

NOTTINGHAM
PLAYHOUSE



SCHOOLS SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL 2026
**A MIDSUMMER
NIGHT'S DREAM**

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Welcome to Nottingham Playhouse for this year's Schools Shakespeare Festival and our production of A Midsummer Night's Dream. Our directors have worked in close collaboration with teachers and students to create the scenes you will see today. Shakespeare is often inspiring and challenging in equal measure and it is fantastic to see the ownership these young people have over the versions they have been part of creating. The power of theatre to lift young people up, to give them confidence to speak in front to others, to work as part of a team, to be creative and try something new is really evident today in over 250 young people performing both on the stage and on film.

A huge thank you to everyone who has played a role in making the Schools Shakespeare Festival happen. Enjoy the show!

THE TEAM

Producers	Sarah West Niamh Atkinson	Pianist	Sam Marshall
Movement Director	Jo Petch	Nottingham Playhouse Tech Team	Production Manager Tony Topping
Directors	Sarah West Jo Petch Rob Throup Tia Elvidge Andy Reeves		Lighting Ryan Moore
Set Designer	Hannah Leach-Scrivens		Stage Laura Wolczyk
Costume Designer	Tia Blackman	DSM	Abi Tsoi
Shakespeare Consultant	Isaac Cartwright	ASM	Bethan Wakefield
Set Assistants	Ellena Young Sumin Jo	Festival Support	Hannah Ford
Costume Assistants	Tia Blackman Marielle Ngitngit Roxanna Macovei Ruby Morphett Susanna Henney Annie Reeves	With special thanks to:	Technical & Production teams at Nottingham Playhouse, Mitchell Ndema, Melissa May Smith and Matt Putt.

RUNNING ORDER

**Rosehill School
Southwold Primary
Firbeck Academy
St Wilfrid's CE Primary School
Wellow House School**

SHORT INTERVAL

**Bluecoat Aspley Academy
East Leake Academy
Priory Junior School
Orston Junior School**

ROSEHILL SCHOOL



Director: Tia Elvidge

Performers: Young people from Rosehill School both on stage and pre-recorded



SOUTHWOLD PRIMARY

Director: Sarah West

Abdallah	Ariella	Joshua	Milliana	Sumaya
Abdullah	Caroline	Larisa	Muhammah	Tag
Abubakar	Cecilia	Lola	Mya	Tyrelle
Adiv	Diana	Maira	Nehamiah	Urwha
Ali	Elijah	Mariam	Nali	Yesmine
Anayah	Haziq	Mayson	Serene	Urwah

FIRBECK ACADEMY

Director: Sarah West

Rahaf	Jack	Alyssa	Isla	Daisy
Admed	Gabriel	Terri	Abigail	Remee
Sulayman	Logan P	Cosmina	Sfia	Qusay
Emmanuel	Logan S	Kumsal	Violet	
Carlos	Essay	Indiana	Jaiden M	

ST WILFRID'S CE PRIMARY

Director: Jo Petch

Sophie	Aubrey	Theo	Maddison	Edie
Lola	Harriet	Noah	Ella M	Violet
Harry	Josh	Florence	Teddy	Ella C
Alba	Alicia	Louis	Lenny	Lawton
Olivia	Ben	Arya	Nathan	

WELLOW HOUSE SCHOOL

Director: Tia Elvidge

Amelia F	Albert B	Lyla-Rae R	Will B	Ayden S
Brooke DM	Matilda B	Oliver P	Adam B	Dexter SW
Alea B	George N	Anaya V	Russell W	Finley Q
Harry O	Ava B	Finley M	Alex H	Georgina P
Mila G	Hannah B	Grace B	Leo A	Matlida B
Jack A	Sofia CK	Albert A	Alfie B	
Paige R	Charlotte W	James L	Lucy P	

BLUECOAT ASPLEY ACADEMY

Director: Andy Reeves

Maariyah	Jayla-Shi	Tiana	Deja-Nae
Sidharth	Mishael	Drithvi	Corrben
Favour	Shay	Milan	Summer
Patrick	Mariah	Harry	
Ricardo	Niall	Hania	

EAST LEAKE ACADEMY

Director: Andy Reeves

Theodore	Libby	Ethan	Pamela	Zivah
Annabelle	Emilee	Tienna	Lily	Erin
Dotty	Glasha	Lewis	Lois	Anaya
Espey	Tilly	Ava	Olivia	Ozzy
Jessica	Maiya	Kendall	Josie	Ethan

PRIORY JUNIOR SCHOOL

Director: Rob Throup

Aayrah M
Georgie M
Grace K
Nancy A
Holly S
Ella T
Mia S

Layla W
Maisy R
Bonnie B
Ella I
Bella V
Layla S
Ayla R

Roo A
Arlo R
Jaycie C
Layla G
Layla P
Matilda W
Jared A-O

Remy H
Izzy B
Thomas S
Aidah E
Molly B

ORSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Director: Rob Throup

Eliana B
Martha B
Laura C
Bonnie C
Martha C
Oskar D

Callan E
Rafferty E
Ava E
Sienna F
Mia G
Maisie H

William H
Teddy H
Joe H
InesH
Sienna M-T
Millie M-R

Neave N
Tabby N
Jack R
James W

SHINE

Our Free Community Drama Provision



Shine is Nottingham Playhouse's flagship participation programme, working with community partners across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire to provide free theatre sessions for young people aged 4-25.



GET INVOLVED

PUPPET FESTIVAL:



DATES: Sat 27th - Sun 28th June

AGE: All Ages.

We are delighted to be part of this year's Nottingham Puppet Festival. With events happening in, outside and around the building, there's something for everyone!



SUMMER SCHOOL:



DATES: Sat 25th July - Tues 11th Aug

AGE: 6-18 years

Join us for one of our Summer Schools during the summer holidays and get involved in the action here at Nottingham Playhouse.



Need help with costs to attend?

We believe theatre is for everybody, so we offer a limited number of bursary places for all of our Get Involved programmes.

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