

# Newsletter



**St Osmund's**  
**CE Middle School**  
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Friday 26th June 2026

Dear Ossie's Families,

What a scorcher! This week has been filled with lots of topping up of water bottles, breaks in the shade and doing our best to keep everyone cool and safe. Thank you for your support in what has been a challenging week for us all.

We love reading here at St Osmund's – at the end of a full day of lessons, students and teachers enjoy taking the time to share our class novels. For example, Year 5 pupils are currently exploring *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown which links to our whole school ongoing focus on the environment. Robot Roz, wakes up alone on a remote island with no memory of her past or purpose. She learns to survive, adapt to her environment and befriends wild animals. If you are looking for a summer holiday activity, there is a film version of the book which could be watched and discussed with our youngest pupils.

Furthermore, this week we have shared a special edition of *The Traitors* with our school community – in celebration of 2026 being the National Year of Reading. The week began with classes watching an episode of the popular TV show starring Ossie's staff and written by our very own Mrs Mallinson (our school librarian). The episode involved staff members trying to convince each other that they had read various children's books – most were telling the truth but one was not! All of this was introduced beautifully by our very own Claudia Biddle! Tutor groups then voted on who they thought the traitor was, much speculation followed and the answer was revealed in worship today. This initiative was not only a great way for our community to come together in something joyful but it also got the pupils thinking about, talking about and reading the books chosen by each staff member.

Carrying on the reading theme, the Summer Reading Challenge for Key Stage Two (run annually by The Reading Agency) will shortly be opening. Please do encourage your Key Stage Two children to take part – there are online and library-based options. Details of this have already been promoted in our newsletters and on our Facebook page. You can also see their website for further details: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> Reading so often drops off throughout the summer holidays for pupils of all ages and this can have a negative impact on both academic progress and wellbeing – please do encourage your young people to maintain a healthy reading habit over the summer.

Anticipation for next week's Enrichment Week is high amongst pupils and staff alike. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the staff here at school without which the vast array of trips next week would simply not happen. Big shout out to our office team as well who have been working like troopers to get it all organised throughout the year. Fingers crossed for a lovely (but not too hot week for us all).

I wish you all an enjoyable and sunny weekend,

Mrs Sophie Farmer  
Assistant Headteacher



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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

Friday 17th July—Last day of term

Wednesday 2nd September—Year 5 back to school

Thursday 3rd September—All Years back to school

## ENRICHMENT WEEK

- Final balances are now due and must be paid as soon as possible

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

## WONDERLAND THE MUSICAL

Rehearsals will recommence in the Autumn term



## OSSIE'S OPPORTUNITIES

There are no clubs or fixtures this week due to Enrichment week taking place. Clubs will resume on our return, Monday 6th July.

### Changes to Free School Meals

Further to the information sent after half-term, parents are now able to [apply for free school meals from September 2026](#).

Please note that if your child is currently in receipt of free school meals, their eligibility ends on 31st August 2026, and **you do need to reapply**. Eligibility is now only for one academic year, and will not carry over to a new school year.

From September, there will be 2 levels of eligibility.

**1. Targeted free school meals for families who get:**

- Universal Credit and earn less than £7,400 per year
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- the guarantee element of Pension Credit
- households with families with no recourse to public funds (NRPF)

Families in the Targeted group may be able to access further financial support through the school's Pupil Premium Funding.

**2. Expanded free school meals are for families receiving Universal Credit with earnings over £7,400 per year.**

Students in this group will only be eligible for free school meals, and not Pupil Premium.

Please apply promptly. If eligibility has not been confirmed by **19th August**, we are unable to offer free school meals until this eligibility is confirmed.

## TUTOR TEAMS 26 –27

Transfer Day is Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2026. On that day, we will be welcoming our new Ossie's as part of their preparation for joining Year 5 in September. Likewise, our current Year 8 students will spend the day at the Thomas Hardy School as part of their readiness for upper school. For our current students in Years 5, 6 and 7, they will continue with their usual timetable. During afternoon Reading & Reflection (R&R), any students moving onto a new Form Tutor will meet them at this time. Students moving from Year 5 into Year 6, and Year 7 into Year 8 remain with the same Form Tutor for relationship continuity.

