



## Lower School Newsletter - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parent or Carer,

I am pleased to be looking ahead to the summer term and hopefully some warmer weather. SLDS staff are busy as ever with final preparations the forthcoming ISTD examination session which takes place next week. I would like to wish the best of luck to all of the students taking examinations - they have all worked exceptionally hard and I am sure their results will reflect their efforts.

If you are not aware of the ISTD examinations board that we follow at SLDS, then you may wish to read here:

<https://southlondondancestudios.co.uk/recent-news/examinationnews/>

Using this link, you can also see our outstanding results from previous sessions.

The teachers look forward to meeting some parents / carers on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March for feedback sessions**. If you have not yet booked a slot, then you can sign up on the noticeboard upstairs in the waiting room. Once you have booked a slot then please ensure you attend so that teacher's time is not wasted, or remove your name from the sheet so that another parent / carer can take your slot - thank you for your cooperation.

### Your invoice for summer term 2026

As previously advised, there will be some changes to the timetable for next term, so please carefully check your invoice (attached) to find out the correct session time and studio for your child. Also, you can view the whole timetable for the summer term here:

<https://southlondondancestudios.co.uk/studio-timetable/>

The new term commences on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026** and will include 13 weeks of lessons and for this reason it will be a slightly higher cost than your invoice for the current term which is only 11 weeks. Term dates can be found here:

<https://southlondondancestudios.co.uk/general-information/term-dates/>

If you have a query about your invoice, or you notice anything that is incorrect, then contact your administrator immediately. If you do not hear back from them after 5 days or before the end of term (whichever is sooner), please contact them again to make sure we have received your email.

Please ensure payment is made on or before the last day of this term which is **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March**. If payment is not made on time, you could lose your space or an administration fee would be added to your account. Kindly ensure all payments state the students name, otherwise it cannot be allocated to the correct student. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Payment of this invoice confirms your acceptance of our school Terms and Conditions:

<https://southlondondancestudios.co.uk/terms-conditions/>

*Please note that the date for giving notice of leaving the school or requesting to change any classes for next term has now passed and therefore fees in lieu of attendance next term would be chargeable.*

## Invitation to watch your child's class

We look forward to welcoming into the studio to watch their child's class, the parents / carers of children in the following classes:

### 8.55am Nursery Dance (in studio 3 with Miss Jemima)

#### Preparatory dance & tap:

- 9.35-10.35 Preparatory dance & tap A - Studio 2 with Miss Kayley
- 9.45-10.45 Preparatory dance & tap B - Studio 3 with Miss Jemima
- 10.30-11.30 Preparatory dance & tap C - Studio 1 with Miss Amelia
- 10.40-11.40 Preparatory dance & tap D - Studio 2 with Miss Kayley

#### Pre-Primary (I) - modern only - classes take place at the following times:

- Wednesday - starting at 4.15pm in Studio 3 - you are invited to watch Modern from 4.45pm-5.15pm with Miss Daisy.
- Saturday red set - starting at 10.55 in Studio 3 - you are invited to watch Modern from 11.55am-12.25pm with Miss Kayley.
- Saturday yellow set - starting at 11.45am in Studio 2- you are invited to watch Modern from 12.45pm-1.15pm with Miss Jemima.
- Saturday dark blue set - starting at 1.40pm in Studio 1- you are invited to watch Modern from 2.40pm-3.10pm with Miss Ellie.

We have taken the decision NOT to invite the parents / carers of children in our new **studio 1, 9.05am Nursery dance class** to watch this term. We realise this may be disappointing for you, but as some of the children are still settling into the routine of the class, we do not feel that as a group, they are ready to have an audience. Rest assured you will be invited to watch during our Lower School watching week in the summer term (**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June**).

Please note that we do not invite an audience to watch our Melody Movement classes since one parent / carer attends the class each week with their child.

