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December 2024

Hi all, good luck to all that are taking an exam on 1st December. Please help us to follow the new exam arrival and leaving rules to help all staff keep our children safe. For the Inter and Senior class we now have a dancer of the term award. On the last week of the term a trophy will be given to at student in these classes that they will have until the end of the next term. We will also be having another bear (we will need another name) which will be for the Junior class. The bears are given out each week for dancer of the week in the first steps and Junior classes.

2025 is an exciting year for the Lee Academy, it is our 30th year Anniversary! To mark this, we are going to have a party at The Stoke Golding club on Saturday 13th September. Past and present students and parents are invited to come along to celebrate with us, save the date. As part of the celebrations, I am in the process of organising a performance opportunity for 2025, as soon as I have the details of this confirmed I'll put the information on the group chats. I hope to be able to confirm the Lee Academy show dates for 2026 before Christmas, I'll post this information on the group chats as soon as I can. The dates I would like are 25th-27th May 2026, however I would like to change venues, and I have not heard back from the theatre yet, so these dates are **not** confirmed.

Direct debit payments from January 1st 2025

From 1st January 2025 we will be changing to Direct Debit payments. This is in response to requests from parents and to get ready for Digital Tax which will come into effect soon. You will receive information via email, please contact us as soon as possible if your email address has changed since your original application form.

Wear your PJs week – 18th-21st December 2024

During our last week will be doing Christmas choreography and playing festive games. Check the group chats for our Christmas competition.

Drama Showcase afternoon March 29th 2025 1.00pm (No afternoon Inter classes on this day)

Senior play – SHOUT

Inter Play performance

Open House week 2nd -5 th April 2025

Senior open house performance – Wednesday 2nd April 7.00pm performance -dancers in at normal time. Students can go home with parents after the performance (no classes after the performance).

Junior class open house- Friday 4th April - Parents are invited in to watch the class from 4.30-6.15pm.

First Steps open house- Saturday 5th April- Parents are invited to watch the class from 9.00-10.30am.

Inter open house performance-Saturday 5th April 1.30pm performance – all dancers in at 10.30am. Students can go home with parents after the performance (no classes after the performance).

We would like to audition to perform at Disneyland Paris in the summer of 2026. Early next year we will ask for interest on the class WhatsApp groups. If we have enough interest, we will begin working on our audition dances from September 2025. The rehearsals are on Saturdays from 11.50-12.30. This will be called The Performance Group. We do not tell young children that we are auditioning in case we are not successful. They will be taking part in two special dances that will be performed in our show 2026. Please note that this is a huge commitment, Dancers can only miss 3 rehearsals throughout the academic year Sept 2025-August 2026. We have bought back this rule (pre pandemic) to ensure the highest standard of choreography for the professional performance.

Please, help us to promote the Lee Academy by following us on...

website: <https://leeacademy.co.uk/>

Instagram: leeacademy__

Facebook: The Lee Academy of Dance and Drama.

Second Hand Items

Shoes

Tap shoes: £5
Ballet shoes: £5
Jazz shoes: £5
Character
heeled shoes:
£15
Jazz trainers: £5

Leotards

Purple leotards: £5
Purple and black: £5
Black ballet
leotards: £5
Senior black
Modern, Tap, Acro
leotards: £5

Tights/leggings

Ballet tights: £7
Shimmer tights: £7
Black Lycra leggings
stirrups/non stirrups:
£7
Black Lycra jazz pants:
£7

Accessories

Foot undeez: £5
Purple scrunchy:
£3

Lee Academy branded items

T-shirts: £10
Jumpers/fleece: £15

If there are no sizes left in
the second-hand shop, we
can order the item new. Just
let us know.

First Steps & Junior Uniform

If any new uniforms need to be ordered, please message Donna or Kia directly. They cost £28.50 each. Please pay online with uniform and child's name as the reference, we will place the order when we have received payment.

Inters and Seniors Uniform

Inters uniforms are available from Chorus Line dancewear in Hinckley, contact Jo on 01455 615533. These are made to order.

Senior exam leotard, Donna has a supply of various sizes available now, please speak to her if you require one.

If anyone has any queries, please send me or Kia a private message on WhatsApp, and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

New Branded T-shirts, jumpers, fleeces

Dates for your diary 2024

Term Dates

25th September – 19th October (4)

Closed 21st October -25th October

1st December- Exam session

26th October – 20th December

Dates for your diary 2025

Please note these dates will change if we move to a Direct Debit system. The holidays will remain.

Term 1- 8th January -15th February

Closed 17th-25th February

Term 2- 26th February -12th April

Term 3 – 30th April – 31st May

Term 4 – 4th June-5th July

Closed 6th July -26th August

Term 5- 27th August – 20th September

Lee Academy Anniversary party Saturday 13th September (evening) 2025

Term 6 – 24th September-18th October

Closed 19th -28th October

Term 7- 29th October-22nd November

Term 8 – 26th November-20th December

Closed 21st December-6th January 2026