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Back-to-School Dance

AUTUMN TERM CLASSES START MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2025

**Pre-term the office will be open for telephone callers from
10 am until 1 pm weekdays from 10th September**

PLEASE NOTE, HOWEVER,

**that a number of classes will start the week commencing
MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER**

Please see the back page for full details

Dear Parents and Students,

We hope you have had a great summer break and are feeling relaxed and refreshed for the new term. Here in the office we have taken some “down time” but are now busily gearing up for the autumn term. As always at this time of year, especially after a school show, we have made some alterations to the timetable. Please be sure to check whether your classes are affected—the full timetable can be viewed on our website.

We expect the upcoming year to be a busy one, with an exam session at the end of every term. We look forward to seeing everyone back in class.

With kind regards,

*Elisabeth and Geoff
Principal & Partner*



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welcome



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How Did You Do?

With GCSE and A Level results now published, we wonder how you all got on - hopefully as well as you expected. We hope that those moving onto Higher Education have been placed in their university of choice. Thank you for being part of our school. We will miss you but wish you all the very best in the next chapter of your lives. Please do keep in touch.



Congratulations

to former student, **Chloe Edwards**, on being accepted for a three-year BA Hons Professional Dance and Musical Theatre course at Bird College. Some of you will remember Chloe as the Princess in our 2023 show, The Magic Lamp. We all wish her every success.

Adventures in Neverland

As reported in our July newsletter, the show went swimmingly well and everyone had a great time. Well, almost everyone! Some of you will know that the school's Business Partner, Geoff Wheatley, was taken ill during the Saturday matinée performance and was ambulated to hospital. He was discharged that evening and is now undergoing tests to ascertain the reason for his collapse.

The upshot of this is that there has been a delay in producing the DVDs, USBs and photos, as he is the person undertaking these tasks. We do apologise for keeping you waiting but the good news is that the deadline for orders has been extended to 6th September - see below.

Photos, DVDs & USB keys

"In Performance" photographs are still available for ordering at

www.bit.ly/WSD_Photos

and use the login code Tinks25

These will be printed in batches and sent through the mail.

Individual photographs taken at rehearsals by Carmel Jane can be viewed and ordered at:

carmeljane.gotphoto.co.uk/login

and use the login code WES25

DVDs and USB Keys are being prepared and these can be ordered from the school website: www.theweston.dance. These will also be sent by mail.

Order deadline - Saturday 6th September

Autumn Term Timetable

In order to accommodate the movement of students to new levels we have had to make some changes to the timetable. These have been kept to a minimum (although it's still quite a list) and, whilst we appreciate that the changes may not suit everyone, we hope that you will be able to accommodate them in your busy schedules. The full timetable is published on the website, and you can check your classes on the Portal. In brief, they are:



Ballet

Widford (Mondays)	Senior Certificate 1 now starts at 8.00 pm and has been extended to 1.25 hours, followed by 15 mins pointe work;
Chelmer Village (Thursdays)	Standard 1 Ballet has replaced the Primary Ballet class at this venue;
Springfield (Fridays)	Primary Ballet has been introduced, 4.15pm - 5.00pm;
CYGAMS HQ (Fridays)	Grade 2 Ballet has been introduced, 4.30pm - 5.30pm; Grade 3 Ballet is now from 5.30pm - 6.30pm; Grade 4 Ballet is now from 6.30pm - 7.30pm;
Great Dunmow (Saturdays)	Standard 1 Ballet is now from 11.15am - 12.00pm; Standard 5 Ballet is now from 12.15pm - 1.15pm; All of Miss Swan's classes have been rescheduled!

Modern & Tap

Widford (Mondays)	Times of all classes have been changed slightly, commencing with Grade 5 Modern at 5.30 pm;
CYGAMS HQ (Thursdays)	Advanced 2 Modern has been moved from Wednesday to Thursday;
Widford (Fridays)	Grade 5 Tap has been moved from Monday, 4.45pm - 5.45pm; Intermediate Tap is now 5.45pm - 7.00pm;
Farthing Hall (Saturdays)	Grade 3 Modern has been introduced, 11.30am - 12.30pm; Grade 4 Tap has been introduced, 2.15pm - 3.15pm; Grade 5 Tap is now from 3.15pm - 4.15pm.

Commercial Jazz & Musical Theatre

Springfield (Fridays)	General and Senior Commercial Jazz classes have been swapped - General (8yrs to 13yrs) , 5.00pm - 6.00pm and Senior (14yrs and over), 6.00pm - 7.00pm;
Great Dunmow (Saturdays)	There is no longer a General Musical Theatre class; Junior Commercial Jazz replaces Junior Jazzers, 10.30am - 11.15am; Senior Commercial Jazz is now 1.15pm - 2.15pm; Senior Musical Theatre is now 2.15pm - 3.15pm.

Additional Classes

We would love to see students taking additional classes. Should you be interested in trying out a new subject, please remember that you will not pay an additional membership fee, and the first term is charged at half price. The cost of classes is published on the portal but, if you are unsure, please do not hesitate to give us a call, or zip Miss Swan a quick email - office@theweston.dance. We would particularly welcome students into the Grade 1 Tap class (remember the Crocodiles?!).

Dates for the Academic Year 2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025

Office opens	Wednesday 10th September
Term commences	Monday 15th September
Half-term (no classes)	Monday 20th October to Saturday 1st November inclusive
Term ends	Saturday 6th December

Spring Term 2026

Office opens	Wednesday 7th January
Term commences	Saturday 10th January
Half-term (no classes)	Saturday 14th to Saturday 21st February inclusive
Term ends	Saturday 28th March

Summer Term 2026

Office opens	Wednesday 22nd April
Term commences	Saturday 25th April
Bank Holiday (no classes)	Monday 4th May
Half-term (no classes)	Saturday 23rd to Saturday 30th May inclusive
Term ends	Monday 13th July

Temporary Class Alterations

Classes will be held on:	Location:	Teacher	In place of:
Monday 8 th September	CYGAMS HQ	Miss Swan	Monday 24 th November
Tuesday 9 th September	CYGAMS HQ	Miss Swan	Tuesday 25 th November
Thursday 11 th September	St Anne's Prep School	Miss Katie	Thursday 2 nd October
Friday 12 th September	Springfield Parish Centre	Miss Katie & Miss Jo	Friday 3 rd October
Friday 12 th September	CYGAMS HQ	Miss Swan	Friday 21 st November
Saturday 13 th September	Great Dunmow Primary Schl	Miss Katie	Saturday 4 th October
Saturday 13 th September	Farthing Centre	Miss Jo	Saturday 11 th October
Saturday 13 th September	Great Dunmow Primary Schl	Miss Swan	Saturday 22 nd November
Monday 20 th October	Beaulieu Community Centre	Miss Katie	Monday 6 th October