On Transfer Day, all Year 8 students will start the day at St. Osmund's as usual, in registration before the 08:40 bell. Once registered, Year 8 students will be organised and will then board coaches to travel to the Thomas Hardy School for their Transfer Day. At the end of the day (15:30), all St. Osmund's students will leave the Thomas Hardy School to go directly home. Parents/carers must make their own arrangements for their child to go home, this might be walking home, being met/collected or travelling home on a bus (school/public) from Thomas Hardy School. To help with this, the following buses serve the Thomas Hardy School:

**For dedicated school buses**, please follow the link to Dorset Council <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/routes-and-timetables>, scroll down and click on The Thomas Hardy School - scroll down and the bus routes are listed, those that service THS are **D1, D2, D3, D4, D6, D7, D8, D9, D10 and D11**.

**Public buses**—please follow the link to Damory bus services <https://www.morebus.co.uk/services/damory-bus-services>, the bus routes are listed - those that service THS are **5, CR8 and CR9**.

**For Sherborne and Yeovil** - please follow the link <https://images.southwestcoaches.co.uk/images/pdfs/CR5service01.09.2025.pdf> for the **CR5** bus.

**For Portland, Weymouth to Dorchester** - this is a public bus, run by First bus, please follow the link <https://www.firstbus.co.uk/wessex-dorset-south-somerset/plan-journey/timetables?page=0> and the bus routes is **10A Weymouth to THS** and **10 for Weymouth to Poundbury**. Plus <https://www.firstbus.co.uk/wessex-dorset-south-somerset/plan-journey/timetables?search=1%3A+Weymouth+-+Portland+-via-+Wyke+Regis+-+Fortuneswell> for bus route **1 Portland to Weymouth**.

The tutor teams and movements for September 2026 are:

| YEAR 5                          | YEAR 6                     | YEAR 7                                           | YEAR 8                               |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Year Leader:<br>Miss C. Watters | Year Leader:<br>Mr J. Ford | Year Leader:<br>Mr T. Edmonds                    | Year Leader:<br>Mrs E. Stone         |
| Form Tutors                     | Form Tutors                | Form Tutors                                      | Form Tutors                          |
| 5JAN<br>Mr. J. Anderson         | 6EAL<br>Miss. E. Alder     | 7AFE (current 6CST)<br>Miss. A. February-Perring | 8LFO<br>Miss. L. Ford                |
| 5GDA<br>Mrs. G. Day             | 6SCA<br>Miss. S. Carney    | 7CHO (current 6ABU)<br>Mrs. C. Howard            | 8DKI (current 7RMI)<br>Mr. D. Kinsey |
| 5LMI<br>Miss. L. Middleton      | 6SDA<br>Mr. S. Dance       | 7CMO (current 6SST)<br>Mrs. C. Moseley           | 8HMU<br>Ms. H. Mugridge              |
| 5GOT<br>Mr. Otter               | 6LMA<br>Mrs. L. Macnair    | 7SPA (current 6JAN)<br>Mrs. S. Parker            | 8JOX<br>Mr. J. Oxtoby                |
| 5SST<br>Mrs. S. Stone           | 6LSO<br>Mr. L. Soughton    | 7LPI (current 6GDA)<br>Miss L. Pike              | 8RPR<br>Ms. R. Prince                |
| 5CST<br>Mrs. C. Stripp          | 6EWA<br>Miss E. Way        | 7DRO (current 6CWA)<br>Mrs. D. Roberts           | 8STH<br>Mrs. S. Thorpe               |

