

## Points to highlight

- Matilda tells a story about an escapologist and an acrobat that can be upsetting. Sometimes Matilda talks about them, sometimes you see them played by actors, sometimes they're projected onto a cloth. Matilda also plays a part in one scene.
- Miss Trunchbull punishes children in a room called the 'chokey.' Miss Trunchbull also has a whistle which she uses a couple of times.



- There are balloons on stage which are popped by the actors.
- In one scene a child appears to drop from the ceiling. Don't worry, this is a puppet and not a real child.
- At the end of Act 1, there are flashing lights during the song.
- After the interval, the actors will come on stage for interval entertainment, so if you arrive and they are there, don't worry, you're not late.

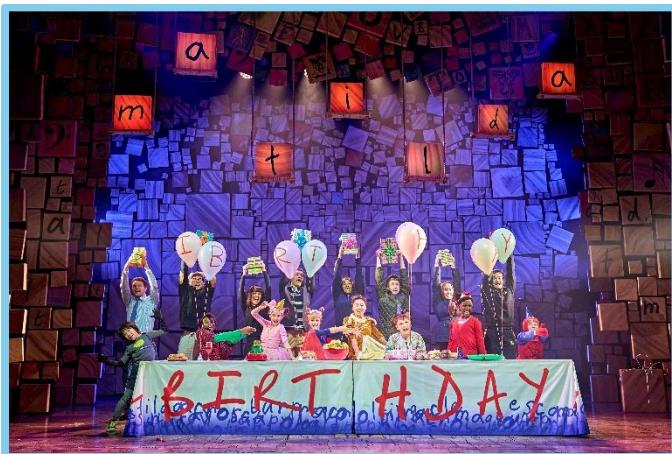


- In the second act, children swing on swings high into the air. Please don't worry, they are safe and have rehearsed many times.
- There are a few moments throughout Act 2 with flashing lights and loud sound effects. For more detail on this do find a member of the Front of House team.
- Towards the end, actors dressed as Russian gangsters come onto the stage with Russian accents and appear quite violent.

## Matilda - The Story and Sensory moments

### Spoiler Alert!

Below is a summary of the story, which means we tell you what will happen during the show. This might be helpful to know before you come to the theatre, but if you want the story to be a surprise, don't read these pages. Please don't share these with other people as they might want the surprise too.



Matilda the Musical is a story about a clever girl named Matilda. When she is born, her parents don't seem to care about her and are more interested in watching television.



When she's older, Matilda spends lots of time at the library. She loves to read books and tell stories. She tells the Librarian, Mrs Phelps, a story about an escapologist and an acrobat.

When Matilda goes to school, she has a very kind and caring teacher called Miss Honey who realises how clever she is.



The headmistress of the school is Miss Trunchbull who is quite frightening and doesn't like children. She uses a cupboard in her office called 'chokey' to punish children.



One day, while Miss Trunchbull is shouting at Matilda's classmates, Matilda gets very angry and discovers she has a magic power – she can move things with her eyes!

Miss Honey invites Matilda to tea and we learn that Matilda's story about the escapologist and the acrobat is actually the story of Miss Honey's parents.



Miss Honey tells Matilda that after her father died, she lived with her aunt, who was very mean and now takes all of Miss Honey's salary.

Matilda realises that Miss Honey's aunt is actually Miss Trunchbull.



In class, Matilda plays a trick on Miss Trunchbull. She uses her magic powers to write messages on the blackboard from Miss Honey's father, telling Miss Trunchbull to give back the house.

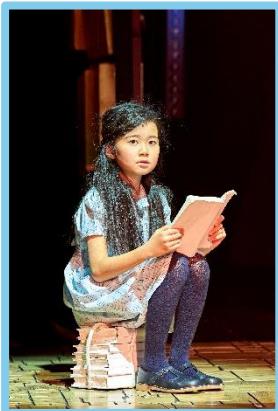
This scares Miss Trunchbull so much that she runs away and gives Miss Honey back her house. Miss Honey becomes headmistress of the school.

Meanwhile, Matilda's parents get into trouble with Bulgarian gangsters and decide to run away to Spain, leaving Matilda to live with Miss Honey.

# Meet The Cast

The actors in these pictures might be different from the actors playing the characters because there are different 'teams' of actors. There will also be other actors on stage for some scenes.

Some actors change character by wearing different clothes, changing their name and the way they move and talk.



Matilda



Mrs Wormwood  
Matilda's Mother



Mr Wormwood  
Matilda's Father



Michael Wormwood  
Matilda's Brother



Miss Honey  
Teacher



Miss Trunchbull  
Headmistress



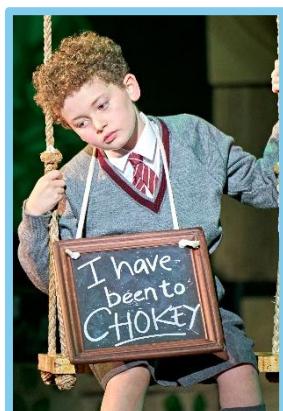
Mrs Phelps  
Librarian



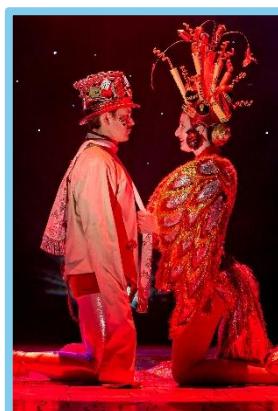
Rudolpho  
Dancer Teacher



Doctor



Bruce  
Classmate



The Escapologist and  
The Acrobat



Lavender  
Classmate

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