

# LDA Newsletter

December 2025

## LET'S DANCE ACADEMY

WELCOME TO YOUR TERMLY LDA NEWSLETTER

**TERM DATES:** 25/26 Academic year

**SPRING TERM:**

Saturday 3rd January – Friday 27th March

**HALF TERM:**

Monday 16th February – Sunday 22nd February

*Thursday 8th January 2026, Acro classes will not run and a replacement will be held on 16th April.*

**Workshop dates:**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January: Nutcracker work shop, Students will learn repertoire to a much loved Classical Ballet which will inspire our younger students!

**Booking now open!**

Sunday 8th or Sunday 22nd March (TBC):

"Acrotrix"! Booking will be open in the new year. An Acro tricks workshop split into Beginner/All Level and Inter/Advanced. Acrotrix is the UK's Number 1 Acro workshop company, so we're very excited for this!

**Pencilled Exam date:**

**The Feb dates we initially wanted have now been pencilled as examiner training so we are awaiting a new March date**

**AFTER MARCH 2026 THERE WILL BE NO MORE EXAMS UNTIL DECEMBER 2026 DUE TO OUR CLASSES SHIFTING FOCUS TO OUR JULY SCHOOL SHOW 2026.**

**SUMMER TERM:**

Saturday 18th April – Friday 10th July

(Monday classes will have a bank holiday replacement class on Monday 13th April)

**HALF TERM:** Monday 25th May – Sunday 31st May

**BANK HOLIDAY:** Monday 4th May (Replacement Mon 13th April)

**Pencilled Workshop date:** Sunday 7th June (Wheatfields)

### SHOWTIME

**Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th July:** Costume Weekend at Wheatfields Junior School

**Monday 13th - Wednesday 15th July 2026:** After-school rehearsals at Marshalswick Baptist Church, St Albans (students/classes will be given set times/days to attend),

**Thursday 16th & Friday 17th July 2026:** After-school rehearsals at The Radlett Centre, Radlett,

**Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th July 2026:** Show performances (AM & PM shows at The Radlett Centre - full day/evening availability required)



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Merry  
Christmas!

## Layton Williams workshop:

What a fabulous workshop it was with the inspirational Layton.

Our juniors and seniors really did live their best dance lives, while learning inspiring choreography and dancing their hearts out.

A BIG thank you to Layton for bringing LDA a wonderful opportunity, fueled with energy and passion, as always.

Head over to LDA socials to watch the workshop highlights.



### WORKSHOPS:

You might've noticed more workshops and special guests popping up at LDA lately... and we LOVE it. Lots of schools focus on competitions, which often means repeating the same dances for long periods. There's nothing wrong with that — but we like to offer something a little different.

At LDA, our workshops bring variety, excitement, and fresh learning every single time. Each session introduces new skills, new styles, and new inspiration.

We want our dancers to experience as many voices, ideas, and industry pros as possible... and these workshops let us do exactly that. As a large school, we are lucky to be able to host these incredible opportunities for our students which usually require a certain amount of students.

So our plan for 2026 is to bring more exciting workshops. Watch this space...

#### Exciting Workshops coming up:

[www.letsdanceacademy.co.uk/events](http://www.letsdanceacademy.co.uk/events)

**Sunday 4th January 2026 " The Nutcracker" (booking open)**

Starting 2026 with a lovely Ballet workshop as part of our Affiliation with The London Ballet Company.

Students will learn repertoire to a much loved Classical Ballet which will inspire our younger students!



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**The Nutcracker Workshop**  
SUNDAY 4TH JANUARY  
Wheatfields Junior School

Open to all students  
10-11.15am - Ages 5-7  
11.30-12.45pm - Ages 8-12

£20 inc VAT

As part of our affiliation with the London Ballet Company, we are delighted to be hosting a special workshop on one of the most popular and beloved classical ballets – The Nutcracker!

