Voucher and bag from Vinyl Van
- Voucher for Seventh Seal
- Massage voucher for Move Clinic
- Voucher for Cranborne's Gift Shop
- Gift from Wise Owl Toys
- 1 year's membership for Dorchester Arts
- Voucher for Red Wasps Tattoo
- Voucher for Quinn's Butchers
- Bottle of Bombay Bramble gin

Tickets £1 on Arbor and will also be available until 7pm at Ossie's Fest, with the draw taking place on the night.



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

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7th June 2026

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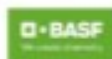
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- Tractor Trailer rides*
- Milking Demonstration
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- Local producers "Farmers Market"
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Beginners thro' to Advanced – age 6+

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When

Saturday 11.30 to 13.00

Tuesdays 16.40 to 17.40(during school terms)

Dates

Saturday - May 16th and 23rd – further dates tbc

Tuesdays - May 5th,12th,19th – further dates tbc

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For further details contact Tony

Mobile: Text 07444 431 434

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DOMVS CHILDREN'S WRITING CHALLENGE

Dear Parents,

Re: Story House: The DOMVS Children's Writing Competition

Our pupils have been invited to participate in **Story House: The DOMVS Children's Writing Competition**, an annual competition to recognise local writing talent.

As in previous years, the competition will be judged by **Lord Julian Fellowes**, local actor, novelist, film director, and screenwriter. The shortlist of winners, and their parents/guardians, will be invited to an **awards ceremony** at Dorchester in **January 2026** (exact date TBC), hosted by Polly Greenway from DOMVS, Lord Fellowes and his wife, Lady Emma Fellowes. At the event, there will be photo opportunities with Lord & Lady Fellowes.

The winner, runner-up and a highly commended entrant will each be awarded a certificate and book token, with the overall winner also receiving a trophy.

Guidelines:

- For authenticity, stories should be written by hand (in English), but digital submissions will be accepted from children who find writing difficult
- **The deadline is (please choose your deadline to meet the DOMVS deadline of Friday 16th Oct 2026)**
- **Stories should be submitted (delete as appropriate) to the school or via email to (storyhouse@domvs.co.uk)**
- All stories should start with the following sentence provided by Lord Fellowes, *'The sound was like nothing I had ever heard before'*, and will be judged on originality, imagination, spelling and grammar
- There will be three categories, and the child's year group will be based on their 2026/2027 school year:
 - Category 1 – Years 2 & 3 (up to 300 words)
 - Category 2 – Years 4 & 5 (approx. 400 words)
 - Category 3 – Years 6 & 7 (approx. 500 words)
- All entries must be clearly marked with the author's name, age, year group and school
- No more than one submission per pupil will be accepted
- Any accompanying illustrations must be by the author of the story (illustrations are not a necessity)
- Judges' decisions and prize allocation are final, and any form of plagiarism will result in disqualification
- Parents/guardians of the overall competition winner will not unreasonably withhold approval for the winner's photograph to be used in any press release and/or publicity material relating to the competition

This is an exciting opportunity for young minds to explore their imagination, sharpen their writing skills, and be recognised amongst the area's brightest talent.

Kind regards,



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