

Artsreach

**CREATIVE
SUMMER**

Children's Activities 2026



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CREATIVE ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS 2026

Corfe Castle 23 July

Drimpton 24 July

Squashbox Theatre

TALES FROM THE TREES



Meet Craig, the friendly forest Ranger and resident tree expert. It's his job to make sure the woods are a peaceful and happy place, but he's having a tough time of it today! A Cheeky squirrel has stolen his chocolate covered nutty snack bar, his niece 'Little Red' has wandered off the path on her way to Granny's house, the mysterious old Wizard of the Woods is playing tricks again, and there are even rumours of a big bad Wolf in the forest! Will Craig save the day? Squashbox presents a terrific tangle of puppetry, storytelling, live music and comedy, with a theme that embraces natural history, folklore and ecology. Suitable 4+

* POST-SHOW PUPPET MAKING SESSION. PLACES LIMITED - BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Buckland Newton 28 July

Project Dance

DANCE SHOW IN A DAY!



Project Dance is making a show... and you can join the cast! Led by James Bamford, founder of Project Dance and an exciting young choreographer, take part in an energetic and exciting day of dance! You'll learn a number of fun musical theatre dance routines and rehearse your moves before stepping into the spotlight to perform for friends and family in a brand-new show created in just a few hours! Wear comfortable clothes. Hot lunch included. Suitable 8+

Ibberton 29 July

Hinton Martell 4 August

Creative Clay

THIS IS MY PLACE

Did you know that there is a building that looks like a cat in Germany, and a koala shaped building in Australia?! Inspired by some of the amazing buildings around the world, Creative Clay invites you to get hands-on with clay and create YOUR very own place in this fun new workshop. Explore textures, patterns and shapes as you create your own special place in air-drying clay. Will it be a castle high on a hill with dragons to guard it, or a very tall house with balconies to feed giraffes from as they walk past? Perhaps your place is a tree house with branches popping out? Real or imaginary, your place is yours to invent and bring to life! Dress for mess. Suitable 7+



Winterborne Stickland 5 August

Lung and a Half Full Theatre

CLOWNING AROUND



Permission to clown around and be silly is officially granted! Dive into the world of the bizarre with George Atwill from Lung and a Half Full Theatre in a playful workshop full of games, improvisation and ridiculous fun! Explore the weird and wonderful world of clowning, follow your impulses, celebrate the unexpected and discover just how inventive you can be. A joyful theatre session for anyone ready to laugh, play and dare to be absurd. Suitable 7-11yrs

Sturminster Newton 6 August

Brick Robot Club

BRICK ROBOT WARS



Do you love Lego®? Ever wanted to build your own Lego® Robot? Join Brick Robot for an epic tech-based workshop, building, creating and battling! Work in teams to learn coding basics and bring your battle robot to life, discovering how to move it around the battle zone. Then take on other the teams robots and battle the fearsome House Bots in the robot arena! Pre-built robots will also be available to customise. Suitable 8+

Litton Cheney 6 August

Stur Newton 17 August

Darrell Wakelam

ROBOTS ON THE RAMPAGE

Build, stick, paint and create your very own amazing robot to take home in this hands-on 3D art workshop with Darrell Wakelam. Use cardboard construction, papier mâché, collage techniques and paints, to turn simple materials into a brilliant robot full of character and invention. Darrell has spent over 30 years helping children create extraordinary art from ordinary things, so come ready to imagine big. Dress for mess and bring a packed lunch or pre-order lunch for £5 when booking. Suitable 6+



Marnhull 6 August

Creative Workshops UK

STOP MOTION ANIMATION



Stop motion animation is a magical process! Create new characters and exciting scenery using card, plasticine, wire and found objects, then use laptops and cameras to make them move on screen! Learn all about storyboarding, set building, modelmaking, animating, sound recording and editing as you bring your film to life. Bring a packed lunch or pre-order lunch for £5 when booking. Suitable 7+

Swanage 7 August

Cheikh Diop

AFRICAN DRUMMING

Feel the beat and make some noise with Senegalese master drummer Cheikh Diop, in this lively family drumming workshop. Using djembe drums and dun-duns, explore vibrant rhythms together in a joyful drum circle full of energy, connection and fun. No previous experience is needed, just come along ready to join in! Sessions are for parents/guardians and children aged 5+ to enjoy together. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

* WORKSHOPS TAKE PLACE AT 2PM AND 3:30PM



Buckland Newton 12 August (10:30am)