## OSSIE'S GAMES

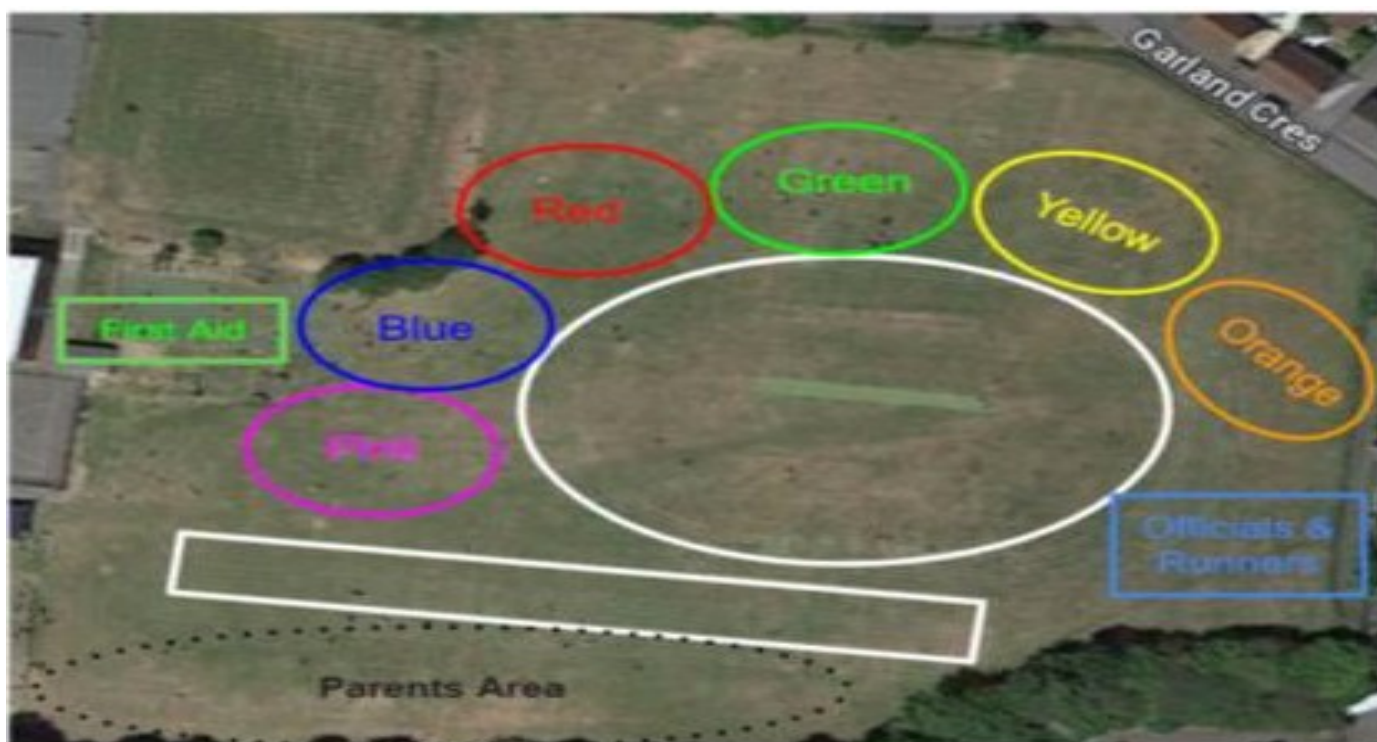
The Ossie Games is an all-inclusive day of mass participation sports, promoting the key values around sport (teamwork, determination, respect, honesty & self-belief).



This year's games will take place on Wednesday 8th of July. The sports on offer range from Archery, Climbing, Pickleball, Mountain Biking, Football, Cricket, Cheerleading and many more. Pupils will pick two sports in the morning to participate in. Pupils will compete for their tutor group and their house colour. A reduced athletics program will take place during lesson 5 with parents very welcome to attend the afternoon activities. Parents are encouraged to arrive at 1.50pm and enter the field from the Barnes Way car park entrance. Parents are welcome to bring picnic blankets and camping chairs to enjoy spectating from. Parents will need to park cars in the surrounding roads and walk onto the school site. The athletic events are not compulsory, so please check if your son or daughter is participating before attending.

The long-term weather forecast is looking fine. Please prepare pupils to be outside for long periods, so sun hats, sun cream and water bottles are advised. If the weather forecast changes and is threatening the day, a decision will be made on Tuesday 6th July to whether to hold the event. Unfortunately, there is no reserve date for the Games.

Please contact Mr Kinsey if you have any questions or concerns ([dkinsey@stosmunds.wessex.ac](mailto:dkinsey@stosmunds.wessex.ac))



# SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



## Summer Reading Challenge parent carer news

### Joining the Summer Reading Challenge

Children sign up through their local library and receive a sticker booklet. They set a reading goal and borrow books of their choice during the summer and can join in with library events, collecting special stickers along the way.

Children who complete the Challenge are presented with a medal when they have collected 6 stickers, and a certificate is sent to school in the Autumn term.

### Read to the Beat starts Saturday 4 July



The Summer Reading Challenge website will be having a Read to the Beat makeover - take a look at the [webpages](#) from early July. It will be full of book recommendations, games, quizzes and fun things for children to explore.



