

# YOUR GUIDE TO PLANNING A SCHOOL TRIP TO



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# Matilda

THE MUSICAL

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## **YOUR GUIDE TO PLANNING A SCHOOL TRIP TO MATILDA THE MUSICAL**

Thank you for your interest in the Royal Shakespeare Company's Matilda The Musical. Here's everything you need to plan, book and take your next school trip and how to support learning back in the classroom with our free education packs, educational videos and teaching ideas.

Have a question, or are you looking for something in particular? We're here to provide you with everything you need. Email or call our Education Team to find out more about the show, ask questions about the planning process and book your tickets.

We're looking forward to seeing you and your students at Matilda The Musical very soon.

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### **ABOUT MATILDA THE MUSICAL**

Matilda The Musical is the multi-award winning musical from the Royal Shakespeare Company, inspired by the beloved book by the incomparable Roald Dahl.

With book by Dennis Kelly and original songs by Tim Minchin, Matilda The Musical is the story of an extraordinary little girl who, armed with a vivid imagination and a sharp mind, dares to take a stand and change her own destiny.

Winner of 99 international awards, including 24 for Best Musical, Matilda has been playing at the Cambridge Theatre in London's West End for over a decade, where it continues to delight audiences of all ages.

As well as offering great rates for schools, the Royal Shakespeare Company have created a free online resource to give schools insights into the process of staging this award-winning musical.

These include teacher notes full of ideas for how to prepare your students for seeing the production, and a programme of work which aims to give young people the inspiration, confidence and skills to develop their own writing.



## THE TOP THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

### PLANNING & BOOKING

#### How much are the tickets?

School groups can take advantage of our exclusive school rate of just £25 per student for best available seats (usually up to £67.50 or £75.50).

#### How do I book?

Book your trip directly with our Education Team to secure the best tickets at the best price. Email [Schools@MatildaTheMusical.com](mailto:Schools@MatildaTheMusical.com) or call 020 8064 0124.

#### Do you offer free teacher places?

We do. We offer 1 free teacher ticket for every 10 students. Extra tickets can then be bought at the reduced school rate of £25 per ticket.

#### How far in advance can I book?

We are currently booking until 28 May 2023. Matilda The Musical is a very popular show, so we recommend you book as far in advance as possible to get the best availability.

#### When are school tickets available?

We offer our exclusive school discount for Tuesday – Thursday performances, including Wednesday Matinees during term time. All tickets are subject to availability.

#### Where will I be sitting?

You and your students will be sitting in the best available seats. Make sure you book early and directly with our Education Team to secure the best tickets at the best prices.

#### What's the minimum group size?

Our school rate is available for groups of 10+ students.

#### What's the recommended adult to student ratio?

We recommended at least 1 adult to every 10 students. However, this will depend on the age and needs of your group. Please get in touch with our Education Team to find out more.

#### What times are the performances?

During the week, Matilda The Musical's evening performances are at 7pm and matinee performances are at 2pm.

### What's the running time?

The running time is 2 hours, 35 minutes - including a 20 minute interval.

Evening performances start at 7pm and run until 9:35pm. Mid-week matinee performances start at 2pm.

### What happens if a student can no longer attend?

We appreciate that a student may not be able to attend at the last minute due to unforeseen circumstances. Please get in touch with our Education Team as soon possible if this happens.

### AGE SUITABILITY & SUBJECT LINKS



#### What Key Stages is it suitable for?

The show is suitable for Key Stages 1 and above.

#### What's the minimum age?

We suggest the show is suitable for 6+.

Please note, the show could be considered quite long (2h35 including a 20-minute interval), quite loud in

parts and can be quite scary for younger children.

### What subjects and topics do the show link to?

*Matilda The Musical* links mainly to Drama, English and PSHE plus a wide range of Primary and Secondary subjects, making it a perfect cross-curricular school trip.

- **Drama**
  - Performing Characters
  - Scripted Drama
  - Staging
  - Theatre Design (Costume, Lighting, Set Design & Sound)
  - Understanding Drama & Theatre
- **English**
  - Reading (with particular focus on Roald Dahl)
  - Stories
  - Writing
- **Music**
  - Composing Music
  - Songs & Rhymes
  - Singing
- **PSHE**
  - Anti-bullying
  - Being yourself & self-esteem
  - Family
  - Friendship
  - Goal Setting

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## GETTING TO THE THEATRE

### Where is Matilda The Musical being performed?

Matilda is being performed at the Cambridge Theatre, next to Covent Garden in London.

### What's the address of the theatre?

Cambridge Theatre, Earlham Street, Seven Dials, London WC2H 9HU.

### How do I get there?

Below are the easiest ways to get to the theatre.

- **Coach**

The closest coach bays are on Russell Street, Covent Garden and High Holborn. Both are a 6-minute walk to the theatre. We recommend speaking to your coach operator for more information and to find the drop-off and pick-up spots.

