

NEWSLETTER



GODSTONE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Summer 2, 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another wonderful academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on all that we have achieved together as a school community. I could not be prouder of everything that the children have accomplished.

I would like to thank our whole school community for your continued support. Our children have been the stars of the year, showing resilience, creativity and kindness in all that they have achieved. Thank you to the parents, Governors and FOGPANS for your invaluable partnership, and to our dedicated staff for their unwavering commitment to ensuring every child feels safe, valued and inspired to achieve their very best. Together, we make this school a wonderful place to learn.

The children have worked exceptionally hard throughout the year, and their academic achievements have been outstanding. We are incredibly proud of the excellent outcomes achieved across the school. Our Reception children have made a fantastic start to their educational journey, achieving wonderful results in the Early Years Foundation Stage Good Level of Development. Children in Year 1 have excelled in the Phonics Screening Check, demonstrating the strong foundations they have built in their reading. Year 4 children have shown impressive mathematical fluency in the Multiplication Tables Check, while our Year 6 children have achieved excellent SATs results, reflecting years of commitment, resilience and hard work. These achievements are a testament not only to each child's determination but also to the dedication of the staff and the invaluable support of families at home.

Beyond the classroom, the children have embraced every opportunity to broaden their horizons. Throughout the year, they have enjoyed an exciting range of educational visits, workshops and residential experiences that have enriched their learning and created lasting memories. From swimming lessons and Forest School sessions to school trips, residentials and outdoor learning opportunities, every child has benefited from experiences that have developed confidence, independence and curiosity.

As we look ahead to the summer break, I hope every family has the opportunity to rest, recharge and enjoy some special time together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Thursday 3rd September for the new academic year.

Have a wonderful summer holiday.

Best wishes,

N. J. Usher

Mr Nick Usher
Headteacher



NURSERY

This half-term in Nursery, we have done lots of great learning.

We have been busy learning all about the farm as well as engaging in lots of exciting events including Godstone goes global, spirited arts and sports day.

Whilst learning about the farm, we have shared lots of farm stories, some of which included, 'Down on the Farm' and 'The Three Little Pigs'. The children especially enjoyed 'The Three Little Pigs' and have been practising their building skills to create houses made from straw, sticks and bricks. They also enjoyed exploring the materials to craft the three houses.

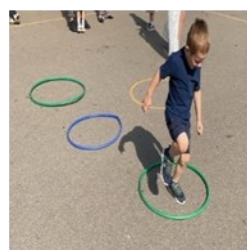


During Godstone Goes Global, the children learned all about Denmark. The children particularly enjoyed taking part in a cooking session, making their very own Danish pastries for snack time, joining in with some Danish folk dancing and practising saying the numbers to five in Danish.



The children had so much fun participating in Sports Day. They demonstrated their gross motor skills, jumping from hoop to hoop with two feet together, kicking the ball into the goal, throwing beanbags into the hoop and balancing an egg on the spoon. They especially enjoyed taking part in the running races and receiving their sticker for passing the finishing line.

Well done, Nursery!





RECEPTION

The children have had a brilliant half-term. They have embraced the warm weather we have had and enjoyed lots of water play in the outside area.



This half-term the children have been learning about 'Amazing Australia.' We started the term by locating Australia and the United Kingdom on a map. We learned lots about the different animals that live in Australia, including possums, kangaroos, platypus and wombats.



During this half-term, the children had a very exciting visit from three spaniel puppies. These puppies will be trained to be police dogs. The children got to stroke and cuddle the puppies, whilst learning about how they are trained and their important role as service dogs.



YEAR 1

What a fantastic half-term we have had in Year 1! The children have worked incredibly hard and should all be very proud of their achievements.

Phonics Success

We are delighted to share that **every child in Year 1 passed their Phonics Screening Check**. This is an outstanding achievement, and we couldn't be prouder of them. A huge well done to all of our children for their determination and hard work.

Thank you also to all our parents and carers for the support you have given at home. Listening to your child read regularly and practising their phonics has made a real difference. Your partnership has been invaluable, and we truly appreciate it.

