



DBD SPOTLIGHT

Autumn Term 2024

SANDRINGHAM STUDIO UPDATE - Unfortunately our project to construct a new dance studio at the Sandringham site has fallen through. We worked hard to achieve planning consent and received a great deal of support from the Town Council, but it became apparent that there were other legal issues with building at the site that were just too difficult to overcome. Although disappointing we are now following up other potential sites for our new studio and will advise you as soon as we have some positive news.

PERFORMANCE NEWS - We have been asked by Brewery Square to perform at their Christmas light switch on this Saturday, 23rd November. We will be performing 5 routines not to be missed, please come and support our dancers at this fantastic event. We will be performing close to 5pm.

WEYMOUTH PANTO – Two of our Senior dancers are taking part in Weymouth Christmas Pantomime Peter Pan – do come and watch them. They are performing on the following dates:



December

Thursday 19th 10am
Saturday 21st 6pm
Monday 23rd 2pm
Tuesday 24th 6pm
Friday 27th 2pm
Saturday 28th 6pm
Monday 30th 2pm

January

Thursday 2nd 2pm
Saturday 4th 2pm

NEW SECURITY MEASURES FOR OUR STUDIO - In view of the awful incident in Southport during the summer we have reviewed safety in the studio. We take the safety of our students, parents and staff very seriously.

- We will be installing an entry system on the front door to allow controlled access for members only.
- The back door will only be able to be opened from inside while classes are in progress.
- Proper handles have been added to the swing doors so that they both open into the studio to protect little hands and to stop anyone being knocked over when they are opened.

QUIZ NIGHT – We hosted a quiz at St. Mary's Church Hall last Saturday to raise funds for the dance school. As always it was a popular event and everyone had a fantastic evening; we raised an amazing £657.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER WEEK – Monday 2nd – Saturday 7th December

WATCHING CLASSES – For the safety and well-being of all our students, we do not allow parents or siblings to watch classes. Children tend to follow instructions more effectively when parents are not present, and our studio space is limited. This policy is standard practice in many dance schools both locally and nationally.

For younger students, one parent may attend the free taster session if the child needs extra reassurance, but siblings are not permitted. We encourage children to attend classes independently to support their social development. If a child becomes upset during class, the teacher will bring them to the changing room to be reunited with their parent or with Nikki, who will contact the parent if they are not on-site.

We invite all family and friends to watch the childrens' progress at our annual prize-giving event in June and our biannual show at the Weymouth Pavilion.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY... it's never too early to make a note!

- Prize giving is Saturday 28th June 2025
- Our next show will be at Weymouth Pavilion on Saturday 21st March 2026

Thank you to our **student helpers** for your continued help with the little classes, our teachers greatly appreciate it.

Some reminders:

- Now the winter is fast approaching please remember to close the front doors as soon as possible to help us keep the club warm for you.
- Please notify us if you will not be attending your class (through the portal, by phone, email or Facebook message).
- **Please keep noise to a minimum in the changing room when a class is taking place.**
- **If attending classes and you have cold symptoms we kindly ask that you do wear a mask in the building.**

Hair – **must** be tied back for all classes and up in a bun for ballet please. Struggling with buns? Let Nikki know if you would be interested in a hair workshop.

Uniform – Please wear the required uniform to all classes. NO JEANS and no jewellery please.

Keeping the club tidy – reminder to all that they place any rubbish into the provided bins and wash up any glasses or cutlery and place them back into the cupboard.

Ask to join **Dorchester Ballet & Dance Members Only** on Facebook to keep up to date with all of our news & upcoming events.

Recommend a friend offer – if you recommend a friend to the club and you both take classes this term you will both receive a £5 discount off next term's fees.

Term Dates

Autumn term ends on Monday 9th December

Replacement dates

Monday 9th December replaces Easter Monday 21st April 2025

Friday 13th December– Adult Ballet and Cygnets only

Saturday 14th December replaces 19th October