Regarding watching classes, please note:

- Please bear in mind that the open classes are not performances; we invite you to watch a normal class to observe development and progress. Some children in the class may be shy or nervous about dancing in front of an audience, so we aim to make the experience as positive as possible for all.
- **To help with focus in the classes, please note that children under the age of 4 (including babies as it cannot be guaranteed that they will stay asleep for the duration of the class) will NOT be allowed into the studio to watch** and please only bring older children with you to watch the class if they are capable of sitting still for the duration of the class. Therefore, please organise childcare for siblings in advance if needed, or contact us if you have any queries. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.
- You will be permitted to film the class and show it to siblings, friends and other family members who are not able / eligible to attend. Photographs may also be taken, however, please refer to the below policies:  
<https://southlondondancestudios.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/SLDS-Photography-and-Filming-Policy.pdf>  
<https://southlondondancestudios.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/SLDS-Social-Media-Policy.pdf>
- Please note that, unfortunately, it will not be possible to offer parents or family members to watch a class at any other time, if you are unable to attend next week.
- As many photographs and videos will be taken throughout the week for the school, may I take this opportunity to ask that all children have their hair neatly tied back in the correct style and wear the correct uniform. Please refer to the Lower School uniform list below:  
<https://southlondondancestudios.co.uk/general-information/uniform-for-dance-classes/>
- A note about accessibility as per our terms and conditions:  
*57. If you are visiting the studios and you have any access requirements and / or you would require any additional support in the event of an emergency evacuation, then please contact us at least 48 hours before arrival.*

Thank you in advance for your efforts.

## Staff update

As you know, Miss Ellie will soon be having her first baby and so she will be stepping back from teaching for a short time. Miss Amelia has already taken over her Saturday morning classes and our current Saturday teaching team will take over her Saturday afternoon classes after Easter.

Miss Jemima has unexpectedly had to move out of London and so she will be reducing her teaching next term to only a Monday and so Miss Daisy is very excited to be taking over her Saturday morning classes.

# Summer Holiday Programme 2026 - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August

Register your interest for this now by completing the google form linked below:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNFLhjqspPD\\_CO79EcGqYTLgZyB3mIOM745k8NGS2gG\\_1LVQ/viewform?usp=publish-editor](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNFLhjqspPD_CO79EcGqYTLgZyB3mIOM745k8NGS2gG_1LVQ/viewform?usp=publish-editor)

or contact [sldsummerprogramme@gmail.com](mailto:sldsummerprogramme@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

For students who are currently in Year 2 plus, it will be a fun and challenging week of dance, acrobatics and musical theatre with fantastic guest teachers joining your favourite SLDS teachers. It will be a great way to get back into dancing after the summer holiday so DON'T MISS OUT!!! Groups will be split by age / level.

For younger children (currently in school Reception and Year 1), it will be a fun week of arts & crafts, yoga, singing and dancing, with a little performance for parents and friends at the end of the week.

## Junior Funky Moves class for Reception to Year 2 - Thursday 4.00-4.45pm

I am really trying to get more boys interested in dance and our Junior Funky Moves class is perfect for them. Of course, girls can also join the class!

Children learn street dancing moves in a creative and fun story-telling context with themes such as space, superheroes and Toy Story.

The fee for the 13-week summer term will be £123.00. Contact Lynsey if you'd like to sign up your child to start after Easter - [slds lowerschool@gmail.com](mailto:slds lowerschool@gmail.com)

We would be most grateful if Reception to Year 2 parents / carers could please put this class on their school class what's app group to spread the word as we would love to bring new children, especially boys, into this class next term.

## Consent Slips

If your child is in Year 5 or above and you feel they are mature enough for you to give consent for them to leave the dance studio unaccompanied then please contact Loretto for further information - [sldsupperschool@gmail.com](mailto:sldsupperschool@gmail.com). Unfortunately, we are not able to apply consent slips to the next term's registers after the end of the current term, so please ensure you get in touch before the end of this term.

## Security Reminder

- Please ensure you close the back door when entering or exiting the building. This is really important for safety reasons, especially as some children are not always with an adult.

## Uniform & Lost Property

Please note that over the Easter break, the lost property in the waiting room will be cleared out and taken to the charity shop / put into our second-hand uniform sale stock, so please make sure you come in on or before the end of term if you have lost anything. We are sorry but we are unable to respond to phone calls or emails about lost property.

## Children's dance parties

We can offer dance parties on Sunday's during term time and any day (subject to availability of teachers) during school holiday periods. One of our experienced and / or qualified dance teachers will lead a fun dance party for your child and his / her friends. The children learn a dance routine of any dance genre to their chosen piece of music which they can perform to parents at the end. If you'd like more information then contact [infosouthlondondanceschool@gmail.com](mailto:infosouthlondondanceschool@gmail.com)

Best wishes for an enjoyable end to this term and a wonderful Easter holiday.

Best wishes,

Miss Zoe

Principal

South London Dance School