Godstone Goes Global – South Africa

As part of our Godstone Goes Global week, we learnt all about South Africa. A special thank you to Cooper's dad for giving his time to support our learning and share his knowledge. The children have loved discovering more about South Africa, including how to stay safe in the sun and why sun safety is so important.



Sea Life Centre Trip

Our visit to the Sea Life Centre was a wonderful way to celebrate a successful year. The children had an amazing time exploring the fascinating sea creatures. Some of the highlights included meeting Dotty the leopard shark and watching the beautiful turtles swimming gracefully through the water.

To make the day even more special, the children enjoyed fish and chips on the beach, followed by a delicious ice cream. It was a fantastic day full of fun, learning and lasting memories.

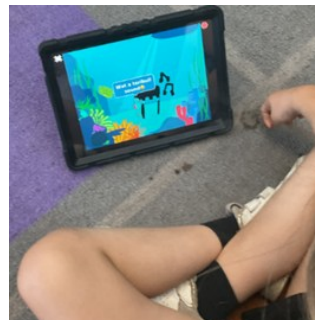
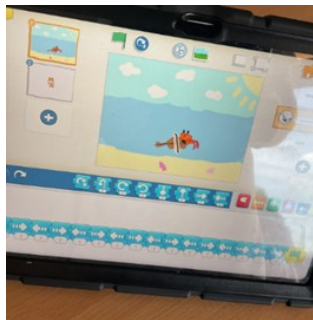
As we come to the end of Year 1, Miss Stevens and I would like to thank you for all your continued support throughout the year. We hope you all have a wonderful, relaxing summer holiday and look forward to hearing about the children's adventures when they return.



YEAR 2

We are so very proud of the children and all that they have achieved this year! What a fantastic end to the year we have had!

The children made links with their English learning and computing learning this half-term and used ScratchJr to bring their invention stories to life. There were some fantastic ideas based on 'The Bear and the Piano', such as 'The Camel and the Flute', 'The Octopus and the Drums' and 'The Crab and the Violin'. The children relished the opportunity to use their coding skills to create a programme, which would retell their story. They were truly brilliant!



How proud we are of our moving monster creations! As part of our design technology unit, Year 2 took some time to explore levers, linkages and pivots. The children were excited to design and create their own monsters, which met their design criteria. The children were most proud of their achievements and were excited to assemble the monster to their linkages without affecting the functionality.



As part of Godstone Goes Global, we explored different landmarks which are located in China. We then put our clay skills to the test and made clay tiles. What fun we had! Finally, we had a visit from some very cute puppies, too!



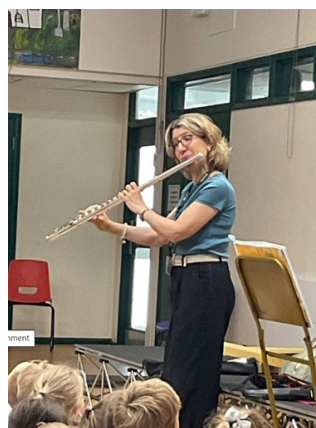
YEAR 3

So much has happened in Summer 2, starting off with Enrichment Week. The children were very fortunate to enjoy a range of live musical performances. They listened to a band, a pianist and a flute player, giving them the opportunity to experience different styles of music and instruments firsthand.

In RE, the children created some fantastic stained-glass-style class windows inspired by the Bible stories Daniel and the Lions' Den and David and Goliath. Using silhouettes to represent key moments from their chosen stories, they produced some thoughtful and creative pieces of artwork.

At the end of the week, the children celebrated Godstone Goes Global, and the children had a wonderful day learning all about Brazil! We made colourful Rio Carnival headdresses, learnt some samba and carnival dance moves, played boom whackers and other percussion instruments, and even sampled a selection of Brazilian foods. The filled churros were a particular favourite, as were the chocolate turtle biscuits! We had mixed reviews for the bala de coco (coconut sweets) and the coxinha chicken croquettes, but the pão de queijo—traditional Brazilian cheese bread balls—were a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by many.

