



LOWER SCHOOL Newsletter - Monday 13th April 2026

Dear Parent or Carer,

I hope you've had a restful Easter break and are looking forward to summer term classes starting today (Monday 13th April). All dates for this term can be found here:

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

Please note that classes WILL take place as usual on bank holiday **Monday 4th May**.

The teachers and I very much look forward to seeing the children this week and hearing about their Easter break. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the new children and families who are joining us this term.

Reminders for when you are at the studios

- Please check your invoice which was emailed to you on 16th March from lowerschool@southlondondanceschool.co.uk to remind yourself about your child's dancing schedule for this term as it may be different to last term.
- Please bear in mind that some children are in the building without an adult and therefore, please ensure you **shut the back door behind you**. Thank you for your cooperation.
- Bicycles, e-bikes and e-scooters may be stored in the side area of the building and can be locked to the bicycle hoops. However, e-bikes and e-scooters must NOT be stored near to the accessible toilet at the far end of the side area. Lithium batteries on e-bikes and e-scooters must be genuine makes, regularly serviced and kept in good condition. Under no circumstances may any bicycles, e-bikes, scooters or e-scooters be stored inside the building, also they must NOT be stored in staff car park near to the back door to the studios as this is an emergency exit route.
- To relieve corridor congestion and meet H&S requirements, please do not change your child in the corridor - we have two changing rooms upstairs. Also, with the exception of Melody Movement classes, please don't leave any outdoor coats and shoes in the corridor as it's a fire exit route which must be kept clear.

- Please do not bring buggies in corridor unless the child inside the buggy is asleep (you can enter via the back gate and bring a bicycle lock to lock your buggy to the hoops in side return). Bicycles and scooters are also not permitted inside the building.
- Regarding the changing rooms, please note that female carers with young boys should use the girls changing room and male carers with young girls should use the boys changing room. Please contact us if you have any questions about this.
- If you wish to use a device charger whilst at the studios, for H&S reasons it must be a genuine make e.g. Apple.
- Children in Pre-Primary will have a supervised snack and water break in the dance studio during their session - this now also applies to Wednesday children who will be learning all three genres as they will have a quick break before they start their last lesson (tap). Please be reminded that the only drink that children should bring into the studio is a named water bottle and that any snacks must comply with our food allergens policy: <https://southlondondancestudios.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/South-London-Dance-School-Food-Allergens-policy-24082025.pdf>
Water bottles are generally not needed for lessons which are 60 mins or under, unless it is very hot or your child has a particular need.
- Please familiarise yourself with our lateness policy which will be in place from the start of term with the aim of reducing interruptions to classes so that children can be given their opportunity to focus to the best of their ability: <https://southlondondancestudios.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/South-London-Dance-School-Lateness-Policy-31082021.pdf>
Remember that if your child is in Pre-Primary level and they are more than 10 minutes late for the first lesson of their session, then they will be permitted to join for the second lesson of that session. Thank you for your cooperation.
- Regarding absences - we do not need to be informed if your child will miss only one or two lessons. However, please do notify the office if your child will miss three or more lessons in succession.

Injuries, allergies, illnesses, other medical conditions & SEND

- In order to ensure the safety of our students, it is of the utmost importance that parents / carers inform us of any allergies or illnesses their child may have, so that we have this on record in case of any medical emergency.
- If your child suffers from any medical condition or has been / is in the process of being assessed for SEND and you have not already informed us, then please contact me **by 9am on Wednesday 15th April** so this can be noted on your child's record and so that our teachers can provide the best possible support for your child.

- If your child carries with them an epi-pen, or any other medication which we might need to administer, then please contact me **by 9am on Wednesday**. Likewise, if your child no longer needs their medication, then please let us know immediately.
- If your child has suffered an injury over the Easter break, or has a pre-existing injury about which we may / may not be already aware, then we **MUST** be notified **by 9am on Wednesday** so that teachers can be informed and a decision about participation in classes can be reached.

Reminder about contagious skin conditions

Please consider the welfare of other children in our school community and teachers if your child has any contagious issue with their skin, including verrucae and warts. **Any contagious skin condition must be covered up with suitable plasters / foot covering and/or tights / leggings.**

For foot conditions, if your child is required to dance barefoot for their dance classes, then we suggest they wear contemporary socks as a covering until the issue is resolved:

<https://uk.blochworld.com/products/blochsox-dance-socks-black-knit>

Please take seriously the responsibility to take all possible steps to mitigate risk of others catching it.

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 for more information or if you'd like to sign up your child - sldslowerschool@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 this term.

Summer Holiday Programme 2026 - Tuesday 25th - Friday 28th August

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

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNFLhqjSPD_CO79EcGqYTLgZyB3mIOM745k8NGS2gG_1LVQ/viewform?usp=publish-editor

or contact 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.

Wishing you a wonderful summer term.

Miss Zoe

Principal

South London Dance School