### Culture Quest

Over the summer holidays, The Arts Development Company will be running Culture Quest. Through a Culture Passport, children will be encouraged to explore Dorset's rich creative offer trying new activities, and discovering new interests.

Children can pick up their passports from their local library from 24 July.



### 2026 Summer Reading Challenge: Read to the Beat

The 2026 Summer Reading Challenge - Read to the Beat, celebrates the joy of reading through music, rhythm and performance. Through vibrant illustrations, fun rewards and free library activities inspired by music and sound, Read to the Beat invites children to discover how stories and music connect, while enjoying their local library and sharing the experience with family and friends.

The Summer Reading Challenge is a free holiday activity for children, and a key moment for the National Year of Reading. It's all about reading for fun, aiming to improve children's reading skills and confidence.

### Library events

Libraries will have free events planned throughout the summer holidays for children to join in with. Keep checking our [What's On](#) webpages as more events are listed all the time.

Look out for some special events delivered by Dorset Music Service in Dorset libraries.



The Summer Reading Challenge is developed by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries.

Proud to support  
The National Year  
of Reading 2026.

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ALL  
IN.

Our Library Service mission is to **Inspire, Connect and Enable** our communities





Dorset  
Mental  
Health  
Support  
Team in  
Schools



Dorset HealthCare  
University  
NHS Foundation Trust

## SUPPORTERS FORUM

### Topic: Emotionally based school non attendance (EBSNA)

Are you a parent, carer or supporter of a child in a Dorset school or college? We need your voice!

The Mental Health Support Team in schools warmly invites you to a forum to learn more about Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance (EBSNA) and to help shape the support families would like or need.

💬 This is a supportive and collaborative space. The focus won't be on individual situations, but on helping us understand what support would make the biggest difference for families across Dorset.

#### What happens at a forum?

- ✓ **20-minute expert presentation** – tips for parents and useful signposting to local support.
- ✓ **Your turn to share** – via chat, email, verbally, or using our interactive whiteboard.
- ✓ **No pressure** – Cameras and micros optional
- ✓ Your privacy protected -names anonymised
- 🚫 we can't discuss individual cases

📅 Tuesday 30th June

🕒 6:15–7:30pm

💻 Online event



🔗 For more information and to sign up: <https://bit.ly/4unnVL6>

**ST MARY'S CHURCH, FRAMPTON FUNDRAISER**



**SUNDAY 28TH JUNE 1-3PM  
FRAMPTON CHURCH FUNDRAISER - CREAM TEA,  
YUMMY BAKES AND PLANT SALE.**

**AT FRAMPTON VILLAGE HALL**

**REALLY HOPE YOU CAN MAKE IT, BRING A FRIEND.**

**ALL PROCEEDS TO GO TOWARDS KEEPING  
OUR FRAMPTON CHURCH AND ITS GROUNDS  
BEAUTIFUL**

***PLUS: BRIC - A BRAC STALL***

**Dorset Parenting Support  
Service**



# **“Behaviours that challenge us” Information Session**

**Free one-off session for parent/carer(s) living in BCP and Dorset  
with children aged between 5 and 11 years**

Join our one-off information session to find out more about how you can support and understand your child's challenges and difficulties. Session is delivered by a Child Clinical Psychologist.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026**

