



Visual Story for *Dick Whittington*
at
New Wimbledon Theatre

This Visual Story is designed to help prepare you for your visit to see the pantomime, *Dick Whittington* at New Wimbledon Theatre. This Visual Story contains information about the show and lots of images to help prepare anyone who may be anxious (or curious) about their visit.



Information about New Wimbledon Theatre.

This is a picture of the front of the theatre.

This is our main entrance



We also have a side entrance with no stairs. If you use a wheelchair or have difficulty using stairs press the button on the right of the door and someone will let you in.



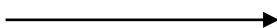
Inside the theatre there is a foyer (a waiting area) and our Box Office (where you collect your tickets.)



This area can become busy with a lot of people before the performance.



You can buy toys, drinks, sweets & chocolates before the performance in the foyer.



This is a picture of the inside of the auditorium (the room where the pantomime is shown). These are the seats you will sit in. →

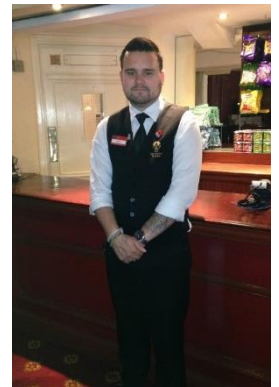


It will be busy & lots of people will be sitting in the seats also. →



If you need any help or have any questions there are plenty of staff members to ask.

The staff members who check your tickets and help you find your seat are called ushers. Here are two pictures of ushers. →



Changes for the Relaxed Performance

For the Relaxed Performance some changes have been made to the sound and lighting and other moments in the pantomime to reduce anxiety and to provide a more relaxed environment.

If you need to talk or move about during the pantomime, that's fine.

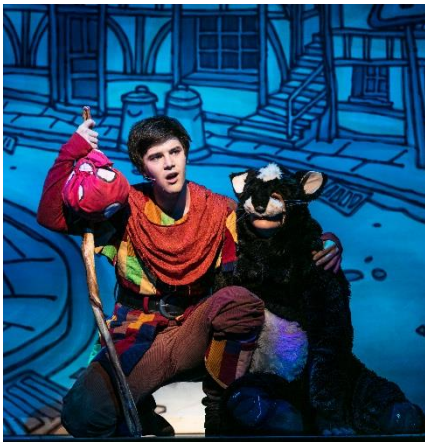
During the pantomime the lights in the auditorium will get dimmer but it will not go completely dark.

If you want to take a break from the auditorium, just ask an usher to show you the way to a chill-out area.

What is the pantomime about?

Dick Whittington comes to London with his cat, Tommy, to seek his fortune. He falls in love with Alice, Alderman Fitzwarren's daughter. King Rat sets a trap for Dick so that he is accused of stealing money from Alice's father. Dick is sent from the city, but returns when the Fairy Bowbells sends him a message. Alice convinces her father to give Dick another chance and he joins the crew on the next ship sailing from the port. While at sea, King Rat causes the ship to sink in a storm, and the crew gets washed up on the shores of Morocco. The Sultan of Morocco has a problem – his country is overrun by rats! Tommy the cat saves the day and the Sultan gives Dick more gold and jewels than he could have dreamed of. When he returns to London, he is made the Lord Mayor of London... and marries his beloved Alice!

Here are pictures of some of the characters you will see in the pantomime.



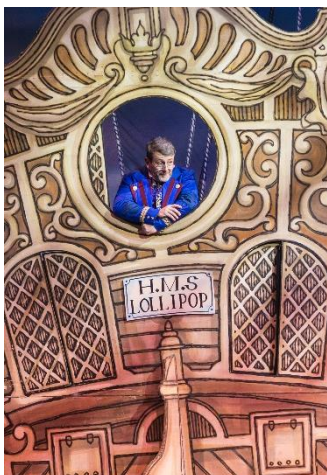
Dick Whittington
and Tommy the
cat



Alice



Fairy
Bowbells



Alderman
Fitzwarren



King Rat



The Sultan



Sarah the Cook



Idle Jack

Here are some pictures of the stage (the area where the pantomime is performed by the actors) and the set (the scenery and props on the stage) so you will know what the pantomime looks like.



How long will the pantomime last?

The pantomime is shown in two halves with a break in the middle (called an interval).

The first half of the pantomime is 50 minutes.
The interval is 20 minutes.

The second half of the pantomime is 50 minutes.



The whole experience will last approximately (this means sometimes a bit more & sometimes a bit less) 2 hours 10 minutes.

Show Notes

- Before the pantomime starts properly there will be a screen on the stage which will show some adverts and a count down to get ready for the start. The sound will be a bit quieter than usual. You might also see this screen in the interval.
- During the pantomime you will be asked to shout things out and get involved in the show. You don't have to join in if you don't want to, so don't worry.
- There are moments in the pantomime when the actors might come close to you, talk to you and look at you.
- All of the stage fireworks have been taken out for the Relaxed Performance.
- There is lots of music and dancing in this pantomime. The sound will be a bit quieter than usual for the Relaxed Performance.
- There are lots of special lighting effects used in this pantomime. Any flashing lights and lights that shine out into the audience have been taken out for the Relaxed Performance.

Good to know...

Chill out areas

If you want to leave the auditorium at any time during the pantomime you can take a break in one of our bars or the chill out area in a room called The Ambassador Lounge.

You can ask the ushers to show you where the bars and The Ambassadors Lounge are.

This is a picture of what the Ambassador Lounge looks like.



**Thank you for visiting New Wimbledon Theatre.
We hope you enjoy Dick Whittington.**