This will be the perfect New Year workshop to round off the Christmas festivities. Our younger students will be inspired as they learn and dance through scenes from one of the most magical and festive ballets of all time.

**BOOK NOW**

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## Exams:

We don't currently have a Spring Term date yet, but know they will not be on our originally pencilled days of 14th and 15th February. This is as it is now a dedicated examiner training weekend. We have therefore had to reapply for a March date and will inform all parents of students involved as soon as we know!

## Uniform Shop!

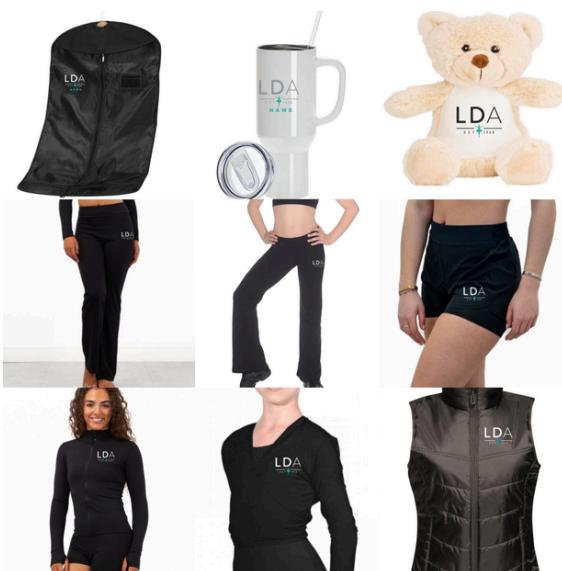
### NEW UNIFORM NEWS:

We have some new LDA Branded uniform on order! Take a look in the pictures...

We also have other exciting news that our Branded uniform shop and our class uniform shop, which are currently separate companies, are merging! So all of our online uniform will be available from one website. This is due to go live in the new year, but it will save on P&P and make ordering online easier!

### FINAL CHANCE TO ADD CLASSES BEFORE THE SHOW!

**If you'd like to trial any new classes you need to be enrolled for a trial the first week back in January. Then we close our show classes until Sept 2026! Current LDA students receive a free trial on all new classes, so get in quick!**



### LDA dance company!

A Huge congratulations to students who gained a place in our Dance Company 25/26. We are looking forward to a West End workshop, performing at The O2, as well as the Alban Arena and in the show! We have guest choreographer Amy Narramore coming too!

## Future Teachers Programme:

You may have seen some of our future teachers in action this term, as we embark on our first training year! They are the students in the pink t-shirts!

The three engaging training sessions help young dancers grow in confidence, while developing their leadership and communication skills.

Our first cohort are certainly setting the standard for amazing assistants in class. It is so nice to see how well they engage with the younger ones in the dance school, in and out of classes. Great work future teachers! NEXT INTAKE SEPT 2026!



### Pointe Work :

Our next generation are "En Pointe!" A milestone for many, they have been working really hard with Miss Caroline!



## Affiliation with The London Ballet Company:

As part of our Affiliation with The London Ballet Company, a number of our students have been attending sessions in London once a month. They take part in a mixture of Ballet, Contemporary and Jazz classes and we've really seen their ability and technique improve when in class. Such a wonderful opportunity for our dancers!



### SPACES IN ADULT CLASSES:

Mondays:

8:00 - 9:00pm - \*NEW\* Adult Ballet (60m) Beginner  
@ WHEATFIELDS INFANTS SCHOOL - Main Hall

Tuesdays:

7:30 – 8:15pm: Adult Tap (45m) – Beginner  
8:15 – 9:00pm: Adult Tap (45m) – Beginner/All Levels  
@ MARSHALSWICK BAPTIST CHURCH - Upstairs

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# Merry Christmas!

Merry Christmas from all of us at LDA!

Thank you for your ongoing support, very generous Christmas gifts and  
making LDA the lovely friendly community it is.

Becky and team x



Thank you  
for reading!

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