

Newsletter



St Osmund's
CE Middle School
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Friday 3rd July 2026

Dear Ossie's Families,

Wow! What a week this has been! All of our pupils (and staff!) have had an amazing Enrichment Week. They have been camping on our field; learning about conservation; trying new water sports; visiting a zoo; taking day trips to London; exploring the Mendips; learning about medieval times; challenging themselves at Rockley and taking in the sights in Paris. There really has been something for everyone. Additionally, our year 5 and 6 pupils have also spent two days in school working on a project celebrating 25 years of Jurassic Coast status at the Lulworth Estate. A selection of pieces from these special lessons will be displayed throughout the summer at Lulworth – please do go along to check out the pupils' work, including wax relief sea creatures, tessellating dinosaurs, coastal poetry and so much more.

I had the privilege of going on the Mendip Camp trip. Whilst there, we challenged ourselves with a variety of activities: axe throwing, caving and canoeing, to mention a few. A highlight was seeing the growth of our students as they encountered activities they may not have considered before. They were brave and tried things that they once may have thought of as outside of their comfort zone.

Now that we have returned, I am sure your Ossie will bring back memories of a lifetime that they will share with you over the weekend and look back fondly on for many years to come. I would like to thank you for entrusting your child to us for the week. I'd also like to say a huge thank you to our staff; we wouldn't be able to make this amazing offer of enrichment week without their generous giving of time and energy.

We now look forward to the final weeks of this academic year where pupils finish off those last pieces of learning as well as preparing for the next chapter in their schooling. For our year 8s this will be a day spent at the Thomas Hardy School and we will get to welcome our new year 5s on transition day. Our year 6 pupils will get the opportunity to meet their new tutor and our year 7s will get to experience that feeling of being the oldest pupils in school for the first time.

Transition day will then be followed by Ossie's Games. Again, a chance to have a go at something new, alongside some of the more traditional sports activities as well as to come together as a community.

In the final week of term, we will have our prize-giving events and, of course, our leavers service and picnic where we hope our year 8 families will be able to come and join us in celebrating their time with us, wishing them luck as they move to pastures new.

Whatever you are doing this weekend, I hope it is full of stories of this week as well as rest and relaxation ready for the last two weeks of term.

R Golledge

Mrs Rebecca Golledge

School Business Manager



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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—NORMAL FINISH TIME

Tuesday 1st September—INSET Day

Wednesday 2nd September— BACK TO SCHOOL—**YEAR 5 ONLY**

Thursday 3rd September—All Years Return

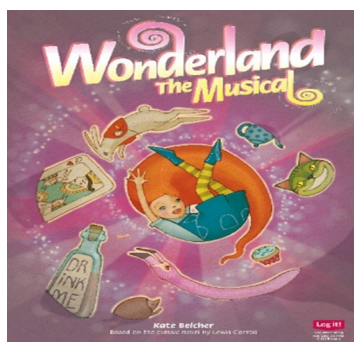
ENRICHMENT WEEK

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

WONDERLAND THE MUSICAL

Please see below for the rehearsal schedule for next week.

Thursday 9th July	All speaking parts in scenes 5-8
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OSSIE'S OPPORTUNITIES