Cranborne 12 August (3pm)

Treehouse Theatre

ALICE IN WONDERLAND



Follow Alice on a madcap adventure to a land of peculiar creatures and chaotic fun in this family-friendly summer panto! Lost in Wonderland, Alice meets a very late White Rabbit, gets caught up in a crazy tea party, and plays a game of croquet with a tyrannical Queen – but will she ever find her way home? Expect a colourful and interactive show filled with excitement, laughter and live music, where you can even play a part on stage if you want to! Suitable 4+ *LIMITED PLACES FOR 30 PEOPLE TO BE IN THE SHOW! ARRIVE 30MINS EARLY

Stalbridge 12 August

Lung and a Half Full Theatre

COME & JOIN THE CIRCUS!



Join Lung and a Half Full Theatre and have a go at a whole host of circus skills, including plate spinning, juggling and hoop tricks! This fun and energetic workshop will also include some classic children's games such as *Grandmothers Footsteps* and *Splat!* Wear comfy clothes and come prepared for fun! Suitable 5-11yrs

Halstock 19 August

Cook Stars Tri County South West

JUNIOR CHEF'S KITCHEN



Could you be the next Junior Masterchef? Take part in a fun, hands-on cookery workshop where you'll learn real kitchen skills, and prepare your own delicious picnic lunch! With support from Cook Star Samantha, and with plenty of chances to mix, bake and create, you'll make scones, sausage rolls and Eton mess together before sitting down to enjoy a picnic. Then take home the recipe cards so you can recreate everything again! Please indicate any dietary requirements or allergies when booking. Suitable 5-12yrs

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES 2026

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DAY	DATE	TIMES	SHOW / WORKSHOP	LEADER/COMPANY	AGE	COMMUNITY / VENUE	INFORMATION	COST			Accessibility	
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Thurs	23 July	2:30pm - 3:30pm	Tales from the Trees show	Squashbox Theatre	4yrs +	Sandy Hill Arts, Corfe Castle <input type="checkbox"/>	07929 771219	£8	£6	£24	✓	✓
Thurs	23 July	3:45pm - 4:45pm	Post-show puppet-making w/shop	Squashbox Theatre	4yrs +	Sandy Hill Arts, Corfe Castle <input type="checkbox"/>	07929 771219	--	£4	--	✓	✓
Fri	24 July	10:30am - 11:30am	Tales from the Trees show	Squashbox Theatre	4yrs +	Drimpton Village Hall <input type="checkbox"/>	07771 554601	£8	£6	£24	✓	✓
Fri	24 July	11:45am - 12:45pm	Post-show puppet-making w/shop	Squashbox Theatre	4yrs +	Drimpton Village Hall <input type="checkbox"/>	07771 554601	--	£4	--	✓	✓
Tues	28 July	10:30am - 3:30pm	Dance Show in a Day	James Bamford	8yrs +	Buckland Newton Village Hall <input type="checkbox"/>	07860 582362	--	£5	--	✓	✓
Wed	29 July	10:30am - 1pm	This is My Place	Creative Clay for All	7yrs +	Ibberton Village Hall	07771 561099	--	£8	--	✓	✓
Tues	04 Aug	10:30am - 1pm	This is My Place	Creative Clay for All	7yrs +	Hinton Martell Village Hall	07773 483617	--	£8	--	✓	✓
Wed	05 Aug	10:30am - 12:30pm	Clowning Around!	Lung & Half Full Theatre	7 - 11yrs	Winterborne Stickland Village Hall	01258 881329	--	£8	--	✓	✓
Thurs	06 Aug	10:30am - 12:30pm	Brick Robot Wars	Brick Robot Club	8yrs +	Sturminster Newton Exchange	01258 475137	--	£8	--	✓	✓
Thurs	06 Aug	10:30am - 3pm	Robots on the Rampage	Darrell Wakelam	6yrs +	Litton Cheney Village Hall <input type="checkbox"/>	07799 612941	--	£12	--	✓	✓
Thurs	06 Aug	10:30am - 3:30pm	Stop Motion Animation	Creative Workshops UK	7yrs +	Marnhull Village Hall <input type="checkbox"/>	01258 820458	--	£12	--	✓	✓
Fri	07 Aug	2pm - 3pm	Family Drumming Workshop	Cheikh Diop	5yrs +	The Mowlem Studio Swanage <input type="checkbox"/>	01929 422239	£6	£5	£20	✓	✓
Fri	07 Aug	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Family Drumming Workshop	Cheikh Diop	5yrs +	The Mowlem Studio Swanage <input type="checkbox"/>	01929 422239	£6	£5	£20	✓	✓
Wed	12 Aug	10:30am - 11:45am	Alice in Wonderland show *	Treehouse Theatre	4yrs +	Buckland Newton Village Hall <input type="checkbox"/>	07860 582362	£8	£6	£24	✓	✓
Wed	12 Aug	3pm - 4:15pm	Alice in Wonderland show *	Treehouse Theatre	4yrs +	Cranborne Village Hall <input type="checkbox"/>	01725 517028	£8	£6	£24	✓	✓
Wed	12 Aug	2pm - 4pm	Come and Join the Circus!	Lung & Half Full Theatre	5 - 11yrs	Stalbridge Hall <input type="checkbox"/>	07960 251346	--	£8	--	✓	✓
Mon	17 Aug	10:30am - 3pm	Robots on the Rampage	Darrell Wakelam	6yrs +	Sturminster Newton Exchange <input type="checkbox"/>	01258 475137	--	£12	--	✓	✓
Wed	19 Aug	10:30am - 1pm	Junior Chef's Kitchen	Cook Stars	5 - 12yrs	Halstock Village Hall <input type="checkbox"/>	07939 550719	--	£10	--	✓	✓

