November 2026 Newsletter

SCANE DANCE

Welcome back to the second half of our Autumn Term! 🍂✨

What's Happening at the Studio this Month?

We hope you've all had a lovely October half term and enjoyed a well-deserved break. We hope our dancers have enjoyed a wonderfully spooky week too, whether they've been out trick-or-treating, dressing up for Halloween parties, enjoying some spooky fun with friends and family, or simply making the most of the break! 🎃👻

We're so excited to welcome everyone back to the studio tomorrow and get back to dancing! The second half of the Autumn Term is always such a busy and exciting time as we head towards Christmas, and this year is no exception. With IDTA exam preparation, Performances at Stoke's Gotta Dance and the Biddulph Christmas Light Switch-On and lots more happening over the coming weeks, there's plenty for our dancers to look forward to!

We can't wait to see everyone back in the studio, ready to learn, perform, work hard and enjoy this very special time of year together. 🎄

November Dates for the Diary

1st November - Dance Fees Due

2nd November - Studio reopens for Autumn Term 2 and IDTA Exams Fees Sent Out 1 of 2

6th November - Miss Amy starts teaching Friday's classes

7th November - Crewe Gotta Dance Sign Ups Open

9th November - Extended Deadline for IDTA Exam Sign Up

9th to 14th November - Children's In Need 2026. Dress Like Pudsey Week: Dancers can swap their usual uniforms for yellow, spots, or comfortable loungewear in exchange for a small donation (£1).

21st November - Christmas Light Switch Rehearsal 2-3pm

23rd November - In-House Awards Sign Up Deadline and Christmas Uniform Orders

28th November - Biddulph Christmas Light Switch On Performance 5pm

29th November - IDTA Exam Coaching Classes

30th November - Stoke Gotta Dance Performance at The Mitchell Art Centre, Hanely and Miss Amy Covering Mondays Timetable

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IDTA Exam Date Confirmation - Sunday 13th December 2026

Over half term we received confirmation from the IDTA that our examination date this year will be Sunday 13th December 2026 and our examiner will be Miss Hare. If you have yet to sign your dancer up for their exam please do by

Monday 9th November, so that we can get our exam timetables completed.

🎃 A Spooktacular Halloween Party Week! 👻

We had a fabulous Halloween Party Week at the studio before half term, and what a spooktacular time we had! Everyone looked absolutely fantastic in their Halloween costumes, and we had so much fun learning spooky dances, playing party games and enjoying lots of Halloween fun together. 🕷️

We also had a brilliant time at our Halloween Workshop over half term! A huge well done to everyone who came along and joined in with all the spooky fun. We enjoyed getting creative with lots of Halloween crafts and, of course, learning a spooky dance! 🎨👻 It was lovely to spend some extra time dancing, creating and having fun together during the school holidays.





A huge well done to everyone who took part in our **Best Dressed Competition** and our **Choreography Competition** - we were so impressed with all the effort, creativity and brilliant ideas! All entries can be viewed on our social media if you would like to support our dancers who created something over half term.











A special congratulations to our winners, who we are delighted to announce below! 🏆🎃

Best Dressed Winner: Edith Keeshan for both a fantastic costume in class and at our Halloween Workshop!

Choreography Competition Winner: Evie Copeland with her amazing tap dance!

Our October Star of the Studio - Isabelle Baskeyfield



A huge congratulations to our **October Star of the Studio, Isabelle!** 💖

Since the start of the academic year, Isabelle has continued to grow and flourish as a dancer, and we have seen her confidence blossom so much.

She has added more classes to her weekly timetable, embraced new challenges (exams and performance opportunities) and has recently started assisting our younger dancers in their weekly classes.

Isabelle is incredibly hardworking, always remembers her routines and is such a kind, helpful and thoughtful member of our dance school. She is a wonderful role model for our younger dancers, leading by example and always offering a helping hand.

We are so proud of how far she has come, not only in her dancing but also in her growing confidence and the kindness she shows to everyone around her.

Well done, Isabelle - you thoroughly deserve to be our October Star of the Studio! 🌟🩰

Welcoming Miss Amy to Friday Evenings! 💕

We're delighted to officially welcome **Miss Amy to our Friday evening timetable**! Many of you will already know Miss Amy, as she currently teaches our Saturday dance classes. She'll now be taking over our Friday evening classes too. Throughout October, Miss Amy has been popping in to help out and get to know the children, making sure she's ready to take over and get settled into her new timetable.

For those who haven't met Miss Amy yet, she is a passionate, enthusiastic and caring teacher who loves helping our dancers develop their skills, grow in confidence and enjoy every moment in the studio. She has also recently been undertaking further training with **Acrotrix** to ensure her acrobatic knowledge and teaching skills are up to date and in line with our acro programme. We're always keen to invest in our teachers' development so that we can continue to offer our dancers the best possible training! We're so excited for Miss Amy to take on this new role and can't wait to see our Friday dancers continue to grow and flourish with her. Please join us in giving Miss Amy a big welcome to her new Friday classes!



