

Welcome - Children Casting Information Pack

Hello! Thank you for choosing to be a part of our next DADS production. We are here to answer any questions you have, so don't be afraid to ask! Whether this is your first time here, or you're a seasoned regular, we hope this will be fun and enjoyable for everyone.

Key Dates!

Here are the main dates for the 2025 pantomime. To be involved you need to be available for **all** of the performance and rehearsal dates in January. Please let us know asap, if you have a problem.

	Children	
Monday 30th Sept	6:00pm - 7:15pm	
Monday 7th Oct	6:00pm - 7:15pm	
Monday 14th Oct	6:00pm - 7:15pm	
Monday 21st Oct	6:00pm - 7:15pm	
Monday 28th Oct	6:00pm - 7:15pm	
Monday 4th Nov	6:00pm - 7:15pm	
Monday 11th Nov	6:00pm - 7:15pm	
Monday 18th Nov	6:00pm - 7:15pm	
Monday 25th Nov	6:00pm - 7:15pm	
Monday 2nd Dec	6:00pm - 7:15pm	
Monday 9th Dec	6:30pm - 8:30pm	Team A
Thursday 12th Dec	6:30pm - 8:30pm	Team B
Monday 16th Dec	6:30pm - 8:30pm	Team A
Thursday 18th Dec	6:30pm - 8:30pm	Team B

Fri 20th - Thursday 29th Christmas No rehearsals - Enjoy the break!

After Christmas

Monday 30th Dec	7:00pm - 9:30pm	Run through	Team A
Thursday 2nd January	7:00pm - 9:30pm	Technical Dress	Team B
Monday 6th January	7:00pm - 9:45pm	Technical Dress	Team A
Tuesday 7th January	7:00pm - 9:45pm	Dress Rehearsal	Team B
Wednesday 8th January	7:00pm - 9:45pm	Dress Rehearsal	Team A
Thursday 9th January	7:00pm - 9:45pm	Dress Rehearsal	Team B

Show Week

Saturday 11th	Call time 1:30pm	Show starts 2:30pm	Team A
Sunday 12th	Call time 1:30pm	Show starts 2:30pm	Team B
Monday 13th	No Show - rest day		
Tuesday 14th	Call time 6:30pm	Show starts 7:30 pm	Team A
Wednesday 15th	Call time 6:30pm	Show starts 7:30 pm	Team B
Thursday 16th	Call time 6:30pm	Show starts 7:30 pm	Team A
Friday 17th	Call time 6:30pm	Show starts 7:30 pm	Team B
Saturday 18th	Call time 1:30pm	Shows start at 2:30pm	Team A
	Call time 6:30pm	Show starts at 7:30pm	Team B

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Health, Safety and Behaviour

We know that being part of the pantomime is really exciting, however it is important that the children know what is expected of them. We will be reminding the Children from their first rehearsal that we can't have fun if it's not safe. If children are talking over someone else, wandering off, or playing with something they are not supposed to do, that could be putting them or somebody else in danger. I'm sure that everyone is going to be really respectful and concentrate the best they can, but if we do have a situation where we have to continually be reminding anyone, then we will have to ask them to sit out and speak to the parents about how we can help them to improve.

Rehearsals

Rehearsals will be every Monday starting from Monday 30th September. The children's rehearsal is 6:00pm - 7:15pm. This is separate from the Juniors. The rehearsals do get more intense at the end of Dec and early January. I have attached a rehearsal schedule so you can see all the dates and times. The hall will be open from 5:45pm, so if you want to arrive a bit before, you can go to the toilet, have a drink and make sure you are all ready to give us lots of focus at 6pm.

Teams

A few weeks into rehearsals I will let you know which team your child will be in. We always make sure siblings/family members are in the same team and we also try to take into consideration car sharing and pick up for parents. If there is any information about teams that you feel would be useful, or you think I've made an error, don't be afraid to get in touch.

Sugar restriction

Due to limited access to the hall, our rehearsal schedules often extend over typical mealtimes. While we respect your discretion regarding when and what to feed your children, since 2023 we have implemented a restriction on chocolates and sweets during rehearsals. This policy was introduced in response to a noticeable increase in the circulation of sugary snacks, which had become a distraction and hindrance for some children. As such, we politely ask that no chocolate or sweets be brought into rehearsals to maintain focus and productivity.

Attendance

We understand that emergencies can happen, and missing an occasional rehearsal won't be an issue. However, frequent absences can make it more challenging for your child and the rest of the cast. If your child is unable to attend a rehearsal, we kindly ask that you notify us via email as soon as possible.

What we hope your child gets out of this

Being part of a pantomime production offers a fantastic opportunity for children to develop a wide range of skills. From working as part of a company and making friends with peers from other villages to performing in front of a live audience, the experience is incredibly enriching. Balancing this extracurricular activity alongside other commitments, like homework and daily routines, teaches valuable lessons in time management and responsibility - important aspects of growing up. It fosters creativity and helps build self-confidence as children step out of their comfort zones and explore different characters and stories. Above all, we hope this experience instils a lifelong love of the arts and gives your child cherished memories of working together to create something special.

Health & Safety Policy

Please read the following carefully before completing your participation form.

In order to participate, every member must accept there are risks and responsibilities to taking part. Our commitment is to minimise these risks and ensure a safe and supportive environment for all participants.:

Fire

At the first rehearsal, the company will be informed of what to do in the event of a fire, including being made aware of all fire exits and our fire assembly point.

Accidents & Illness

In the event of an accident there is always a qualified first-aider on site for every rehearsal and performance.

We ask you to provide a contact number for us to call for any accident or emergency.

If you are unwell and unable to attend a rehearsal or show for any reason we politely request that you contact us asap. You may return when you feel fit to do so.

Security

We take the security of all participants seriously. Children under 16 must be signed in and out by a parent or guardian for performances. The rehearsal space and backstage areas will be monitored by staff to ensure safety at all times. If your child is being collected by someone different to normal, please let us know in advance.