



IT'S SHOWTIME!!!

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am delighted to announce that our Annual Show will take place on the 6th, 7th & 8th March 2026 at the Towngate Theatre, Basildon.

The Annual School Show is the highlight of our dance school calendar, the perfect opportunity for you to see how much your children have developed and grown in confidence. It is a spectacular event, the aim of which is to nurture their ability to perform and boost their self-belief! We encourage every one of our students to take part.

Please read this letter and the attached Terms & Conditions for full details. I also highly recommend you take the time to read our Show FAQ to help you understand what is involved. Do get in touch if you have any questions.

Please read the following information carefully and then complete the google form by following the link in your email. All forms MUST be returned to us by the 11th October 2025.

Rehearsal and show dates-

Normal classes will be held during the school February half-term week. DTA is **NOT** closed that week.

1st full run through rehearsal - Saturday 21st February 2026

Full dress rehearsal - Saturday 28th February 2026

Show weekend - 6th, 7th, and 8th March 2026

All show rehearsals will start within class time after October half term, there are full rehearsals at the end of February. Please see below a full schedule for rehearsals and show weekend at the end of this pack.

Show Tickets

£23.50 per ticket.

Show tickets will be available for family and friends to purchase. These will go on sale once we have the correct paperwork in place and a performance licence has been issued by the local authority.

Photographer and Videographer

We have arranged for a professional photographer and a videographer to attend the event to capture these wonderful memories. They will attend one show day only. The photographer charges parents a photo fee which includes access to all photos taken during the show. The cost is £20.00 and is included in the show fee. This is the photographer's charge for attending the performance and cannot be deducted from the show fee cost. The DVD is an additional optional cost. For more information on video costs please visit this website for up to date information-

<https://www.filmyourshow.com/>

Cost of the Showcase

Show Fee- £50.00 payment due by 11th October 2025 non refundable. This helps to cover the huge additional costs as detailed below:

- chaperone licences
- extra studio hire time
- extra teacher costs
- props
- Access to all show photos (photographer's attendance fee - £20.00 included in the show fee and is a compulsory charge and non-negotiable)
- a complimentary souvenir t-shirt which will be worn in the finale

Show Fee should be paid into the following account:

HSBC A/C: Dance Theatre Arts Academy
Sort Code: 40-38-24
Account No: 41435884
Reference: Child's name + show

Costume Fees - Payment due by 1st November 2024. If you wish to pay in instalments please email us or see Linda to arrange this.

Costume fees should be paid into the same account as above by the date listed above.

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We realise this is a big expense before Christmas but we are happy to discuss a payment plan should you prefer to pay in instalments. Please see Linda for details.

You will find your child's full costume requirements on the following page.

Costume Requirements

Group	Costume fee due per child	Costume fee per subject taken
Mini Starz	£40.00 per child (non-refundable)	Ballet & Tap class (£20 per costume) = £40.00 in total (1 ballet costume and 1 tap costume)
Juniors	£22.50 x 1 costume £45.00 x 2 costumes £67.50 x 3 costumes £90.00 x 4 costumes £112.50 x 5 costumes (non-refundable)	Ballet & Tap class = £45.00 in total (1 ballet costume and 1 tap costume) Jazz & Acro class = £22.50 in total (1 jazz & acro costume as there will be one dance only) Musical Theatre = £22.50 in total * Street Dance class = £22.50 (1 street costume)
Middle	£30.00 per costume (non-refundable)	1 x ballet costume = £30.00 1 x tap costume = £30.00 1 x Jazz & Acro class = £30.00 (one costume only) 1 x Musical Theatre = £30.00 * 1 x Street Dance class = £30.00
Pre-Senior	£30.00 per costume (non-refundable) Please note if your child requires adult size costumes these will be extra due to VAT added on adult clothes. Adult sizes will be charged at £35.00 per costume (non-refundable)	1 x ballet costume = £30.00 1 x tap costume = £30.00 1 x Jazz & Acro class = £30.00 (one costume only) 1 x Musical Theatre = £30.00 * 1 x Street Dance class = £30.00
Senior	£35.00 per costume (non-refundable) Please note an additional charge may be added for pointe & lyrical numbers - we will try to utilise items the students already have.	1 x ballet costume = £35.00 1 x tap costume = £35.00 1 x Jazz & Acro class = £35.00 (one costume only) 1 x Musical Theatre = £35.00* 1 x Street Dance class = £35.00

*** Please note that a Drama costume is not required as we are planning to put on a separate Showcase for Drama later on in the year (provisionally planned for May 2026).**

Points to remember-

- ballet socks, tights and dance shoes are not included in these costs
- We will aim to cut costs as much as possible but may ask parents to provide items to compliment costumes
- We use the money paid for costumes and spread the cost across all costumes so if your child does more than one genre one may be more expensive than another one.

