

POLKA DOT
PANTOMIMES

Polka Dot Pantomimes in association with
The Guildhall Trust present

THE
GUILDHALL
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STARRING

EASTENDERS

**CLAIR
NORRIS**

as Fairy Sunshine

EASTENDERS and HOLLYOAKS

**RICHARD
BLACKWOOD**

as Jack

Back By Popular Demand

**TIM
McARTHUR**

as Fleshcreep

Back By Popular Demand

**BEN
WATSON**

as Silly Simon

Jack and the Beanstalk

VISUAL STORY

Introducing
**MARK
TWO**
as Tilly Trott

Introducing
**ABI
ELLIS-WALTER**
as Princess Jill



**10 DECEMBER 2025 -
4 JANUARY 2026**

White Rock Theatre, White Rock, Hastings, East Sussex, TN34 1JX

Box Office: 01424 462280 | whiterocktheatre.org.uk

HASTINGS

WHITE ROCK



This Visual Story is designed as an aid for visitors to the Relaxed Performance of this year's pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk.

If you are curious or anxious about your visit, we hope this will assist you in preparing for your trip to the White Rock Theatre.

It contains images and helpful information including:

- **Photographs of the theatre to help you find your way around.**
- **Descriptions for the main characters in the show.**
- **Notes to highlight any potentially distressing elements of the show.**
- **A synopsis of the story of The Magical Adventures of Peter Pan**



If you have any special requirements, please let us know when you book your tickets.

If you have any questions or concerns before, during or after your visit, please ask a member of staff using one of the methods below:

enquiries@whiterocktheatre.org.uk

Ticket Office: 01424 462280

We hope you enjoy your visit to this year's Relaxed Performance and we look forward to welcoming you.



Jack and the Beanstalk is being staged at The White Rock Theatre in Hastings.

Pantomime is a special kind of show where there is talking, singing and dancing. It is very lively and the audience are allowed to join in by clapping, shouting, booing, hissing and singing if they want to.

