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Dear Parents / Carers,

Matilda the Musical Dress Rehearsal Trip – 29th April 2026

As your child is a member of the cast/crew for our school production of *Matilda Jr*, I am delighted to invite them to watch the dress rehearsal of *Matilda the Musical* at the Mayflower Theatre. This is an unusual and exciting insight into how a touring professional theatre company runs a dress and technical rehearsal when they arrive at a new venue.

The trip will run on Wednesday 29th April and students should meet in the drama studio at the end of lunch (13:15) instead of going to line up. We will take a register and walk to the Mayflower Theatre. The rehearsal is due to start at 14:00 and finish at approximately 16:40. We can then offer the following options for your child:

- Walk back to St Mark's with staff and be dismissed from there (ETA 17:10)
- Make their own travel arrangements from The Mayflower Theatre
- Be collected by an adult from The Mayflower Theatre (collection must be prompt so those returning to school are not delayed)

There is **no cost** for this trip as the dress rehearsal is part of a package we have purchased for our own production and we are taking advantage of our location and walking there for free. As it is not a public performance, it may not be possible to purchase drinks and snacks at the theatre, therefore students should bring anything they need. Students will be representing St Mark's so must wear full, smart uniform, behave appropriately and follow staff instructions at all times.

If your child would like to take part, please sign them up on SCOPay for 'Matilda Dress Rehearsal Trip' and indicate your preference for your child's travel arrangements. If I do not have permission to release a child from the theatre, they will need to return to school with us.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Smith

Head of Year 7 and Teacher of Drama