

DATES

Autumn Term Begins:	Tuesday 5 th September
Solent Novice Festival:	Sat 14th & Sun 15th Oct
Half Term:	23 rd Oct – 27 th Oct
Autumn Term Resumes:	30 th October (Dress up week for Halloween)
NO DANCE:	Thursday 23rd Nov
SHOW:	Saturday 9th December
Last Day of Term:	Saturday 9 th December

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Spring Term Begins:	Tuesday 2 nd January 2024
Dance Live Rehearsal Begin:	Weds 3rd Jan
British Arts Preliminary:	Sunday 21st January
Half Term:	12 th – 16 th February
Bognor Regis Festival:	14th – 18th February
Spring Term Resumes:	19 th February
Last Day of Term:	Friday 29 th March

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Summer Term Begins:	Tuesday 16 th April
DANCE LIVE:	Sat 27th or Sun 29th April
Half Term:	27 th May – 31 st May
Summer Term Resumes:	3 rd June
EXAMS (TBC):	15 th – 27 th July

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

SHOW IN A WEEK!

SUMMER SCHOOL:	12th – 16th August 2024
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TEACHERS

Miss Vicky and I are excited for our year ahead and we have many things planned for our students!

We are looking for willing helpers in our younger classes to show the students how to dress, behave and help with technique. If your child is in Grade 2 upwards and they are interested in this, please get in touch and we can work out a class that they feel comfortable helping in.

PRIVATE LESSONS

Miss Vicky and Miss Natasha are available for private lessons at request.

They are £12 each for half an hour and are fitted around you, teacher and hall availability.

Private Lessons can be a top up of classwork or for time spent on competition solos. If you are interested in private lessons, please drop me an email and I'll get back to you. Alternatively, check the timetable and see where there is already availability.





EXAMS

I do not have a planned exam session this term due to show practice, but there may be one in the Spring Term (march time). Exams are not compulsory and are not for everyone and we understand that but are a great way of moving forward into the next grade. Exams are only offered when we feel that the students are ready and are able to pass. You will be emailed if we think your child is ready for an exam.

The recommendation is 100 hours per grade unmissed, so it averages out at about 2 years per grade. If you have any questions about exams or what they entail I am always happy to discuss them. It should also be noted that from grade 6 exams are a recognised qualification and earn UCAS points. Please follow the link to see more information on this:

<https://www.istd.org/teach/teaching-qualifications/resources/>

If your child is ready to take an exam, I will be in touch soon.

A timetable of this extra day will be sent as soon as possible.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Well done to all students that took exams last academic year – Beth R, Ellie M, Layla E, Summer H, Lexi J, Ottilie F, Evie W, Zoe W, Libby W, Mia K, Lilya M, Elana S, Florence H, Evelyn C, Sophia W, Jessica W, Anoushka L, Alex C, Leagsaidh C, and Alice V.

We've had amazing results and 100% pass rate!!!

DANCE LIVE

Dance Live was a HUGE success back in April. All the dancers that took part did an amazing job! They learned new choreography, practiced, worked with various students at varying ages, persevered, got new costumes, practiced onstage, watched other dances, danced beautifully, and most of all HAD FUN!!! I have registered interest for the next DANCE LIVE Show taking place on the weekend of 27th and 28th April at Portsmouth Guildhall. Below are some pictures, but if you'd like to express an interest for your child, please email me. Rehearsals for this work will begin in January and will take place 5pm – 6pm on Wednesdays (Term Time) at Hambledon Village Hall. Attendance is very important to take part and all students must be fully committed to rehearsals and one extra rehearsal (to be confirmed). The cost is £13 entry fee and then £2.50 for each rehearsal to cover hall costs. Costume will be hired at the price of £10 each.



SUMMER SCHOOL

This year's Summer School took place at Hambledon Village Hall and we performed 'Magpie Manor.' In just 5 days we learned our scripts, danced and sang. We performed our show at 3pm on the final day and all I can say is 'WOW' everyone that took part was amazing and didn't need any prompts! Well done!!

Next year's Summer School (Show in a Week) is already booked: Monday 12th August – Friday 16th August 2024.



This is open to any child between 5 and 16 years old, so please spread the word if you think a friend may be interested.

It's a fun filled week with a show that they perform on the last day.

Email: natasha@natasha-lea.co.uk for more Details.



FESTIVALS

The **British Arts Awards** preliminary round is taking place on Sunday 21st January 2024. Times are yet to be confirmed. All dancers in Performance Squad must take part in this round – more details to follow.