- **Tube**

Covent Garden (Piccadilly Line) and Leicester Square (Northern & Piccadilly Lines) are the closest tube stations. Both are a 3-minute walk to the theatre.

- **Train**

The closest train station is Charing Cross - a 9-minute walk to the theatre.

- **Bus**

1, 8, 14, 24, 29, 38, 55, 73, 98 and 176 bus routes all stop within a 5-minute walk to the theatre.

## AT THE THEATRE

### **Are there toilets?**

Yes. The Cambridge Theatre have toilets, including accessible toilets, throughout the theatre.

### **Is there food and drink available?**

You and your students can purchase drinks and snacks before the performance and in the interval. Please note that no external food or drink (except bottled water) is allowed in the theatre.

### **Is there a place we can eat a packed lunch?**

We do not have facilities for your students to eat their lunch in the theatre. However, there are local parks and green spaces nearby. For more information, please speak to our Education Team.

### **Can I buy programmes and merchandise?**

Programmes and merchandise can be bought before and after the performance in the theatre foyer.

### **Is there a seating plan I can download?**

Yes, you can download the seating plan from our website at [MatildaTheMusical.com/seating-plan](https://MatildaTheMusical.com/seating-plan).

### **Is there security at the theatre?**

Yes. Bag searches are in operation upon arrival.



### **Can I take photographs inside the theatre?**

We are happy for you to take photos inside the theatre before the show begins.

However, please note that it is strictly forbidden to take photos or use any type of recording equipment once the show has begun.

### **Is there a First Aider on-site?**

Yes. There is a qualified first aider at the theatre at all times.

### **Do you have a Risk Assessment I can use?**

Yes, you can download a Risk Assessment from our website at [MatildaTheMusical.com/risk-assessment](https://MatildaTheMusical.com/risk-assessment).

## **ACCESSIBILITY AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR CHILDREN WITH SEND**

We're committed to making Matilda The Musical as accessible as possible for you and your students. Please find the key information below and please get in touch if you have any further questions or to discuss your students' needs.

Email [Schools@MatildaTheMusical.com](mailto:Schools@MatildaTheMusical.com) or call 020 8064 0124.

### **Where can I find your accessibility information?**

Full accessibility information can be found in the link below:

[matildathemusical.com/accessibility](https://matildathemusical.com/accessibility).

### **Is the show suitable for children with SEND?**

The show is suitable for all students. However, please note that flashing lights and loud sound effects are used during the performance.

For more information, please email: [Schools@MatildaTheMusical.com](mailto:Schools@MatildaTheMusical.com).

### **Do you have audio notes that I can use with my students before the performance?**

The RSC has created introductory notes that you and your students can listen to before coming to the theatre. You can listen to these and download notes in the link below:

[matildathemusical.com/accessibility](https://matildathemusical.com/accessibility).

### **Do you have a short synopsis and visual story that I can use to speak to my students about the production?**

We do. We have produced a Visual Story document outlining the synopsis of the show, including what your students can expect to see and experience at the theatre.

You can request the guide by emailing [Schools@MatildaTheMusical.com](mailto:Schools@MatildaTheMusical.com).

### **Is there someone I can speak to about my students' needs?**

Of course. Our Education Team are on hand to make your visit as accessible as possible. If you have any questions or to discuss your students' needs, please email

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## **TEACHING RESOURCES AND WORKSHOP INFORMATION**

### **Do you have teaching resources?**

We do. You can access and download our teaching resources for free in the link below:

[matildaschoolresources.com](https://matildaschoolresources.com).

This includes education packs with teaching ideas and activities to use before and after seeing the show. You'll also find educational videos with the cast and creative team and interactive tools that your students can use to explore the performance.



### **Can I book a workshop as part of my trip?**

Mid-week matinee workshops are available for primary and secondary school pupils. The workshops are designed to introduce your students to the story Matilda The Musical, the key characters and the creative process of bringing it to life on stage. Led by RSC practitioners these active 90 minute sessions can be tailored to meet the needs of students of all ages from 6 years old and upwards.

### **WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION?**

#### **Schools website**

Find out more about the show on the school's page on our website:  
[matildathemusical.com/schools/your-visit](http://matildathemusical.com/schools/your-visit).

#### **Social Media**

See the latest updates on our social media channels:

[facebook.com/MatildaTheMusical](https://facebook.com/MatildaTheMusical)

[twitter.com/MatildaMusical](https://twitter.com/MatildaMusical)

[instagram.com/matildathemusical](https://instagram.com/matildathemusical)

#### **Education Newsletter**

Sign up to our Education Newsletter for the latest news, updates and offers here:  
[matildathemusical.com/schools/join](http://matildathemusical.com/schools/join).

#### **Education Team**

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