ADVANCED BOOKING ESSENTIAL AS WORKSHOP PLACES ARE LIMITED. BOOK ONLINE: ARTSREACH.CO.UK

Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian

Part of Summer in Dorset

*arrive 30mins early to join the cast!



Summer in Dorset is designed to bring high quality, accessible and affordable activities to families over the school holidays. If your child is eligible for benefit-related free school meals, you can claim a unique pass code by emailing Dorset Council via

holidayactivities@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk - look out for the Summer in Dorset logo to see which workshops the passes are valid for, and find out more by visiting: www.helpandkindness.co.uk/summer-in-dorset-2026



Become a Dorset 2026 Culture Quest Explorer!

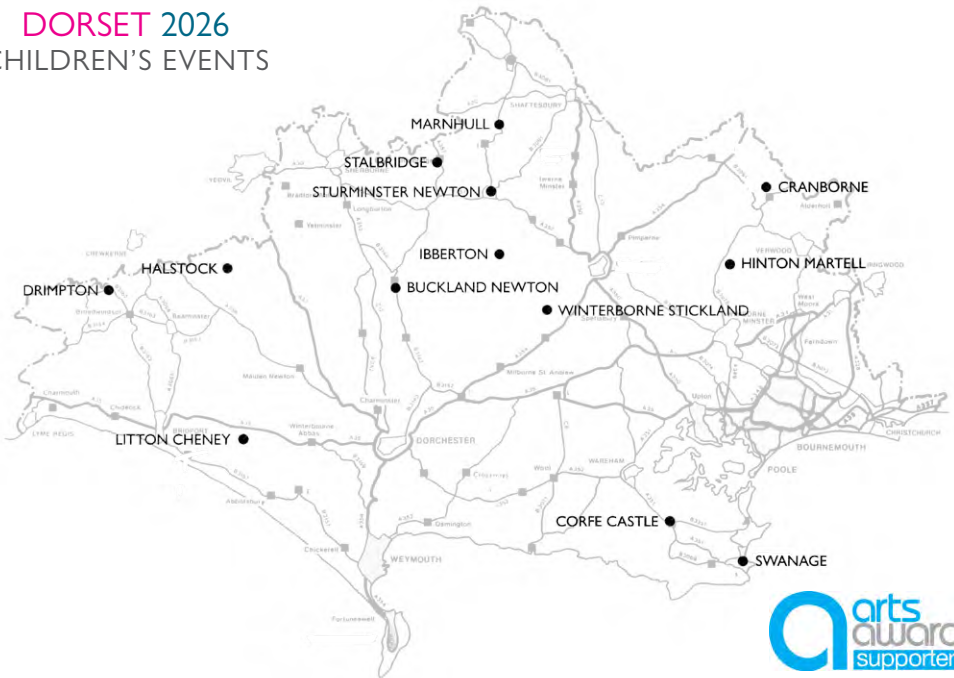
Children can pick up a Culture Passport and collect stamps as they discover and take part in a range of inspiring creative events across Dorset this summer. Find out more at www.culturequest.co.uk

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DORSET 2026 CHILDREN'S EVENTS



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