

Festival of Dance 2023

In June 2023, pupils once again had the exciting opportunity to take part in the Festival of Dance, performing at Lord Williams's School and showcasing their talent, confidence and creativity on stage.

This year's performance was inspired by the musical *Matilda*, with the children delivering a high-energy and expressive routine to "Naughty". The performance captured the spirit of the song perfectly, combining sharp choreography, characterful movement and strong musical timing.

Creativity and Performance

The children performed with confidence, enthusiasm and commitment, clearly enjoying the opportunity to dance as part of a larger festival. Their expressive movements and sense of performance brought the piece to life and demonstrated how much effort had gone into rehearsals.

Dance provided pupils with the opportunity to explore storytelling through movement, helping them develop coordination, rhythm and performance skills while working closely as a team.

Behaviour and Personal Development

Throughout the event, pupils were a credit to the school. Their behaviour was exemplary, both during rehearsals and while waiting between performances. They showed patience, respect and responsibility, representing the school with pride.

Taking part in the Festival of Dance supported pupils' personal development by:

- Building confidence performing in front of a large audience
- Encouraging teamwork and cooperation
- Developing resilience and focus
- Allowing pupils to express themselves creatively

Pupil Voice

"We loved performing 'Naughty' from Matilda because it was energetic and fun. Dancing on a big stage helped us feel more confident, and we enjoyed working together as a team. We were proud of ourselves for remembering the moves and performing in front of an audience."

A Proud Moment

The 2023 Festival of Dance was a wonderful celebration of movement, music and confidence. The children should be extremely proud of their performance, and we are proud of the way they represented our school.

Well done to all involved for a fantastic performance that reflected creativity, commitment and joy in dance.