Lots of the children also took part in Rocksteady this half term, ending up in wonderful concerts to the school. Some of the children also represented the school at District Sports this half term. Demonstrating all their wonderful athletic skills developed from their clubs and in their PE lessons. Sports day was also a massive success for the children, despite the heat. They showed great perseverance and determination, everyone taking part in all of the events. A big thank you to all the parents and carers who managed to come and support the children.



YEAR 4

Year 4 has had a very busy end to the school year! We have been enjoying reading our class story 'The Great Kapok Tree' and have been doing lots of acting from it.

We have also been planning, designing and baking biscuits in our DT lessons. We then got to eat them!

Year 4 have been taking part in loads of sporting activities during this term. They showed excellent skills, effort and teamwork during Sports Day, and there were lots of exciting, competitive races despite the high temperatures. Below is a selection of photos from the sprint races showing how well everyone did.



YEAR 5

As we reach the end of another fantastic year, we are incredibly proud of everything Year 5 has achieved. It has been a wonderful year filled with learning, laughter and memorable experiences. This half-term has been no exception. The children have continued to impress us with their enthusiasm and curiosity, proving themselves to be exceptional readers, researchers, designers and creators. They particularly enjoyed our geography enquiry on mountains, where they investigated the enduring mystery of George Mallory and Andrew Irvine's 1924 Everest expedition and explored whether they may have been the first people to reach the summit of Mount Everest. Their learning culminated in thoughtful and mature debates about whether it is ethical to continue climbing Everest today, with pupils demonstrating excellent leadership, persuasive speaking and the ability to consider different viewpoints respectfully.

In computing, our final online safety unit focused on staying safe in an increasingly digital world. The children demonstrated an excellent understanding of how to protect themselves online by carefully managing the information they share about themselves and others, as well as using different types of search technology responsibly. They also reflected on how technology can have both positive and negative effects on our lifestyles, producing thoughtful strategies, tips and advice for maintaining a healthy balance and promoting wellbeing.

Our RSE lessons were approached with remarkable maturity. As we learned about the changes that occur during puberty, the children consistently demonstrated our school values of respect and compassion, listening carefully to one another, asking thoughtful questions and contributing sensitively to discussions.

After working so hard throughout the year, the children thoroughly deserved a well-earned treat on our much-anticipated Baking Day. They baked delicious cupcakes, made chocolate cornflake cakes and decorated biscuits with fantastic creativity. It was wonderful to see their teamwork, patience and pride in their creations - and, of course, to enjoy tasting the finished products!



YEAR 6

As another school year comes to an end, we would like to say a huge congratulations to our amazing Year 6 children as they prepare to take the next exciting step in their educational journey. They leave Godstone Primary and Nursery School as confident, kind and resilient young people who have embraced every opportunity, supported one another, and made lasting memories. They have been excellent role models for our younger pupils and have made a positive contribution to school life through their enthusiasm, creativity, and determination.

The Year 6 residential to Bowles was a particular highlight of the final half-term for many of the Year 6 children. Another memory was their end-of-year production of *Oliver With a Twist*. From the opening scene to the final curtain, the children captivated the audience with their confidence, enthusiasm, and incredible talent. Their hard work and dedication throughout rehearsals shone through in every scene, creating a truly memorable production. The children worked together so supportively, encouraged one another and demonstrated excellent reciprocity both on and off the stage. We are immensely proud of every child for their commitment, resilience, and brilliant performances, making this year's end-of-year production a tremendous success!



We are incredibly proud of all our Year 6 class have achieved during their time at Godstone Primary and Nursery School and know they are ready for the exciting challenges ahead in secondary school.

Good luck, Year 6—we know you will achieve great things!

SPORTS

Godstone Primary and Nursery School have had a fantastic year of sports. Below are some photos from Sports Day where the children did fantastically well to compete in running races despite the soaring temperatures!