Request for Chaperones

We Need Your Help to Make the DTA Annual School Show Possible!

For our show to run smoothly, and most importantly, to keep all students safe — we **must have enough licensed chaperones** in place for every rehearsal and performance on the day.

Without enough chaperones, the show simply **cannot go ahead**.

We are asking family and friends to step forward and **volunteer as a Chaperone**.

- Please indicate on the Google Form if you can help.
- Chaperones need to apply to the local council for a licence — don't worry, **we'll guide you through the process**.
- Any fees you pay will be **refunded by DTA Academy**.

We are so grateful to every volunteer who makes this possible. Your support means our students can enjoy their big day on stage and share everything they've been working so hard on.

Let's make this a day to remember for our dancers and performers!

If you have any questions about the Annual School Show, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Proposed Rehearsal Schedule & Time Commitments

(This is subject to change but here is the current plan)

All show choreography will start within class time after October half term, there are full rehearsals at the end of February.

Saturday 21st February 2026 (half term week) held at Scotts Primary School, Bonington Road, Hornchurch RM12 6TH

Full run through NO COSTUMES required today **Saturday and Wednesday students only, Monday pupils not required.**

09.00 - 11.00 am - DTA Mini Starz and Junior R and Junior 1 students

12.00 - 4.00 pm - All Junior 2 and 3 and All Middle, Pre-Senior and Senior students

Saturday 28th February 2026 held at Scotts Primary School, Bonington Road, Hornchurch RM12 6TH

Full dress rehearsal - ALL COSTUMES, HAIRSTYLES REQUIRED TODAY NO MAKEUP

Please note full costume, hair and make-up requirement lists for the show will be sent after Christmas.

09.00 - 11.00am - DTA Mini Starz and Junior R and Junior 1 students

All students who are in the Junior Musical Theatre and Street dance class (held on Mondays) please note you are required to stay till 12.00pm to run these numbers with the Junior 2 and 3 classes.

11.30 - 16.00pm - Full run through All Junior 2, Junior 3, Middle, Pre-Senior and Senior students full run through please provide a lunch box.

Show Weekend - subject to change but here is a rough guide.

Friday 6th March 2026 held at Towngate Theatre, St Martins Square, Basildon SS14 1DL

Technical Rehearsal

- **MINI STARZ, JUNIOR R AND JUNIORS 1,2 and 3 are NOT REQUIRED FOR THIS REHEARSAL**
- All middle, pre seniors and seniors arrive at the stage door located at the back of the theatre at 4.00pm to start at 4.30pm (we understand many will be coming from school and maybe delayed just get to us as soon as possible for a prompt start). Not all dances will be need tech but will confirm which ones nearer the time.
- **All students to finish at 9.00pm**

Only licensed chaperones scheduled to help on this day will be allowed backstage

NO costumes will be required today please wear a black leotard or DTA tank top and DTA or black leggings and bring all relevant dance shoes. Hair should be tied back neatly off the face.

Please bring plenty of food and drink

SHOW DAY REHEARSALS Saturday 7th March held at Towngate Theatre St Martins Square, Basildon SS14 1DL

10.30 - 11.45 Mini Starz Ballet and Tap

10.30 - 11.45 Junior R Ballet, Tap & Acro

ALL MINI STARZ AND JUNIOR R STUDENTS TO BE PICKED UP AFTER REHEARSAL FROM THE STAGE DOOR FOR A BREAK AND RETURN TO THE THEATRE 5.45PM FOR SHOW TIME.

12.00 - 15.45pm- **Full Dress Rehearsal** All Junior 1, 2 & 3 students Middle, Pre-Senior & Senior students
Please arrive with hair done, full make up and all costumes and dance shoes.

Please arrive promptly at the stage door at the back of the theatre so we can start on time.

ALL JUNIOR 1, 2, 3 MIDDLE, PRE-SENIOR & SENIOR STUDENTS TO BE PICKED UP AFTER DRESS REHEARSAL 15.45PM FROM THE STAGE DOOR FOR A BREAK AND RETURN AT 5.30PM FOR SHOW TIME.

Only licensed chaperones scheduled to help this day will be allowed backstage

SHOW Time - Saturday 7th March held at Towngate Theatre St Martins Square, Basildon SS14 1DL

5.30pm All Junior 1, 2 and 3, middle and pre-seniors and seniors arrive at the stage door at the back of the theatre.

5.45pm All Mini Starz, Junior R arrive at the stage door at the back of theatre

6.30pm **CURTAIN UP** Students to be picked up from stage door at the back of the theatre after the show approx 8.45-9.00pm

Sunday 8th March held at Towngate Theatre St Martins Square, Basildon SS14 1DL

11.30am All cast arrive at Theatre

12.30pm **CURTAIN UP** Students to be picked up from stage door at the back of the theatre after the show Approx 2.45-3.00pm