



ROYAL
BALLET
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PRIMARY STEPS

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PRIMARY STEPS WORKSHOP NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Primary Steps programme and The Royal Ballet School.

You are about to start five exciting weeks of Primary Steps ballet workshops. Every week you will get a newsletter, full of fun facts about ballet and activities for you to take part in.



WHAT IS THE ROYAL BALLET SCHOOL?

The Royal Ballet School is a world-famous centre of classical ballet training. Some of the best dancers and **choreographers** in the world have trained at the School.

The Royal Ballet School is so excited to be working with you! We hope you have a fun five weeks with us, learning about ballet, trying new dance skills and being creative.

Ballet Dictionary

Choreographer - is the name for a person that creates dances.

WHAT IS PRIMARY STEPS?

You are now part of the Primary Steps family and learning all about ballet with Year 3 children from across England in our five Primary Steps areas, Blackpool, Bury St Edmunds, Dagenham, Mansfield and Swindon.



YOUR BALLET WORKSHOPS

In your five ballet workshops we are going to teach you some very important things. You are going to learn about jumping, stretching and turning and become experts at doing these movements. We are also going to get you to use your imagination to tell a story through dance. You will even become mini choreographers (can you remember this word from earlier?) and be allowed to make up some of your own movements.

You will be taught by an expert dance teacher and will get to hear live music every week! The person who plays the music is a musician and is sometimes called an accompanist. Make sure you learn their names, they will try very hard to remember yours!

To do well in your workshops you will need: focus, determination and imagination. We want to see you having fun and learning lots.



TOP TIP -
Remember to
smile when you're
dancing!

PRIMARY STEPS CLASSES

After you have taken part in the five weeks of workshops, you may be invited to join our Primary Steps programme. You may be selected if you have worked very hard, shown that you love dancing or if your performance skills have wowed us. If you get invited to join Primary Steps, you will have a class once a week and learn ballet with children from different primary schools in your area. You can stay on the Primary Steps programme until the end of Year 6, when no doubt you will be an expert dancer!

OTHER FUN THINGS

If you become a Primary Steps student, as well as coming to weekly classes, you will also get to do other fun activities.

- Watch a live performance in a theatre
- Visit your nearest Royal Ballet School Associate centre
- Take part in the half-term creative workshop lead by professional dance teachers
- Take part in dance sessions with other dance organisations in your area
- Take part in performances in your local area and at The Royal Ballet School in London



PRIMARY STEPS GRADUATION

The Primary Steps **graduation** takes place every year at The Royal Ballet School in Covent Garden. This is a special day when we celebrate our graduating students' achievements.

Ballet Dictionary

Graduation - is usually a ceremony or special event to celebrate students' finishing or completing some training or education

SOMETHING TO WATCH

Each week we will also add a short clip of a dance video for you to watch and think about before your next workshop.

Upper School students performing Swan Lake by Frederick Ashton, at Opera Holland Park:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6nXNTAGechE>



We hope your child enjoys their workshop this week. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch – primarysteps@royalballetschool.org.uk

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