



# Trinity Academy Akroydon Weekly Newsletter

23 June 2023

## Matilda Jr.

This week, KS2 pupils brought the beloved story of Matilda to life with their talented performances and impressive stage production. The show received nightly standing ovations from the audience!

The Mayor of Calderdale, Councillor Ashley Evans, watched the performance and congratulated the cast on their outstanding performances. Also, the National Operatic and Dramatic Association (NODA) sent representatives to review the show. They praised the energy, enthusiasm and professionalism of the pupils.

The success of Matilda Jr. is testament to the hard work and dedication of the cast, who spent months rehearsing and perfecting their roles. The show was a true team effort, with everyone involved playing a vital role in bringing the story to life. Everyone involved should be proud of their achievement and the impact they have made, well done everyone!



## Summer Fayre

We are planning to hold a Summer Fayre in July. If you would like to join the Friends of Akroydon and get involved in any way, please email [friends@akroydon.trinitymat.org](mailto:friends@akroydon.trinitymat.org)



## NHS tea party

On Wednesday 5 July we are holding a tea party to mark the 75th birthday of the NHS. This will be from 2:30pm. We will send further information out soon... watch this space!



## Key dates



27 June

EY/Y1  
Hesketh Farm

28 June

Y4 to Halifax Minster

30 June

Y6 Junior Warrior  
trip

3 July

Y6 TAH transition

11 July

Y1 Reading tea party

12 July

Y2 Reading tea party

## Term dates


Closes—21 July


## Attendance

Ash 97.93 % 

Birch 95.17 %

Elm 96.67 %

Hawthorn 98.89 % 

Hazel 97.65 % 

Holly 94.09 %

Juniper 95.50 %

Linden 93.33 %

Maple 94.83 %

Oak 92.50 %

Willow 90.71 %

Yew 95.20 %





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### By Trinity Academy Akroydon

Review By Karen Rice.



From the moment we stepped through the door, it was evident that so much thought had been put into this production and that didn't just apply to the stage and cast. The producers Miss Gatehouse and Miss Kirkley enlisted the help of various students, offering them experience with costumes, promotions, programmes and tuck shop. A fabulous example of teamwork and they all greeted us with the biggest smiles on arrival. Well done!

I was really intrigued to see how a school production would tackle such a big musical show, however, I was not disappointed. The story of Matilda perfectly represents the school's core values of empathy, honesty, respect and responsibility; a perfect choice, it would appear!

The show began with the song 'Miracle', sweet voices could be heard coming down the middle of the audience, which was a lovely touch and made the audience feel involved from the very beginning. As more of the cast joined in with the opening number, it was clear that these children meant business.

Hope Kilroy played the part of Matilda beautifully, moving through each scene faultlessly, not missing a word. She was joined by the equally talented Laura Tarchala, who played the part of Miss Honey to perfection. Her diction was great with the sweetest singing voice to match. Lily Sandland did an outstanding job with her role as Miss Trunchbull. She completely commanded the stage in every scene that she was involved in. The dynamic between the three girls, Matilda, Miss Honey and Miss Trunchbull owes its success to some brilliant casting.



The Wormwood trio, Tobias Ashley, Daisy Griffin and Dakota Donner were a great example of a family you love to hate, a perfect mix of comical baddies, who had us all laughing on multiple occasions.

Molly Dent, as Mrs Phelps was a lovely pairing with Matilda, her reactions to the story were great and her costume fitted the role to a tee.



Tommy (Ariana MacMillan), Amanda (Nina Tarchala), Lavender (Sofia Griffin), Hortensia (Amelia Krucinski), Eric (Alexa Beckett) and Alice (Olivia Broughton) all did a great job in their supporting roles, delivering their lines loud and clear, with great enthusiasm.

Alexis Rands, as Rodolpho was hilarious, her accent and one liners were greatly timed, with movements that were equally funny.

Harry Lockwood did a very good job in his dual roles as the Escapologist and Mafia, along with Lilly Nuttall, both delivered their lines with great confidence.



More comedy came by the way of Bruce (Logan Ashley) and Nigel (Lucas Hellowell) who may not have had the most lines to say, but they made a great impact with their brilliant comedy timing. The cake scene was a particular favourite of mine and I loved how cleverly it was done with Bruce proudly displaying his empty tray at the end.

Where do I begin with the Big Kids and Little Kids? It is often the case that these types of roles are for the less confident, however this was not the case at all. Each and every child in these groups knew every single word and dance move and gave 100%. They carried the show seamlessly from one scene to the next and never lost their focus.



I do have to give a special mention for Lena Sawa, she stood out throughout the show and her enthusiasm was clearly infectious. I was pleased that she was given some individual singing and dancing moments, which she did with great confidence.

The commitment from everyone involved was a joy to watch. The sheer amount of dialogue and song lyrics was enormous, but this group clearly did their homework and all came out with top marks.

Huge congratulations to all the cast and production team, for looking after us and providing a brilliant evening of entertainment. You should all be extremely proud of yourselves.







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## Forest school days

**Monday**– Birch

**Wednesday**- Ash

**Thursday**– Willow

**Friday**– Yew



## PE days

**Monday**- Maple, Willow

**Tuesday**- Birch, Holly, Oak

**Wednesday**- Hazel, Yew

**Thursday**- Ash,  
Juniper, Linden



**Friday**– Year 2

## Swimming

**Monday**- Juniper

**Tuesday**- Linden



## Athletics week

Our pupils have been very active all week, practising throwing, running, and jumping events as part of Athletics week. The children have shown lots of resilience, teamwork and fantastic athletic ability!



**Ash**– Albie S

**Birch**– Blake GB

**Elm**– Gracie R

**Hawthorn**– Emily W

**Hazel**– Jenson T

**Holly**– Tobias A

**Juniper**– Macie H

**Linden**– Rosie A

**Maple**– Verity C

**Oak**– Bobbi H

**Willow**–Amelia W

**Yew**– Matilda cast



**Ash**– Taneyah S

**Birch**– Eden J

**Elm**– Tomasz S

**Hawthorn**– George W

**Hazel**– Henry S

**Holly**– Ethan T

**Juniper**– Alexa B

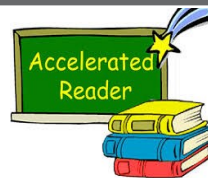
**Linden**– Neo S

**Maple**– Bailey H,  
Lloyd M

**Oak**– Layton W

**Willow**–Julia S,Laura T

**Yew**– Bethany K



## KS1

1. Maddison H-Hawthorn
2. Jakub K–Elm
3. Tomasz S–Elm

## Lower KS2

1. Wyatt C–Linden
2. Tobias A-Holly
3. Ashleigh G–Holly

## Upper KS2

1. Lorian D–Oak
2. Ella-Louise P–Oak
3. Leah M–Willow



1. Martins Z–Hawthorn
2. Emily W–Hawthorn
3. Hudson F-Elm



1. Tilly-May M-Juniper
2. Mason S–Juniper
3. Chloe H–Juniper

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