		LUNCH	AFTER SCHOOL 3.15pm - 4.15pm
M O N D A Y		Zoneball – KS2 –WDA – Sports Centre Zoneball – KS3 – WDA – Sports Centre	Art Club – KS3 – SST – Art Room Dodgeball – KS3 – WDA – Sports Centre Rounders – KS2 – ERE, JHA – Field Softball – KS3 – DKI - Field
T U E S D A Y		OCAG – KS3 – HMU – Rm 20 OCAG – KS2 – SCA – Rm 11 Art Club – Year 6 – SST – Art Room Street Soccer – KS2 – WDA – Sports Centre Street Soccer – KS3 - WDA – Sports Centre	Rock & Pop Club – All Years – SSH – Music Room Athletics – All Years – DKI, ERE, WDA, JHA - Field
W E D S		Basketball – KS2 – WDA – Sports Centre Basketball – KS3 - WDA – Sports Centre Creative Writing – KS2 – Room 11	Pickleball – All Years – Sign up required Tennis – KS3 - ERE – Top Courts Creative Writing Club – INVITE ONLY - Library
T H U R S		Computer Club – KS2 – LPI – ICT Room KS3 OCAG Energy Savers – HMU – Rm 20 Street Soccer – KS2 – WDA – Sports Centre GIRLS Street Soccer – KS3 - WDA – Sports Centre	2.45 - 3.15pm - Concert Band—KS3—SSH—Music— INVITE ONLY Gardening Club – All Years – Outside room 3 - (sign up with Miss Pike first before attending) Rounders – KS3 – DRO – Field Cricket – KS3 –GBI – Field Tennis – KS2 – WDA – Top Courts Volleyball – KS3 – AMI – Sports Hall Coding Club – GOT, LFO, ICT Room Chess Club – INVITE ONLY – CMI - Library Wonderland Rehearsals – All Years – SSH – Small Hall - All speaking parts in scenes 5-8
F R I		Zone ball – KS2 – WDA – Sports Centre Badminton – KS3 – WDA – Sports Centre	Badminton – Year 8 – CURRENTLY FULL

TUTOR TEAMS 26 –27

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

OSSIE'S GAMES

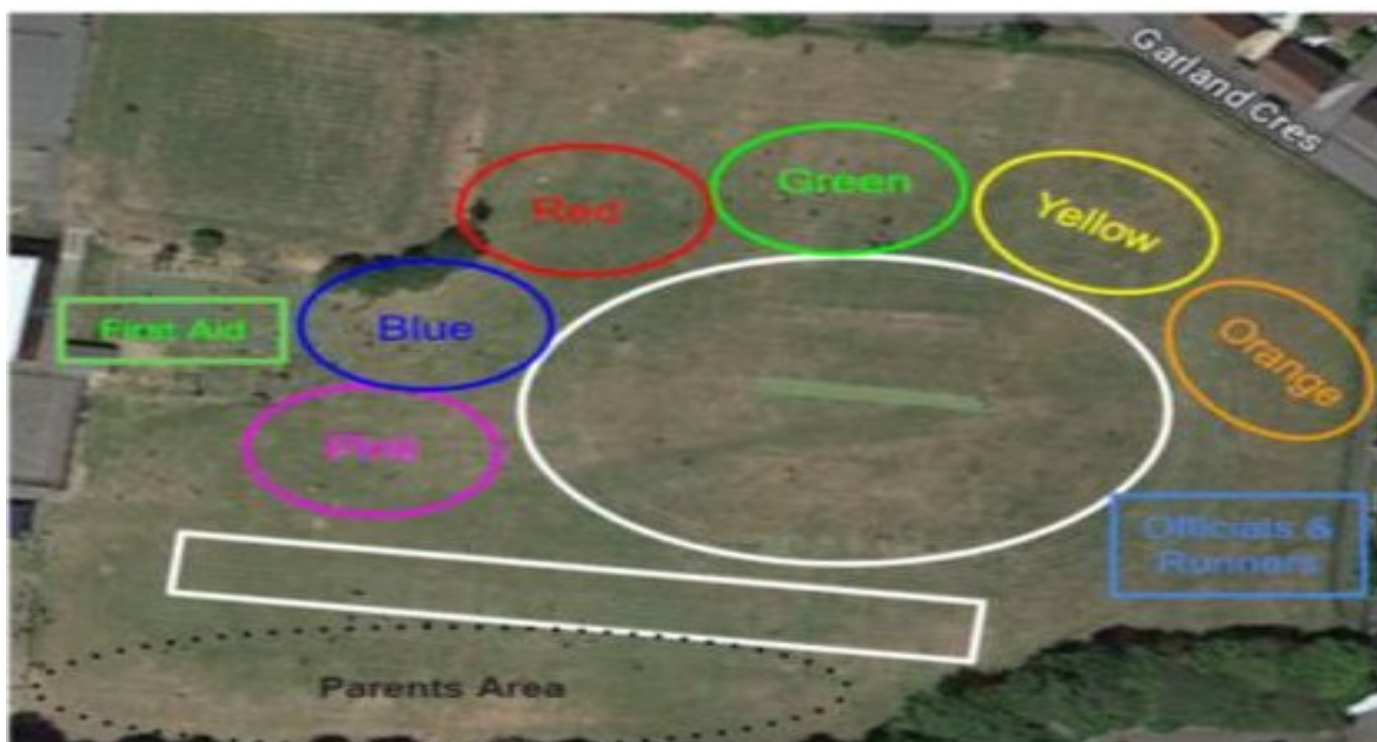
The Ossie's Games is an all-inclusive day of mass participation sports, promoting the key values around sport (teamwork, determination, respect, honesty & self-belief).



