

IT'S SHOWTIME!!!

DTA Annual School Show • 5th, 6th & 7th March 2027

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are delighted to announce that our Annual Show will take place on 5th, 6th & 7th March 2027 at Towngate Theatre, Basildon. The show is a highlight of the DTA calendar and a wonderful opportunity for students to perform, develop their skills and grow in confidence. We encourage every student to take part.

Please read this information and the attached Terms & Conditions carefully. We also recommend reading the Show FAQ. Please complete the Google Form using the link in your email by 10th October 2026.

Key Dates

- Normal classes continue during February half-term — DTA IS NOT CLOSED.
- Saturday 20th February 2027 — Full run-through rehearsal.
- Saturday 27th February 2027 — Full dress rehearsal.
- Friday 5th March 2027 — Technical rehearsal – Mini Starz & Junior classes are not required.
- Saturday 7th March 2027 — Dress rehearsal & Show day at the theatre.
- Sunday 8th March 2027 — Show day at the theatre.

Show Tickets

Tickets are £25.00 each. Tickets will go on sale for family and friends once the correct paperwork is in place and the local authority has issued the performance licence.

Show Fee

£60.00 per student — payment due by 16th October 2026. Non-refundable.

The fee helps cover:

- Chaperone licences
- Extra studio hire
- Additional teacher costs
- Props
- Professional photographer attendance and parent access to all show photos (this is a compulsory charge)
- Complimentary DTA T-shirt for the finale

Once we receive your completed show form we will send you an invoice which must be paid by the 16th October.

Photography & Video

A professional photographer and videographer will attend one show day. The photography charge is included in the show fee and is compulsory/non-negotiable; it gives parents access to all photographs taken during the show. The DVD/video is optional. Up-to-date video information is available from Film Your Show.

PARENTS WE NEED YOUR HELP AS CHAPERONES

Without the help of our wonderful parents the show will not go on.

To give the children this experience we do rely on parents' help with chaperoning backstage. Over the years our parents have stepped forward and offered to chaperone one show and watch the other and for this we are extremely grateful as there are many legal requirements to perform in a theatre and should we not get enough chaperones the show would simply not go ahead.

To be a chaperone you will need to apply to the local council for a chaperone licence - DTA will guide you through the process. All fees to obtain the licence will be refunded by DTA Academy.

Only licensed chaperones scheduled to help on the relevant day will be allowed backstage.

COSTUME FEES – PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO THESE THIS YEAR'S COSTUME PAYMENTS & REQUIREMENTS

We HAVE A NEW COSTUME BANK ACCOUNT:

Mrs Charlotte Thompson,

Sort Code: 40-47-69 Account Number: 42472147

Reference: Child's name + show.

Costume fees are non-refundable. With approx 700 – 800 costumes to get for the show we require all costume payments to reach us by the 1st November as we will start fitting and buying the costumes after half-term. This is a long process and your cooperation would very much be appreciated.

We do offer an installment option for anyone who wishes to pay over a period of time. Please see Linda for details.

FULL COSTUME DETAILS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COSTUME REQUIREMENTS

PLEASE NOTE: That the MUSICAL THEATRE payment is not included as the costumes required can be sourced from home. We will send out full details on what parents need to provide nearer the time about requirements.

MINI STARZ	2 costumes (1 x tap, 1 x ballet)	£45.00 (£22.50 per costume)
JUNIORS – students will be wearing the same costume for Musical Theatre & Street Dance to be provided by parents	1 costume per class taken @ £25.00 per costume	1 x ballet, 1 x tap, 1 x Modern jazz & acro*
MIDDLES – Musical Theatre only - costume to be provided by parents	1 costume per class taken @ £30.00 per costume	1 x Ballet, 1 x Tap, 1 x Modern Jazz & Acro*, 1 x Street Dance
PRE-SENIORS – Musical Theatre only - costume to be provided by parents	1 costume per class taken @ £35.00 per costume	1 x Ballet, 1 x Tap, 1 x Modern Jazz & Acro*, 1 x Street Dance
SENIORS – Musical Theatre only - costume to be provided by parents SENIORS ONLY - Pointe & Lyrical numbers will also be included for seniors and an additional charge may be added later.	1 costume per class taken @ £35.00 per costume	1 x Ballet, 1 x Tap, 1 x Modern Jazz & Acro*, 1 x Street Dance
PERFORMANCE TEAMS	Juniors = £25.00 Middles = £30.00	Pre-Seniors & Seniors = £35.00