Would you like to get to know Miss Amy a little better?

Head over to our website to find out more about Miss Amy, her dance background and her journey with our dance school!

Meet Miss Amy

Children in Need 2026 Week – Let's Dance for a Good Cause! 🐻

We're excited to be taking part in **Children in Need Week** this November, with lots of fun planned to help support this amazing cause! This year, we'll be joining in with the **Strictly 26 Step Dance Challenge for 2026!** 🩰 From **Monday 9th to Friday 13th November**, we'll be sharing the daily dance challenge over on our Instagram, so make sure you're following along and joining in at home! Our dancers will also be learning the challenge throughout some of their weekly classes, giving everyone the chance to get involved and dance for a great cause.

💃 Dance, Fundraise and Earn Your Certificate! 🌟

We'd love our dancers to get involved in fundraising by collecting sponsorship donations for completing the Strictly 26 Step Dance Challenge. You can donate online, and we'll also have a challenge progress tracker at the studio for everyone to help themselves to, keep track of their progress and tick off each step as they go! Every dancer who completes the challenge and sends us a video of themselves performing it will receive their very own **Strictly 26 Step Dance Challenge Certificate!** 🏆✨ So get practising, get fundraising and let's see how many of our dancers can complete all 26 steps!



Dress Like Pudsey Week! 🐻

To make the week even more fun, our dancers can swap their usual dance uniform for something a little different! During Children in Need Week, dancers are invited to wear **yellow, spots or comfortable loungewear** to their classes in exchange for a small **£1 donation**. Whether you channel your inner Pudsey with spots, go bright yellow or come along in your comfiest clothes, we can't wait to see everyone getting involved!

Every donation, big or small, helps support the incredible work of BBC Children in Need. Thank you, as always, for supporting our fundraising activities and helping us make a difference together. 💛✨

Want to find out more about the Strictly 26 Step Dance Challenge?

READ MORE ABOUT THE CHALLENGE

Introducing Our New Student Helpers!

You may have spotted a few new faces helping out in some of our younger classes last half term! We're delighted to introduce our new team of Student Helpers for this academic year. Being a Student Helper is a fantastic opportunity for our older dancers to develop valuable life skills, including responsibility, leadership, teamwork and communication, while becoming positive role models for our younger dancers.

It's a wonderful way for them to share their passion for dance and help support our younger dancers as they learn and grow. Our Student Helpers have been chosen in recognition of their dedication to dance, their commitment to our school and the positive attitude they bring to the studio.

We're so proud of them for taking on this important role and look forward to watching them develop their confidence and leadership skills throughout the year. Please join us in congratulating and welcoming our four new Student Helpers! 🌟👏



Miss Izzy and Miss Cherry



Miss Lauren and Miss Rosie

Come and Support Us at the Biddulph Christmas Light Switch-On!

We'd love to invite all our dancers and their families to come along and support our performers at the Biddulph Christmas Light Switch-On on Saturday 28th November! 🎅🎄 Our dancers will be performing outside the Town Hall at 5pm, and we would love to see as many of you there as possible to cheer them on!

As we're the first performers of the event, it would be fantastic to have a big, supportive crowd to help create a lively, exciting atmosphere and give our dancers the best possible start to the evening.

These performances are such a special opportunity for our dancers to showcase their hard work, build confidence and share their love of dance with the local community. So wrap up warm, bring your Christmas spirit and come along to show our dancers lots of love and support. We can't wait to see you there!





🏆 Our In-House Awards – Celebrating Progress!

On our return from October half term we will be sending out information about our In-House Awards for this academic year, for our Street, Cheerleading and Acro students! 🎉 These awards are a fantastic opportunity to recognise and celebrate all the hard work, dedication and progress our dancers have been making as they continue to develop their skills and work towards achieving their next level.

We love being able to celebrate not just the achievements themselves, but also the determination, commitment and confidence our dancers show along the way. Every dancer's journey is different, and these awards give us a wonderful opportunity to recognise how far they've come and reward the effort they put into their classes.

📅 **The deadline to sign up is Monday 23rd November!**

If you would like to sign your dancer up simply click the link below to complete their sign-up and make sure they don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to celebrate their progress.

SIGN UP FOR OUR IN-HOUSE AWARDS – CLICK HERE!

Here's to a Wonderful November!

We have so much to look forward to over the coming weeks, and we can't wait to share all the exciting moments with our dancers and families! Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

📱 **Don't forget to follow us on Instagram** to keep up to date with everything happening at the studio, including performances, fundraising events and all the fun behind the scenes

Scane Dance Instagram

We'll see you in the studio for a busy, fun-filled countdown to Christmas! 🎄🩰

Best Wishes,

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