



25th November 2025

Christmas performances in school

Last year our children enjoyed a trip to the Theatre Royal to watch the pantomime. It was a wonderful experience and one we will likely look to repeat in the future.

This year we have been given the opportunity to welcome Storycraft Theatre company and Next Door But One Community Arts collective, who are working in partnership with York Explore Libraries sharing their Christmas performances with schools across the city.

The EYFS and KS1 performance - **The ENORMOUS Christmas Pudding** - will take place on Friday 12th December. The performance for KS2 - **When Robins Appear** - will take place on Thursday 18th December. Please see below for some more information on the shows.

The ENORMOUS Christmas Pudding!

In this brand-new festive show, be prepared for one ENORMOUSLY fantastic creation. Based on a classic folk tale, this accessible production is enriched with visual storytelling; including puppetry, shadow puppetry and Makaton throughout, with an enchanting musical score and a strong message of the powers of teamwork.

The production will enable our audience to learn the value of friendship, working together and making something out of very little.

We love this time of year and our Christmas show promises to warm the hearts with a special dose of seasonal magic.

An energy-packed production full with colourful characters, puppetry, games and so much fun.

When Robins Appear

This December, get ready to step into a world of wonder, sparkle and festive fun as Next Door But One brings a brand new play to life, bursting with music, puppets, and glitter! Something feels a little different this year... The snow has fallen, the winter stars are twinkling, but the sparkle of Christmas seems to be missing. Can two best friends, facing big changes like moving house, starting new schools and a first Christmas without grandma, find the magic again?

With the help of a magical robin, they're whisked away on a joyful journey through their favourite Christmas memories! From festive food and colourful fairy lights, to joyful songs and thoughtful gifts, they soon discover that the real sparkle of Christmas isn't found under

the tree — it's in the laughter, love and unforgettable moments we share together and that can live forever in our hearts.

When Robins Appear is a heart-warming, high-energy show created especially for KS2 students.

Packed with catchy songs, enchanting puppetry and plenty of audience interaction, it's a festive celebration that gently explores big feelings around change, loss, friendship and what really makes Christmas special.

We hope the children will thoroughly enjoy the shows.

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