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)



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.

GO
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

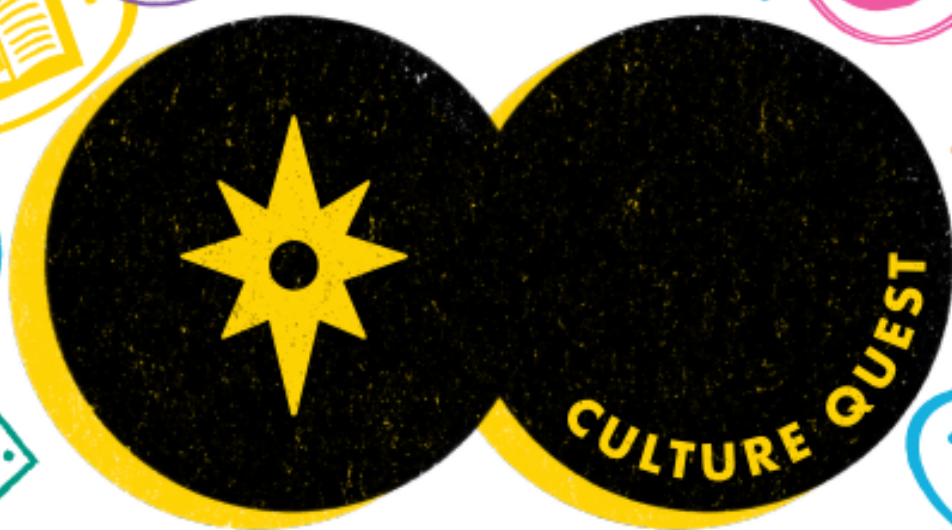
🕒 6:15–7:30pm

💻 Online event



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

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

**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 2nd June 2026

10:00am - 12:00pm

Face to Face session, venue in BCP area

Wednesday 1st July 2026

10:00am - 12:00pm

Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

Tuesday 22nd September 2026

07:00pm - 09:00pm

Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

Tuesday 3rd November 2026

10:00am - 12:00pm

Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

Tuesday 19th January 2027

10:00am - 12:00pm

Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

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



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SUNDAY 28TH JUNE 1-3PM

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PLUS: BRIC - A BRAC STALL

FREE FAMILY FUN DAY



Free family FUN DAY

CELEBRATING
DYCC'S 10TH BIRTHDAY!

SUNDAY 5TH JULY

11:00AM – 15:00PM

Bring the whole
family for a day
filled with
laughter,
excitement, and
unforgettable
memories

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Music

Face Painting

Classic Vehicles

Fun Dog Show

Competitions

& Much more!



12th July 2026
10am-6pm

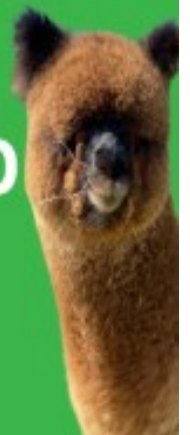
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competitions!*

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DORCHESTER KITE FESTIVAL

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Poundbury Event
Poundbury Garden Centre

DORCHESTER KITE FESTIVAL

Rescheduled
to

SAT 25 JULY 2026
THE GREAT FIELD, POUNDBURY
11 AM - 4:30 PM

Giant Kites
Activities
Market
Crafts

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DORSET TENNIS ACADEMY



SUMMER HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS



Mini Tennis for children 4-8 years old
Tennis for children 9-14 years old

WEEK 1:- TUESDAY 21ST – WEDNESDAY 22ND JULY

WEEK 2:- MONDAY 27TH – THURSDAY 30TH JULY

WEEK 3:- MONDAY 3RD – THURSDAY 6TH AUGUST

WEEK 4:- WEDNESDAY 12TH – THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST

