

AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER 2026

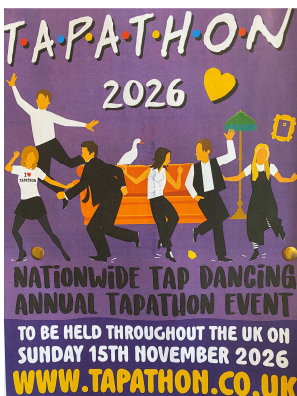
WELCOME BACK after this amazing Summer we have had! We have made a few timetable changes which hopefully you have already seen and responded to us with any issues or changes. We are all looking forward to starting back on 5th September (not Long Ashton Branch) and seeing you all again and would like to offer you the chance to



BRING A
FRIEND ON
YOUR FIRST WEEK
BACK!



Miss Polly has now left the Emersons Green Branch too after several years as many of our older students there are now off to Uni or College. Miss Rachel has taken over all the classes here. We will miss Miss Polly but she is still around at Fishponds with the Adult Classes on Mondays and is starting a new [SILVER SWANS BALLET](#) class for adults on Tuesday mornings too. She can always be caught on stage in the January Show too!



Rehearsals have been going on through the summer holidays on the new **TAPATHON** routine which is great fun and to the theme tune from "FRIENDS". Do come along if you haven't done so yet but you will get further opportunities to catch up with this in the new term too! We need to order our T-Shirts by beginning of October.

The postponed production of the Junior Music Theatre Show **"CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG"** will now take place on the 18th October so please put this date in your diary. I know there are lots of you waiting to join Junior Music Theatre Classes and you will be able to do so after the half term break.

CONGRATULATIONS are due to Miss Madde who is expecting so please look after her at Long Ashton this term. Miss Sophie, who most of you know, is looking forward to covering her during maternity from November to July and will be coming along to classes from middle of term onwards to meet you all and ensure a smooth take over.

JANUARY SHOW – Our regular Adult & Vocational Student Show will be on the 29th/30th/31st January 2027. Please ensure you keep this weekend free if you are in these classes and also Grade 6 at FP branch. This show is always a highlight of the year and is not to be missed!

COMPETITIONS – Miss Laura (Chair, Speech & Drama & Musical Theatre Secretary) and Miss Tam (General Secretary and Dance Secretary) have now taken over the running of the Longwell

Green & Kingswood Eisteddfod (now called LG&K Performing Arts Festival) along with Matt Loughran (Vice-Chair & Vocal Secretary). Entries for this will be opening shortly so it would be great to give this some good support. Online entries are possible too. The dates are Saturday 24th to Tuesday 27th October. Judging will be by industry professionals. If you are wanting to enter please speak to your teachers.

TALENT COMPETITION AT EMERSONS GREEN – This is taking place on Saturday 17th October from 4 p.m. Entries closing date is 30th September. Those interested please speak to Miss Rachel.

PERFORMANCE TEAMS – Fishponds performance team is now rehearsing on a Saturday so hopefully this will be a better day for many of you and we hope to welcome you to the team. Please speak to your teachers or Miss Tam directly if you would like to be included in this. Performance team slots are also now going in at the Long Ashton Branch on a Thursday for Junior Modern, Saturday for Senior Ballet and Senior Modern. To go along for a trial to see how you get on – it is a great way to get more involved in your dancing and gaining more performance opportunities. This is such a confidence builder too.

CHARITY SHOW – This is a 'Tea-time' event again on Sunday 22nd November, plenty of tea and cakes available and some wonderful entertainment. A wonderful opportunity for performance teams to take part and will be raising money for a good cause.

JACKETS - Start the new school year with a new 344 branded Jacket. Pick your colour, zoodie (hood and zip), logo on breast pocket and name in silver on the back. Children's sizes £25. Adult sizes £30. Please email for ordering details.

HALLOWEEN – It is Halloween the day we start back after half term (Saturday 31st October). Come along dressed up for Halloween if you like for a fun day of classes!

DRESS UP FOR CHRISTMAS – Last week of term Monday 7th – Sunday 13th December will be 'Dress up for Christmas' week. Please come to lessons dressed up for hard work and some festive fun!

CHOREOGRAPHY COMPETITION – This will just go over into beginning of 2027 due to lack of weekends! We'll do this on Saturday 16th January from 6 – 8 p.m. No excuses – loads of time to prepare!



PRE-VOCATIONAL DANCE CLASSES

Are you about to embark on a College course? Are you a late starter? Or a singer/actor who needs to work on movement?

Build confidence and skills in our Teen Beginners Classes at Dance Station, Fishponds, Bristol BS16 2BG

Tel. 0117 9655660



From 7th September:
Mondays
7.45 – 8.15 p.m. TAP
8.15 – 9 p.m. BALLET

And Tuesdays
5.45 – 6.30 p.m. JAZZ
6.30 – 7.30 p.m. CONTEMPORARY

FREE TRIAL LESSON

Email: admin@dancestation.org.uk

PRE-VOCATIONAL DANCE CLASSES AT FISHPONDS BRANCH - These classes are aimed at teenagers who need to develop their movement skills across 4 different styles of dance – Ballet, Tap, Jazz and Contemporary. It might be that they are late starters and do not want to go in with young children. They perhaps are starting a college course in performing arts but lack a dance background and need to work on basic techniques. If you know someone in this situation, do put them in touch.

FACEBOOK PAGES & GROUPS – Please check out your facebook page for your branch or the main school. There is one for 344 Dance School, one for 344 Dance School at Long Ashton, Ballet & Tap at Wickwar and now a new one for 344 Dance School at Emerson's Green. Do follow and

like your page and use it for information, selling second hand uniform etc. You will remember receiving a social media email recently, if you needed to reply to us about it and haven't yet done so, please do it fairly quickly as we need to increase our prominence on social media in line with current advertising trends.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 5 th September	Start back (LA NO classes on 5/9) & 'Bring a Friend' this week. <i>(please note Long Ashton Saturday classes are only billed for 9 weeks this term due to the late start back)</i>
Sat 12 th September	Long Ashton SATURDAY classes start back
Sat 26 th September	Bristol Feis – Irish Classes
Sun 18 th October	Chitty Chitty Bang Bang – M/T Juniors Show British Open Qualifying – Irish Classes
Sat 24 th – Fri 30 th October inclusive	Half term break
Sat 24 th – Tues 27 th October inclusive	LG&K Performing Arts Festival
Wed 26 th October	Look out for your invoice for Term 2 and next newsletter
Sat 31 st October	School starts back & Halloween Dress Up
Sun 15 th November	Tapathon
Sat 21 st November	2 nd 10 week Term starts
Sun 22 nd November	Charity 'Tea' Show
Sun 29 th November	M/T Christmas Show
Mon 7 th – Sun 13 th December	Christmas Dress Up Week
Sun 13 th December	Finish for Christmas Holidays
Mon 14 th – Thurs 17 th December	ISTD Exam week
Mon 4 th January 2027	Start back
Sat 16 th January	Choreography Competition 6 – 8 p.m.
Wed 27 th January	Look out for your invoice for Term 3 and next newsletter
29 th /30 th /31 st January	JANUARY SHOW – Adults, Voc Students, G6 FP
Sat 15 th – Fri 19 th February inclusive	Half term break
Sat 20 th February	School starts back