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Dear Parents and Carers

## Royal Ballet Primary Steps Programme

We are delighted to inform you that our Year 3 children have been offered a unique and exciting opportunity by The Royal Ballet School.

The Royal Ballet School's mission is to nurture, train and educate exceptional young dancers for the Royal Ballet companies and other leading UK and International Companies and to inspire the future of classical ballet training.

The Royal Ballet School's Training and Access department is committed to bringing the work of The Royal Ballet School to the wider community and has formed partnerships with secondary schools in Blackpool, Bury St Edmunds, Dagenham, Mansfield and Swindon. Students at these schools have enjoyed working with Royal Ballet School teachers in creating and performing their own dance work.

Following on from this success, our school is one of 27 primaries in England to be offered the Primary Steps programme, which is targeted at Year 3. This autumn, between September and November, your child will take part in six creative dance workshops delivered by The Royal Ballet School. Children will find out about life at The Royal Ballet School and use what they have learnt to make up their own dances.

Year 3 children will also attend a *ballet class demonstration* danced by students of The Royal Ballet School which is always very interesting and inspiring for pupils and teachers alike. This event will take place on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September** during school hours at King Edward VI School, Bury St Edmunds. The pupils will be walking to and from King Edward VI School and need to be dressed for the weather. Pupils will be supervised by their classroom teachers and support staff. This is covered by the local walks and visits permission form that you have already completed.

We hope you will agree that this is a very special opportunity for our children, and look forward to your support and interest in the weeks ahead.

Yours sincerely

*Year 3 Team*

Miss E Alleyne & Miss D Smith  
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