* The Acro part of the Modern Jazz & Acro lesson does not require a separate costume as acro will be incorporated into the Modern Jazz numbers.

Costume notes:

- Ballet socks, tights and dance shoes are not included.
- Parents may be asked to provide additional items to complement costumes.
- Costs are spread across costumes, so one costume may cost more than another if a student takes more than one genre.
- Pointe and lyrical numbers may have an additional charge; we will try to use items students already own.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

The schedule is subject to change. Show choreography begins during normal class time after October half-term.

Saturday 20st February 2027— Full Run-Through - No costumes required.

Scotts Primary School, Bonington Road, Hornchurch RM12 6TH

- 9.00–11.00am — Mini Starz & Junior R & Junior 1
- 12.00–4.00pm — Junior 2 & 3, Middle, Pre-Senior & Senior.
- Monday pupils are not required.

Saturday 27th February 2027 — Full Dress Rehearsal - Full costumes and hairstyles required.

Scotts Primary School, Bonington Road, Hornchurch RM12 6TH

- Full costumes and hairstyles required. NO makeup.
- 9.00–11.00am — Mini Starz & Junior R
- Junior R Musical Theatre and Street Dance (Monday classes) must stay until 12.00pm to run numbers with Junior 1, 2 & 3.
- 11.30am–4.00pm — Junior 1, 2 & 3, Middle, Pre-Senior & Senior. Please bring a lunch box.

Full costume, hair and makeup requirements for the show will be sent after Christmas.

PLEASE READ SHOW DAYS SCHEDULE ON THE NEXT PAGE

SHOW WEEKEND

Friday 5th March — Technical Rehearsal

Towngate Theatre, St Martins Square, Basildon SS14 1DL

- Mini Starz, Junior R & Junior 1–3 are NOT required.
- Middle, Pre-Senior & Senior arrive at the stage door at 4.00pm for a 4.30pm start.
- Some students may be coming from school; arrive as soon as possible.
- Finish: 9.00pm.
- No costumes. Wear a black leotard or DTA tank top with DTA/black leggings; bring all relevant dance shoes.
- Hair tied neatly away from the face. Bring plenty of food and drink.

Saturday 6th March — Show Day

Towngate Theatre, St Martins Square, Basildon SS14 1DL

- 10.30–11.45am — Mini Starz Ballet & Tap rehearsal.
- 10.30–11.45am — Junior R Ballet, Tap & Acro rehearsal.
- Mini Starz & Junior R: collect from the stage door after rehearsal; return at 5.45pm.
- 12.00–3.45pm — Full dress rehearsal for Junior 1–3, Middle, Pre-Senior & Senior.
- Junior 1–3, Middle, Pre-Senior & Senior: collect at 3.45pm from the stage door; return at 5.30pm.
- Dress rehearsal requires hair, full makeup, costumes and dance shoes.
- 5.30pm — Junior 1–3, Middle, Pre-Senior & Senior arrive at the stage door.
- 5.45pm — Mini Starz & Junior R arrive at the stage door.
- 6.30pm — CURTAIN UP.
- Students collected from the stage door after the show, approximately 8.45–9.00pm.

Sunday 7th March — Show Day

Towngate Theatre, St Martins Square, Basildon SS14 1DL

- 11.30am — All cast arrive.
- 12.30pm — CURTAIN UP.
- Students collected from the stage door after the show, approximately 2.45–3.00pm.

Questions? Please contact Linda.