Unfortunately, District Sports was cancelled due to the heatwave. Below is a photo of the team modelling their new kit, which they will be wearing next year in sports events.



School Council

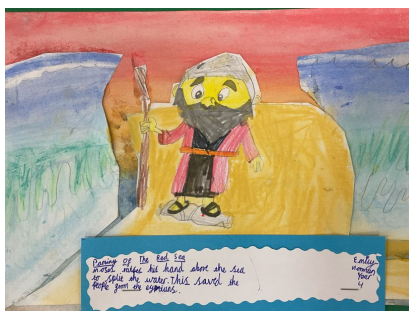
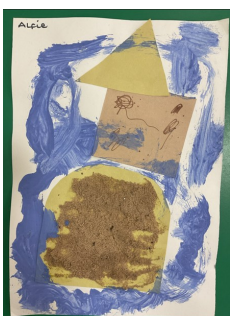
Enrichment Week was born out of ideas brought forward by the school council for a music day and more experiences in school.

We had a number of professional musicians visit during the week, including Mr Purcell from Rocksteady, Mr Kreiling who is a professional pianist, and a flutist from the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra who is visiting 80 schools this year to mark 80 years of the orchestra.



The children in Year One enjoyed a visit from a professional artist. They created amazing works of art linked to their learning about the sea.

Every class made pieces of art for the Spirited Arts competition, and everyone got to enjoy an art gallery in the hall to see how talented everyone is. The winners of each class will be submitted to the national competition. Well done to Alfie, Penny, Aoibhin, Connor, Marceline-Mae, Noah, Emily, Holly and Emily.



Godstone Goes Global

Enrichment Week was concluded with Godstone Goes Global.



Nursery explored Denmark. They found out about Lego and made Danish pastries.

Reception learned about Australia.



Year One learned about South Africa. Cooper's dad is South African, and he came in to tell us all about his home country, including how they love rugby and the team is called The Springboks.



Year Two looked at China. We made dragons and learned how they celebrated Chinese New Year.



Year Three explored Brazil.

Year Four found out about Spain.



Year Five learned about Nepal.



Year Six explored India.



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The 2026 Summer Reading Challenge theme, **Read to the Beat** will enable children to explore the creative power of reading and music.

Available for free in public libraries and online, the Summer Reading Challenge helps children stay engaged with reading during the summer holidays. Participants can discover new books, earn rewards, and enjoy music-inspired events and activities

Sign up at Oxted library any time from Saturday 4th July to Saturday 12th September or visit summerreadingchallenge.org.uk to begin your adventure.



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**Just read 6 books between
4th July & 12th September
to complete the challenge!**



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FOGPANS



SUMMER DISCO
The children had great fun at the Disco in June

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO

SUMMER FAIR

We were very proud to have raised £1,900.00.

Despite the hot weather, many of you came and had great fun at the fair!

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their time to help with the prep and running of the fair.



CAN YOU HELP? We really need it!

The FOGPANS committee will be running the bottle tombola at the Godstone Village Fete/Donkey Derby again this year.

Last year, we received a whopping £2,100 and this donation was down to the success of the bottle tombola.

CAN YOU HELP ON THE DAY?

Monday 31st August

Godstone Green

Anytime between 10am - 4pm

Any time you have - even if you have only half an hour to spare - it would make a huge difference. Sign up here - <https://volunteersignup.org/7PEM7>

You can even bring your children to help! They will be on the stall to lend a hand. They love to feel a part of it all!

WHAT WE HAVE FUNDED

DECORATION OF YEAR 1 & 2 CLASSROOMS

Continuing on our quest to improve the environment that our children are learning in, the Year 1 & 2 classrooms received a much-needed makeover.

BENCHES

There are now 3 lovely rainbow benches for the children to use in the playground - especially useful in the hot weather as they are under the trees!

CLASS DONATIONS

We are offering each classroom across the school £100 to be spent by the teachers to enhance the learning and environment of the children.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS BOOKS

We say goodbye to the wonderful Year 6's and are happy to send them off with their leavers books to treasure.

COMING UP NEXT TERM...

