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Performing Arts Evening 2026

We are delighted to announce that we will be holding our performing arts evenings on Tuesday 10th February 2026 and Thursday 12th February 2026. This is an event that has always proven to be hugely successful, bringing children's talents and interests to the stage! Pupils will be invited to audition to take part and they will be able to choose from the following categories: dance, singing, spoken voice (e.g. drama sketches, monologues, duologues, poetry), gymnastics, hosts, instrumental and miscellaneous. In our miscellaneous category, we have had a huge variety of wonderful ideas in the past e.g. stop motion animations, rubik cube acts, martial arts, comedy, magic etc. Children can audition in more than one category if they wish to. They can audition by themselves or in small groups.

What is the audition criteria?

1. Pupils must be fully prepared for their auditions: lyrics, words, dance/gym routines etc must be learnt off by heart.
2. Audition pieces should not exceed five minutes
3. All resources should be brought along to the audition (e.g. props, YouTube links)
4. If singing, children should sing along to a backing track (not along to a track with vocals)
5. All audition pieces must be age appropriate
6. If children audition, they must be available to perform in **both** performing arts evenings i.e. Tuesday **and** Thursday

Please note:

- We unfortunately cannot access music on USB sticks, so children who require music in their acts will need to be able to access their chosen songs on YouTube.

When are the auditions?

The auditions will run in January (wk beginning 12th and 19th) and we will provide children (and parents) with a timetable. More information will be issued in due course.

What if my child does not get chosen to go through to the performing arts evening?

We unfortunately will not be able to select all children to go through to the performing arts evenings due to logistical challenges as well as time restrictions. Pupils will be encouraged to give it their best shot and to be proud of their achievements, regardless of whether they are selected or not. We keep the audition fun, stress-free and enjoyable! We are committed to ensuring that all pupils are provided with the chance to perform to a live audience. As such, we will be offering children who do not get selected to still have a chance to showcase their performances in front of their year groups or class at some point in the Spring Term.

What if my child is part of choir, Young Voices or BSL club?

If your child is already part of choir, Young Voices or BSL club, they will automatically be invited to perform at the performing arts evening.

When will my child find out if they have been chosen to perform in the performing arts evenings?

Once all of the auditions have been completed, we will email those who have been selected. The whole process usually takes around three weeks from the start of auditions to notifying parents.

How do I purchase tickets to the event?

If your child is selected to participate in the performing arts evenings, you will be invited to purchase tickets. The money raised will be invested into further enhancing the music and performing arts department at school.

We are very excited to see lots of varied acts coming our way in our January auditions! We cannot wait!

Best Wishes,

Music and Performing Arts Department