

Festival of Dance 2025

On Wednesday 18th June 2025, 24 of our pupils (1/4 of the school!) took part in the annual Dance Festival held at Lord Williams's Dance Studio, performing to a packed auditorium across two separate shows. This much-anticipated event was a wonderful celebration of creativity, commitment and confidence.

Preparation and Performance

The children had been carefully coached by Mrs Campbell through Dance Club, where they worked hard to rehearse and refine their performances. This year, pupils performed two very different dances, deliberately chosen to showcase their versatility, adaptability and range as performers. Firstly, the children performed 'Fix You' Cold Play's ballad about offering support, love, and comfort to someone dealing with grief and the loss of a loved one. Then Aston Rowant closed both performances with Jailhouse Rock.

Each performance required focus, stamina and teamwork, and the children rose to the challenge with enthusiasm and professionalism. Performing twice to full audiences gave pupils valuable experience of maintaining performance quality and confidence under pressure.

Challenge and Pupil Development

One of the most impressive aspects of the 2025 festival was the way pupils challenged themselves. Different children stepped forward to try new and more demanding movements, demonstrating bravery, determination and a willingness to push beyond their comfort zones.

Through this experience, pupils developed:

- Confidence performing on a professional stage
- Resilience and concentration across multiple performances
- Teamwork and mutual support
- A sense of pride in mastering new skills

Representing the School

Throughout the event, the children represented the school with pride. Their commitment, focus and behaviour reflected the high expectations set during rehearsals and reinforced the importance of responsibility and respect when taking part in public performances.

Pupil Voice (Personal Development)

"Doing two dances helped me feel braver. I challenged myself to try new moves and learnt how to stay focused and calm when dancing in front of an audience even though I was a bit scared."

"We had to adapt to different styles of dance and support each other across both performances. This helped us develop teamwork, resilience and confidence, especially when things felt challenging."

A Celebration of Versatility and Commitment

The Festival of Dance 2025 was a powerful example of how enrichment opportunities support pupils' personal development and cultural capital. The children should be extremely proud of their performances and the progress they have made as dancers.

Well done to all involved, and thank you to Mrs Campbell for her dedication in preparing the children so thoroughly for this memorable event.