AUTUMN DISCO
TBC

QUIZ NIGHT (adults only)
FRIDAY 20th November

CHRISTMAS FAIR
FRIDAY 11th December

THANK YOU

Huge thanks to all the volunteers and staff who have supported our events this term. We just cannot run any of the events without your support!

Thank you to all our donors for raffle prizes for our fair. It is wonderful to be supported by our local businesses.

TO GET IN TOUCH EMAIL - FOGPANS@GMAIL.COM



ATTENDANCE

Punctuality / Lateness

Punctuality to school is crucial, and registration at the beginning of the day with the class teacher is one of the most important periods of the day. Lateness to school causes disruption to that individual's learning and to that of the other pupils in the class. It is paramount, therefore, that all children arrive at school on time.

As a reminder to parents:

- Please adhere to class drop-off and pick-up times.
- Pupils who arrive after 8:50am will be recorded as late.
- Registers close at 9:20am. After this time, if no call is received from the parent as to why the child is absent, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.
- Persistent lateness is monitored by the school office and will be investigated, and appropriate action will be taken. If there is no further improvement, this may be referred to our Attendance Advice and Intervention Officer.

Attendance Panel School Meetings (failure to ensure regular school attendance)

The Local Authority retains control of the Inclusion Service, and every effort is made to maintain close links with the Attendance Advice and Intervention Officer attached to the school. Where school interventions have failed to secure regular attendance, an official referral may be made to the Attendance Advice and Intervention Officer.

Kind regards,

Mr Nick Usher
Headteacher

PENALTY NOTICES



Penalty Notice relating to Exclusions

If a child is excluded from school, Section 103 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 places a duty on parents/carers to ensure that their child is not in a public place without justifiable cause during school hours.

This duty applies to the ***first five days of each exclusion***. Failure to do so will render the parent/carer liable to a Penalty Notice. (Alternative education provision will be made available from the sixth day of any exclusion.)

Amount Payable for a Penalty Notice and Consequences for repeat unauthorised absences

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling, 3-year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3-year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00 **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3-year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, **per parent/carer per child**, in the Magistrates Court under section 444 Education Act 1996.
4. **Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.**

Advice and support is available from an Attendance Advice and Intervention Officer by contacting Surrey Attendance Services as follows:-

North West - Tel 01483 518130
North East - Tel 01372 833588

South West - Tel 01483 517874
South East - Tel 01737 737777



PENALTY NOTICES TO ADDRESS POOR ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

A Penalty Notice may be issued as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent/carer for their child's unauthorised absence from school (absence without the agreement of the school or not covered by a medical note) and will be used by Surrey County Council in the following circumstances:-

1. Pupils identified by police and Attendance Advice and Intervention Officer (formerly Inclusion Officers) engaged on Truancy Patrols and who have incurred unauthorised absences.
2. Leave of absence in term time (5 days or 10 sessions or more).
 - **Please be aware that the School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.**
 - They may request that Surrey County Council issue Penalty Notices when the absence is not authorised.

Warnings will not be given where it can be shown that parents have been notified that such absences will not be authorised.

3. Finally, the issuing of a Penalty Notice will also be considered where it is judged that a parent is failing to ensure their child's regular school attendance.

This will be considered when a pupil has incurred 10 or more unauthorised sessions in the previous 10 school weeks, which may include a pupil arriving late after close of registration.

If you believe at any stage that your child's absence from school may leave you liable to receive a Penalty Notice, it is extremely important that you act without delay to secure their regular attendance.

If you have any questions or require further support to achieve an improvement in your child's attendance, please contact your child's school or the Attendance Advice and Intervention Officer.

Pupil Absence Procedure



Child is absent
from school

Child is absent
due to **illness**

Child is absent due to a
medical appointment

Day 1: Please contact the School Office either by telephone or email by 9:20 am. Please give the reason for absence, together with the child's full name and year group.

Contact number: 01883 742326, Option 4

Email: parents@godstone.surrey.sch.uk

Please contact the School Office either by telephone or email by 9:20 am.