**10:00am - 12:00pm**

**Face to Face session, venue in BCP area**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026**

**10:00am - 12:00pm**

**Virtual session via Microsoft Teams**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2026**

**07:00pm - 09:00pm**

**Virtual session via Microsoft Teams**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2026**

**10:00am - 12:00pm**

**Virtual session via Microsoft Teams**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2027**

**10:00am - 12:00pm**

**Virtual session via Microsoft Teams**

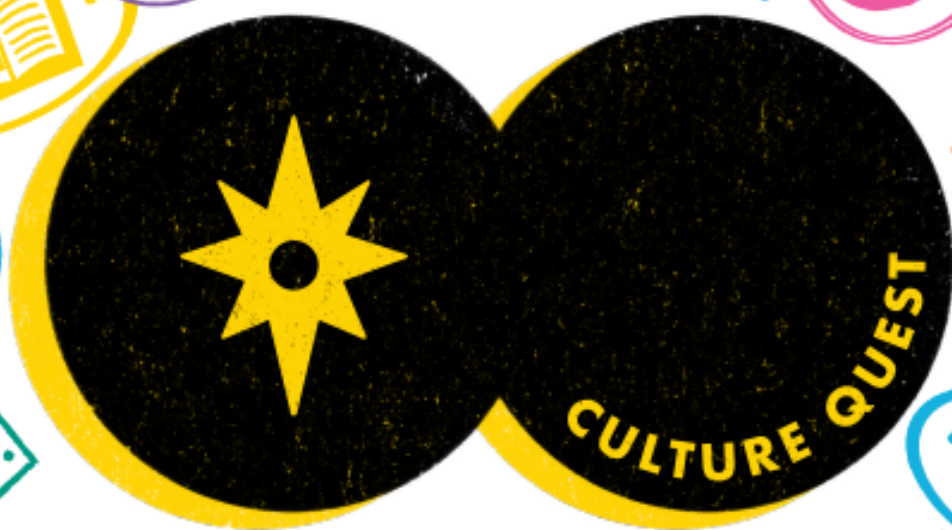
**To book your place, please visit our website:  
[actionforchildren.org.uk/dorset](https://actionforchildren.org.uk/dorset) or scan the QR code**



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BE A CULTURE QUEST EXPLORER THIS SUMMER



✧ **HELLO EXPLORER!** ✧

Take a Culture Quest around Dorset this Summer!

- ✧ Pick up your Culture Quest Passport from your local Library ✧
- ✧ Visit some of Dorset's exciting arts and culture venues, ✧  
take part in fun activities or do something creative at home.
- ✧ Collect 5 stamps to complete your Culture Quest! ✧
- ✧ When you've finished, take your passport back to ✧  
the library to receive your Culture Quest Certificate  
and sign up to the prize draw.

**SCAN HERE:**



to find out more and get involved.  
[www.culturequest.co.uk](http://www.culturequest.co.uk)

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**FREE!**

**St Osmunds Sports Centre**

**Monday 3 August: 10-11:30am**

**Level 1 for Year 5+**

**Includes riders starting Year 5 in September**

**Tuesday 4 August**

**Level 2 for Year 5+: 9am-12pm or 1-4pm**

**Includes riders starting Year 5 in September  
who have completed Level 1**

**Level 3 for Year 6+: dates by arrangement**

**For riders who have completed Level 2**

**Certified instructor** ..... **Holly Harris 1st4sport** .....

**For booking or more information:**

**07942 387717**

**[dorsetsafecycling@gmail.com](mailto:dorsetsafecycling@gmail.com)**

**[www.bikeability.org.uk](http://www.bikeability.org.uk)**



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# 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)**

FAMILY FUN SHOW

# Family Fun Show



**Animal Experiences**

**Food & Drink**

**Craft Stalls**

**Music**

**Face Painting**

**Classic Vehicles**

**Fun Dog Show**

**Competitions**

**& Much more!**



**12th July 2026**  
**10am-6pm**

ADMIT ONE

**FREE**  
**ENTRY!**

Baking, art & children's  
competitions!

**Happyyard, Kingston Russell, DT2 9ED**

 [www.bridevalleyalpacas.com](http://www.bridevalleyalpacas.com)



## ACTING UP

Thomas Hardye School are re-launching the after-school Drama clubs in September for years 7 & 8.



**EVERY WEDNESDAY**

**ACTING UP IS A PLACE WHERE STUDENTS CAN  
BECOME PART OF A LARGE, FRIENDLY  
COMMUNITY!**

**JUNIORS**

**YEAR 7 & 8 IN PA3**

**4:30 – 5:30**

**SENIORS**

**YEAR 9 & 10 IN PA1**

**3:30 – 4:30**

**DEVISED**

**WE GET TO DEVELOP OUR OWN FUN, AMAZING  
SHOWS PERFORMED IN PA1 IN DECEMBER**

**SCRIPTED**

**WE TAKE NATIONAL YOUTH THEATRE  
CONNECTIONS SCRIPTS THAT WE PERFORM IN  
PA1 IN MAY**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

# SUMMER ACTIVITY CAMPS

NO COST

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**BEST  
START  
IN LIFE**

**Schools out!**



**HOLY TRINITY**

**PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**27<sup>TH</sup> JULY - 21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST**



**5-14 YEARS**

**10AM-2PM**



**DELICIOUS LUNCHES  
AND SNACKS**



**FUN SPORTS LIKE  
FOOTBALL,  
DODGEBALL, AND  
MORE!**



**SUMMER CRAFTS**



**Dorset  
Council**



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