



GD Newsletter

Dec 2025

Hello Generation Dance Families,

End of Year Wrap-Up

What a truly wonderful way to finish the year! Our Christmas performances were magical, and it was so special to see our students shine on stage. Thank you to everyone who came along to watch and support - the atmosphere was incredible, and the students had an absolute blast performing for you all. It was a lovely, joyful way to close the year, full of smiles, confidence, and festive cheer.

We already can't wait to see everyone proudly wearing their **new badges on their lanyards next Christmas** - such a special tradition and a reminder of how far our dancers have come.

Break up: Friday 20th December

Back to normal classes: Monday 5th January



Dates for the diary...

Activity	Date
Last day of term	Dec 20, 2025
First Official Day Back	Jan 5, 2026
Competition Dates	Feb 7, 2026 and Feb 8, 2026
Other Optional Feb Comp	Feb 15, 2026 to Feb 18, 2026
Next Exam Session	Mar 1, 2026 or Feb 8, 2026
Annual Show	Jun 28, 2026

★ Student Shoutout – Emily Laycock

A massive shout-out to **Emily Laycock**, who has shown **huge improvement** over the last few months. She truly shone in the Christmas performances and was awarded the **Rising Star badge** this Christmas — a **very rare and special achievement**.

Emily also won a **large competitive category**, being one of the youngest dancers out of **23 competitors** - absolutely brilliant! We can't wait to see what the future holds for you, Emily. You are certainly a gifted dancer.

THIS TERM...

Dance World Cup – What an Achievement!



We are beyond proud to share some truly **huge and exciting news**. With **over 9,500 English entries** competing this year, our **Showstopper Children's Trio** has successfully qualified for the **Dance World Cup Finals in Dublin** — an outstanding achievement and a moment of immense pride for our Generation Dance family.

This qualification is an incredible testament to the dancers' **hard work, commitment, resilience, and exceptional talent**. The level of competition is extremely high, making this accomplishment all the more special. A huge and well-deserved congratulations goes to our trio: **Florence Helliwell, Nola Heys & Eliza Graham**.

Reaching the finals on such a prestigious international stage is no small feat, and it reflects countless hours of training, focus, and determination both in and out of the studio. While there is plenty of fundraising ahead as we prepare for Dublin, the excitement surrounding this journey is already building, and we cannot wait to support them every step of the way.

This will be an **unforgettable experience**, creating memories that will last a lifetime. What an amazing opportunity — well done girls! 🌟

Top Tip – Why Dance Is So Much More

Dance isn't just about steps and technique - it's about **community, connection, and confidence**. Through dance, students make friendships, learn teamwork, build resilience, and grow in self-belief. Movement helps us feel **healthy, happy, and expressive**, and the studio becomes a place where dancers feel supported, inspired, and proud of who they are. The benefits last far beyond the classroom.

Can You Dance Super Convention – Liverpool



What an unforgettable experience at the **Can You Dance Super Convention** in Liverpool! Our **Dance Company** performed *Defying Gravity* for the very first time — on a **humungous stage**, in front of **thousands of people**.

The students absolutely smashed it and had the best time. After performing, they stayed on to take part in workshops with **industry professionals**, soaking up knowledge, inspiration, and confidence. Performing at such a large-scale event is a huge step, and the energy, excitement, and memories made will stay with them for a long time.



Notices & Reminders

Updated Class Schedule

As we head into the new term, the class schedule has had **slight updates on a few days (which you should already be aware of)**, but it's worth double-checking to make sure you know your child's class times. You can always view the full timetable on our **website**, but if you'd like a reminder, I'm happy to send out a **personalised timetable for your child** so you know exactly where and when they should be.

Spaces Available

We still have a few spaces in some classes for January, so it's a perfect opportunity for dancers to try something new or for new students to join the fun:

- **Thursday Street Dancer (Ages 5–8)** – 4:00–4:45 pm  A fun, upbeat class and a great way to make new friends.
- **Tiny Tots (Ages 2–3)** – Thursday at Coronation Hall  Perfect for little dancers to explore movement, music, and play.

If you have any questions about class times, spaces, or trials, just get in touch – we're always happy to help!

🐭 Tiny Tots Term Themes: Little Mice & Magical Adventures ✨



We've had so much fun with our themes this term - from little mice adventures to Mexican bean bag fun, freezing pom-poms, and festive Christmas parachute games! 🐭❄️🎄

Our Tiny Tots have been full of imagination as we:

- 🐭 Danced and tiptoed like **three kind mice**, exploring movement and rhythm
- 👧♂ Practised counting with **five naughty elves**, helping develop number recognition and focus
- 🐇 Jumped, hopped, and galloped our way across the floor, improving **balance, coordination, and mobility**
- 💣 Made beautiful **fireworks with our hands**, while also working on **fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination**
- 👉 Practised **taking turns**, sharing, and building social skills through every game and activity
- 🎅 And finished the term with a very special **visit from Santa Claus**, spreading festive cheer and making the end of the term extra magical!

It's been a term full of **movement, learning, giggles, and festive fun**. The Tiny Tots have grown so much - their confidence, creativity, and independence continue to blossom week by week. We're so proud of all our tiniest dancers and can't wait to see them back for more adventures next term!

🏆 COMPETITIONS & WINTER TERM SUCCESS

The **winter term** has been incredibly busy and full of achievements, with **three competitions** and an impressive total of **18 trophies** brought home! 🏆 The progress and improvement we've seen across all our dancers has been phenomenal.

Competing takes an enormous amount of **commitment and resilience** - not just from the dancers, but also from the parents who spend full weekends cheering, waiting, changing, driving and supporting. From early mornings to long evenings, we know how much effort this takes, and we are incredibly grateful for your ongoing support. Thank you for being such a huge part of our dance family - you help make every success possible! ❤️

One of the most special things about competitions is the **sense of community they create**. Dancers get to meet and make friends with peers from other schools, share experiences, we've loved seeing this community this term and wish all the schools we've competed against this term a Merry Christmas and we hope to see you all again in the New Year!



We're also absolutely thrilled to celebrate our **first Adjudicators' Winners** — a huge congratulations to **Nola Heys and Florence Helliwell!** Moments like this make all the early mornings, late nights, and long weekends so worth it! ☀️

Exams & Outstanding Achievements



We've had an **amazing exam session this term**, with some truly incredible marks across the board. The students loved taking part, and it was wonderful to see so many smiles, proud moments, and growing confidence. We know exams take a lot of practice and dedication outside of class but we as teachers really do see the improvement when students do the exam process so well done to all.

A **special congratulations to Florence**, who achieved a **record-breaking 93 marks** in her Modern exam! An unbelievable result. Florence has now been nominated for an **IDTA Theatre Award in 2027**, a highly prestigious event with only a handful of students selected nationwide, offering opportunities to win **scholarships**.

Our value of the term: ASPIRE

This term, we're focusing on the value **Growth** – celebrating how our dancers develop, improve, and become the best versions of themselves.

To grow means more than just getting better at steps or routines – it's about embracing challenges, learning from mistakes, and celebrating progress, no matter how small. Whether it's mastering a tricky turn, performing with more confidence, or simply showing up each week ready to try your hardest, we love seeing our dancers stretch themselves and flourish.

At Generation Dance, we believe every student has the potential to grow in all areas – as dancers, performers, and individuals – and we're here to encourage and support them every step of the way.

“Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning.” – Benjamin Franklin



**Happy Christmas everyone! See you
in the New Year for another
incredible year of dance!**

Miss Caitlin x



Remember...

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