9.30am – 12.30pm

At St. Osmund's Sports Centre, Barnes Way, Dorchester

What's on offer

- Great coaching from LTA qualified and accredited instructors
 - Fun games, competitions and prizes
 - Rackets provided if you don't have one
 - Indoor facilities in case of wet weather*



What to wear/bring

- Sports kit, trainers/tennis shoes, a coat if wet
 - Snacks and drinks



SESSION(S)	PRICE
Per day	£17.00
Per week (weeks 1 & 4)	£32.00
Per week (weeks 2 & 3)	£64.00

To book a place, please visit the Dorset Tennis Academy website using the following link or google 'Dorset Tennis Academy Holiday Camps':-

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/DorsetTennisAcademy/Coaching/Camps>

For more information, please contact Neil Darragh, DTA Manager/Head Coach on ndarraghtennis@gmail.com or 07788 973259

* Please note that the use of the sports hall in the event of wet weather is subject to availability, so it is possible, though unlikely that we may have to cancel and refund if the weather is too wet to allow play outdoors on a given day.

OAKFEST

— SAVE THE DATE —

OakFest 2.0

30.08.2026



- ✓ Cricket match
- ✓ Children's entertainment
- ✓ Live music
- ✓ Food & bar open



**Dorchester
Cricket Club**



Raising money for **SCBU** through



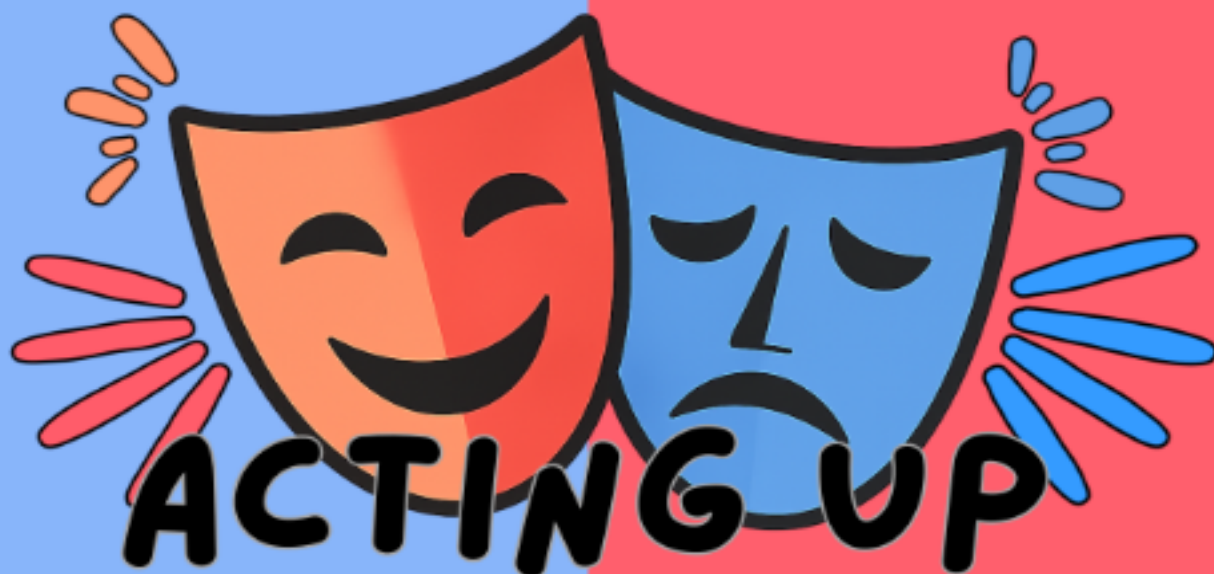
**Dorset
County
Hospital
Charity**



**The
Little Oaks
— Fund —**

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

27TH JULY - 21ST AUGUST



5-14 YEARS

10AM-2PM



**DELICIOUS LUNCHES
AND SNACKS**



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



SUMMER CRAFTS



**Dorset
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OR SCAN THE QR CODE. IF ON BENEFIT RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS USE
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