

Important Dates

Summer Term - Monday 15th April - Saturday 20th July 2024

Show Week - Sunday 21st - Saturday 27th July 2024 **students must be available all week to participate**

Summer School 2024 - August TBC

Autumn Term 2024 - Monday 9th September - Saturday 13th December

Half Term - Monday 21st October - Sunday 3rd November

Spring Term 2025 - Monday 6th January - Saturday 5th April

Half Term - Monday 17th - Sunday 23rd February

Summer Term 2025 - TBC

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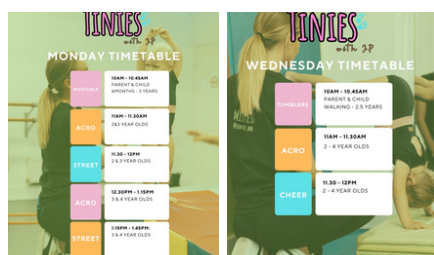
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Miss Hannah and Mr Paul have a jam packed 3 days planned for their Easter Bonanza this week. There are still some places left if anyone would like to book on last minute. Keep an eye out for the ever popular Summer School which will be released soon.



Miss Jess has a new name some brand new classes starting in the summer term including an extra day of Tinies on a Wednesday. There are still a handful of places available on her Dance and Play day on 9th April so get in quick.



Welcome Back!

We hope you had a lovely Easter weekend and the Easter Bunny made a visit or 2 🐰

Staff

All of the teachers have been extremely hard over the last few weeks making final preparations for show term 😊 There have been lots and lots of discussions about music and costumes and we're all really excited to get started after the holidays.

In February Miss Megs was busy working on her Level 1 Acrotrix qualification and is now a qualified Acro teacher 🙌 She's also been busy preparing for her practical teachers exam in ISTD Tap mentored by Miss Hannah through [Anna Morgan Dance](#) and inbetween all of that she has filmed for a very popular drinks brand which will hopefully be on your screens very soon 🍷

Back in January Miss Ali, Miss Hannah, Miss Jess, Miss Megs, Miss Mia, Miss Katie, Miss Clare, Anne-Marie and Amelia all took their First Aid course with Oracle Training Group. We had a great day together learning some new skills.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to all those who took Ballet, Modern and Tap exams last term. We are still waiting for the results but we're hopeful there will be a 100% rate.

A big well done to all of our acrobats who have been working hard at home on their conditioning. The results are starting to show in class, so keep it up 💪

Thank you to everyone who participated and donated during PJ week. We raised £350 for Miss Kryssa who is running the London Landmarks Half Marathon for Children with Cancer UK. If anyone would like to make an additional donation and to read about Kryssa's story you can do so by clicking [here](#).

Anni, Athena, Faith and Lucie have been working hard this last term as part of Rare Productions for their performance of Aladdin at The Kings Hall. Unfortunately we were unable to see them in action but we hear they all performed brilliantly.

A POLITE REMINDER PLEASE DO NOT PARK/STOP IN FRONT OR ON OUR FORECOURT AS IT CAUSES HAZARDS FOR CHILDREN AND PEDESTRIANS. THE FORECOURT IS FOR HDS STAFF ONLY. IF STAFF ARE UNABLE TO PARK LESSONS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO START ON TIME.



Invoices

Invoices for the Summer Term Part 1 have been sent which includes your child's show fees. **The show fees must be paid in full by Saturday 20th April.** If we do not receive the fees your child may not be able to participate in the show. If you have an outstanding invoice any payments received will be taken off of that first, so please make sure you are up to date. Second and third instalments are due by 1st May and 1st June

Please check your invoice thoroughly and let us know asap if there are any errors.

Competitions

Over 3 weekends in March our competition team competed at Thanet Dance Festival. Everyone danced beautifully and we came away with some fabulous results including 9 x 🏆, 3 x 🏆 and 5 x 🏆. A special mention to the following who also brought home trophies

- 🏆 Baby Musical Theatre - Harper
- 🏆 Junior Ballet - Mollie
- 🏆 Junior Lyrical - Mollie
- 🏆 Junior Tap - Darcie
- 🏆 Senior Tap - Dillon
- 🏆 Aggregate - Beau
- 🏆 Best Male Dancer - Beau

Congratulations to all and good luck to those of you competing at Gravesham Festival this week.

Summer Show

You should have all received the Show FAQ's and show pack over the last few weeks. More information regarding the show rehearsals at the Kings Hall will be out after May half term if not before. If you haven't heard from us we will assume your child is participating in the show and is available for all rehearsals and performances at the Kings Hall.

Please make sure you have completed the show consent form for each child taking part in the show. The form can be found by clicking [here](#).

The show is always a great time for parents and carers to get more involved with HDS. In order to put on the show we must have licensed chaperones. We would encourage as many parents/carers as possible to apply for their free licence and complete the free online safeguarding training, even if you are only able to help for an hour including show week it could make all the difference. To apply for a licence please click [here](#).