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Happy New year all, It's our 30th year Anniversary year! We are celebrating with a party that you are welcome to come to at The Stoke Golding Club on September 13th. Look out for your invitation on the groups and on our social media platforms this month. Welcome to our new starters who joined us this week, thank you to all the students who are helping to settle them in. Congratulations to all that took an exam in December, the results were fantastic. We are working towards the Open House week and our Drama afternoon in March and April. The next exam session will be for Acrobatics on the Sunday 4th May. We will be doing assessments in class next week to see who is ready to take their exam next time.

Lee Academy 30th Anniversary Medal

We have commissioned a medal to celebrate our 30th Anniversary year. All students and staff will receive their medal as soon as they arrive.

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).

Kia Lee – Artistic Director 2025

This year we have some exciting opportunities for our students to participate in. Each week in the First Steps and Junior classes we give our Lee Academy mascot bears to one student to look after for a week. They are, “Dancer of the week.” Each term in the Inter and Senior classes we give trophy to one student to keep for the term, they are, “Dancer of the term.”

In the Inter and Senior classes I am looking at improving the flexibility in the legs and spine ahead of show rehearsals beginning in September this year. Students and staff will be setting personal goals. We will let you know how we are getting on later in the year. I would like to give the Inter and Senior students the opportunity to learn a solo or a duet /trio for a performance on Wednesday 18th June (Seniors) and Saturday 21st June (Inters). Dancers will also have the option of taking a medal test examination at the next session using these dances. Rehearsals for these will be Saturdays for the Inters from 12.20-1.00pm. For the senior class the rehearsal will be from 6.00-6.30pm on Wednesdays. If you are interested in this opportunity contact Kia directly for more information. We will be running competitions for all students throughout The Lee Academy's 30th Anniversary year.

Performance group audition

We would like to audition to perform at Disneyland Paris in the summer of 2026. Children aged 7 years by 1st August 2026 can take part in this opportunity. 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 instead we say that they will be taking part in two special dances that will be performed in the Lee Academy 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. If you would like to take part in this opportunity and can fully commit to the process, let us know on the class WhatsApp group.**

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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

Leotards

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

Tights/leggings

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

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

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.

Dates for your diary 2025

Monthly Standing order payments

Closed 17th-25th February

Drama Play afternoon (Inters/ Seniors) – Saturday 29th March

Open House Week – 2nd-5th April

Exam session – May 4th

Wednesday 18th June Solo Duet evening

Saturday 21st June Solo Duet Inter afternoon

Closed 6th July -26th August

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

Closed 19th -28th October

Closed 21st December-6th January 2026