Where possible, we would ask that dental/doctor's appointments are made either before or after school.

Please provide an appointment card/letter for each medical appointment.

Contact number: 01883 742326, Option 4

Email: parents@godstone.surrey.sch.uk

Day 2 and every subsequent day(s) after:

Please contact the School Office either by telephone or email by 9:20 am. Please give the reason for absence, together with child's full name and year group.

Contact number: 01883 742326, Option 4

Email: parents@godstone.surrey.sch.uk

If no contact has been made by the parent on Day 1 or 2, or any subsequent days after, the absence will be unauthorised.

If your child has 7 unauthorised absences in a 6 week period, this will be referred to the Inclusion Team at Surrey County Council.

The Headteacher/Attendance Officer, together with the Inclusion Team at Surrey County Council monitors children's absences every three weeks. If your child is under 90% attendance, the parent will be contacted either by telephone or a letter. If this absence continues to decline, you will be asked to provide medical evidence for each absence. Where medical evidence isn't provided, this absence will be unauthorised and may lead to a referral to the Inclusion Team at Surrey County Council.

If the school has concerns about the attendance or welfare of any child, a referral to Inclusion, CSPA or Surrey police may be made

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MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

School Lunches via Scopay

Please may we remind you to book your child's meal via Scopay for the 1st half of the Summer Term.

We are asking that you book your child's meals on Scopay **from Thursday 3rd September to Friday 16th October**. By doing this, it will help us to order the correct amount of food and avoid waste.

When you input the meals on Scopay, the amount will show as being owed; however, we wouldn't expect payment to be made in full immediately. Payment can be made weekly as stated on the lunch menu.

Office Opening / Closing Times

A gentle reminder: please be advised of the updated School Office opening and closing times:-

Monday to Thursday

8:30am—3:45pm

Friday

8:30am—3:30pm

IMPORTANT: Please may we remind you that children should arrive between 8:40am and 8:50am. If your child comes in after 8:50am, this will be registered as a 'late mark'.

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(AGES 10½–14)

Tuesday
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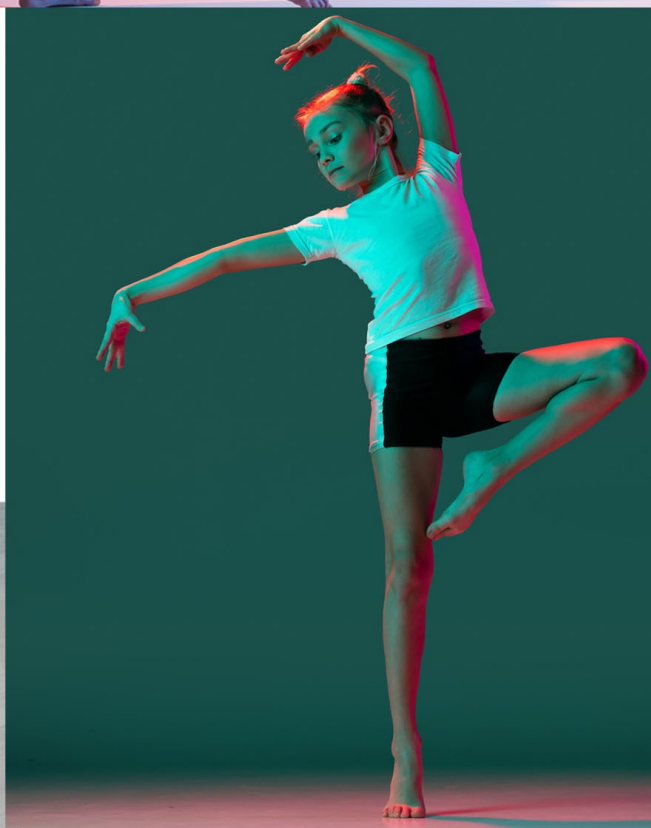
Wed 3.45-4.15pm (Year 2 and up)

Technique and Performance

Wed 4.15-5.00pm (Year 3 and up)

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