Solent Novice Dance Festival: 14th and 15th October.

We have 18 entries for Solent Novice festival! Our most yet! Good luck to all the dancers taking part!



Anyone can watch these competitions and support their friends, if you'd like to see anything, please let me know and I can share the details with you when I have them.

UNIFORM

As most of you know the uniform is compulsory and should be worn to every class. Uniform serves a purpose and must be worn at all times in class. The same is for hair: this should be in a bun for every class, not just ballet. Hair in a ponytail gets in the way, especially when turning and inhibits their training, also it is a distraction.

For exams all ballet shoes need to be satin, the same is said for shows and competitions. All ballet shoes from grade 2 upwards must have ribbons – please get in touch if you are not sure which ribbons to purchase. Please check with Leah for uniform enquiries: info@thedanceden.org where you can also purchase uniform and other items.

Uniform Shop Website: <https://nld.mydancestore.co.uk/>

Use this guide to help you with what your child needs.

For merchandise that can be personalised please visit <https://getmekitted.com/natasha-lea-school-of-dance-102-c.asp>

WEBSITE

Enrolment forms are posted on the website. This is to comply with current GDPR regulations. The majority of pupils have been added, but please do these ASAP if you haven't done so and also the video consent form needs completing if your child wishes to take part in this year's show. Many thanks.

www.natasha-lea.co.uk

TROPHIES

I have one trophy not returned, please can this be done ASAP, thank you.

PAYMENTS

Just a reminder that fees are invoiced every half term. If you would like an alternative arrangement to pay fees, I am happy to discuss it with you and organise something.

Payment is due within 2 weeks of the issue date of the invoice or the commencement of the term unless prior arrangements have been made. Late payments may be subject to a 5% surcharge. This will now be enforced.

I appreciate that times are difficult, but please do contact me if you have any concerns.

Thank you.

SHOW!

The Nutcracker Reimagined Show was amazing! Here is the link to see it again:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jVIN6i-rHF8>

Our next show will be taking place at Soberton Village Hall on Saturday 9th December (1pm and 5pm). There will be two performances, an afternoon, and an evening performance. The Primary and tots classes will only perform in the afternoon show, but all other students will perform in both. I am handing out some show forms this coming week, so please keep an eye out. I am trying to keep the costs down for this show, so all costumes will need to be provided by yourselves (make do from things you already have home) and tickets for the show will be £5 per seat and any toddlers/babies sitting on laps will be free.

Consent forms and participation forms must be returned for students to take part, thank you.



TIMETABLE SEPTEMBER 2023

Tuesdays at Soberton Village Hall

Miss Vicky

Class	Time
Dancing Tots	4:30pm – 5pm
Grade 1 Ballet	5pm – 5:45pm
Grade 2/3 Modern	5:45pm – 6:30pm
Grade 6/Inter Modern	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Grade 4/5 Modern	7:30pm – 8:15pm

Miss Natasha

Class	Time
Primary Ballet	5pm – 5:45pm
Primary/Grade 1 Tap	5:45pm – 6:15pm
Grade 2/3 Ballet	6:15pm – 7pm
Pre-Pointe	7pm – 7:30pm
Grade 2/3 Tap	7:30pm – 8:15pm
Adult Beginner Tap	8:15pm – 9pm

Wednesdays at Hambledon Village Hall

Miss Vicky

Class	Time
Private	4:30pm – 5pm
Private (LM)	6:45pm – 7:30pm
Inter Ballet	7:30pm – 8:30pm

Miss Natasha

Class	Time
Musical Theatre	4:15pm – 5pm
DANCE LIVE/Performance Squad	5pm – 6pm
Contemporary	6pm-6:45pm
Conditioning	6:45pm – 7:30pm
Private (MM)	7:30pm – 8:15pm

Thursdays at Soberton Village Hall

Miss Vicky

Class	Time
Private (Available)	5:30pm – 6pm
Private (Available)	6pm – 6:30pm
Private (Available)	6:30pm – 7pm
Private (Available)	7pm – 7:30pm

Miss Natasha

Class	Time
Private (LE)	4:15pm – 4:45pm
Private (MK)	4:45pm – 5:15pm
Grade 4/5 Tap	5:15pm – 6pm
Grade 4/5 Ballet	6pm – 6:45pm
Pointe	6:45pm – 7:15pm
Private (BR)	7:15pm – 7:45pm