

LFBS April 2026

THE PARK BENCH 12th April 2026

What a wonderful response to our biennial show!

I can't thank everyone enough who helped with the organisation backstage, Front of House, catering and in the car park. It is a monster feat and impossible without you. I was immensely proud of the children's work ethic and how confident they appeared on stage.

AWARD WINNERS: Chosen by LFBS Alumna Ella McGaughey BA (Hons)

Senior Technique: Grace G5. *Senior Artistic:* Hattie G5

Junior Technique: Rose G4. *Junior Artistic:* Charlie G2

Senior Dance: Hello Ducky

Junior Dance: Blossoms

Special Mentions: Veronica, Eloise, Alina, Constance - all Intermediate; Emily P Grade 6 .

AUDIENCE VOTE: 1st *Parkrun*; 2nd *Cornets, Hornets & A Pigeon*; 3rd *Swan and Nymphs*

Stage Manager's favourite: *Squirrel*.

Mrs Parkin's husband's favourite: *Swan and Nymphs*

The one that gave Mrs P nightmares: *Cornets, Hornets & A Pigeon*

The one that made Mrs P cry: *Cygnet*

The ones Mrs P thoroughly enjoyed the most: *Parkrun* and *Hello Ducky*.

The costume Mrs P never wants to make again, despite the marvellous result: *Squirrel*

PROFESSIONAL PHOTOS From Big Image Photographers:

<https://4487402.tifmember.com/?Action=FL&id=386189152&from=29828202>

The password was emailed to you on 23rd April. Do ask if you've lost it.

DIGITAL DOWNLOAD Please email me your request to purchase by 14th MAY. No cast list.

PROGRAMMES from Mrs P: Just £2 each with the full cast, dance numbers and composers.

BACKSTAGE PHOTOS at the end of the newsletter.

CONGRATULATIONS

Ella Symmons Adv1 (now Adv2) has been awarded a place at the Northern Ballet School [Northern Ballet School - Performers College](#) for full time Vocational training.

Ella has trained at LFBS since she was five, has been a Cecchetti Scholar, Cecchetti Associate and Rambert Associate. She has never stopped Working towards her goal, and her placement is richly deserved.



CECCHETTI BALLET ASSOCIATES GALA

Immense pride again as I watched 15 of our 17 Cecchetti Ballet Associates dancing at the 30th Anniversary Gala. As well as classical dances from the youngest to the eldest, Contemporary, Jazz and various stylised dances were performed. Miss Abbie was Assistant Director. Mrs P did her bit as a fire officer. Featured on stage as a mini tableau, were to dancers as the logo for the Cecchetti Ballet Associates, chosen from the whole cast of over two hundred. What a delight to see one of our own LFBS dancers, Hattie H, as the pair with one of the senior boys. My heart burst!

LONDON CENTRE BALLET EXAM RESULTS

Congratulations to Abi, Anna, Ella, Freya & Jess who each gained with Merit the immensely difficult *Vocational Advanced1* in Cecchetti Ballet. They took their exam just three weeks before our show so most of the rehearsal for their three numbers was completed in just three long classes.

Well done also to Hattie who gained Grade 5 with Distinction.

24th & 25th MAY Two days of Cecchetti Ballet, Repertoire, Pointe Work and more in Devon [Cecchetti Classical Ballet Convention 2026](#) - Book now!

STUDIO TO STAGE Cecchetti Society Trust April 19th. Three of our four Cecchetti Scholars performed at the annual Cecchetti Congress, held at The Royal Ballet School, Floral Street, London, which Mrs P always attends. The day included among other presentations, Conversation with Kevin O'Hare, Director of The Royal Ballet, and Repertoire coaching by James Streeter, First Soloist English National Ballet.

TUTUS & TEDDIES



This very first ballet class is now full for the summer term. Bookings being taken now for September. Please pass the word. Children age 3 - 4
Liss Triangle Centre
Saturdays 11.35 am – 12.05 pm.

Please see the **Tutus & Teddies** page and follow on Instagram to see what Violet has been getting up to – all included in the classes taught by Miss Abbie.

UNIFORM

All Boogie to order direct to your door
SCHOOL LOGO T-SHIRTS 100% organic cotton
CROPPED SWEATSHIRTS for cooler days
BAGS and GILETS now also available





Bertie & Beatrice



Parkrun



Squirrel



Wavering Trees



Cygnets



Cornets, Hornets & Pigeon



Swan and Nymphs



Hello Ducky!



Commuters' Lunch



Pansy Party



Bookworm



Twittering Birds



Night & Stars



Hungry Bertie



Greenery



Tulips



Raindrops



Blossom



Ducklings



Park Games



Daisy Chain