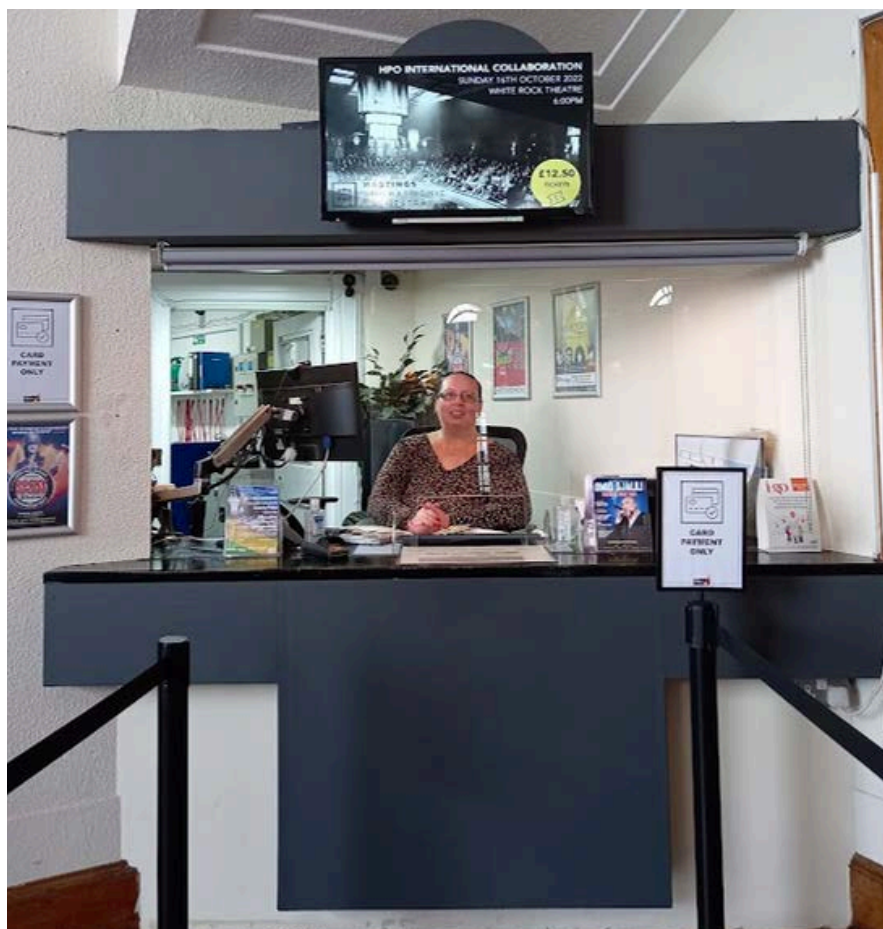


The theatre will be open an hour and a half before the show begins. Members of the audience will be able to use the theatre facilities and purchase food and drink or merchandise before the pantomime starts.

The auditorium (where the pantomime will be staged) will be open 30 minutes before the start of the show. You can take your seats and prepare for the beginning of the production.

Seeing a show is a lot like seeing something on TV, or at the cinema. But the people in a show are right there on the stage, they are called actors.

When you get to the theatre you will enter the foyer and see the **Ticket Office**.



If you need to collect your tickets, you might have to wait in a queue at the Ticket Office.

The foyer can be quite busy and noisy while everyone is waiting to in and see the show but there are quieter areas available, just ask a member of staff and they will show you where to go.

These members of staff are called ushers, they can tell you where you need to go and answer any questions you have.

At the kiosk, you can buy souvenirs or snacks. Some of the souvenirs are toys that flash brightly.

If you need to use the toilet before the show starts, you can either go upstairs or downstairs and there are signs to show you the way.



If you want to buy a snack pack at the Café there are signs directing you to the top floor, and you can use the stairs or the lift to get there.



There will be a bell and a loud speaker announcement when you are allowed to go inside the auditorium. The auditorium is the part of the theatre where the audience sit to watch shows



When you get to the auditorium doors, you show your ticket to the usher and they will tell you where your seats are. It's important you sit in the seat which is printed on your ticket but you will have plenty of time to find your seats and get comfortable before the show starts.

There is a stage at the front of the auditorium and this is the area where the actors perform.

The theatre will get slightly darker and music will play as the production begins.

The use of mobile phones and tablets are permitted during a Relaxed Performance as long as they are on silent, and not used to take photographs or videos of the show.

At the start of the show, it will be quite loud. After a song or something funny, people will clap.

If anything is too loud for you, you can cover your ears or bring headphones to wear.



Please feel free to leave the auditorium during the show if you need to. You can go to relax in our Chill Out Room (Stalls Bar) which is off the main foyer.

In the middle of the show there will be a short break called an interval. Lots of people will get out of their seats and this is when everyone can go to the toilet or buy snacks and drinks.

There will be another bell and loudspeaker announcement to tell you when the interval is over. This means it is time to return to your seat to see the rest of the show.

After the break, everyone will come back and sit down in their seats again. It will get darker and quieter just like at the beginning of the show. The actors will come back on stage and continue with the show.



At the end of the show, all the actors will come out on stage. This is called a curtain call. Many people will clap a lot so the actors know how much they liked the show.



We hope you enjoy the show!

MEET THE CHARACTERS!

Fairy Sunshine

A kind and magical fairy who looks after nature. She tries to protect everyone from the Giant. She uses rhyming spells, pink lighting, and appears with sparkles or smoke effects.



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Fleshcreep

The Giant's mean and scary henchman.
He enters with thunder, lightning, smoke
bursts, and green or dark lighting.

People usually boo him.

He can appear suddenly and speaks
loudly.



MEET THE CHARACTERS!

Jack Trott

Our hero! Jack is brave, friendly, and wants to defeat the Giant and marry Princess Jill. He sings several songs and climbs the magical beanstalk.



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Princess Jill

Kind, brave, and in love with Jack. She is kidnapped by Fleshcreep and taken up to the Giant's castle.



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Dame Tilly Trott

Jack and Simon's mum. She is funny, loud, wears big colourful costumes, and often starts the audience shouting "Yoo-hoo!"



MEET THE CHARACTERS!

Silly Simon

Jack's silly brother.

He is very funny and gets the audience to join in with "Hi Green Peas, remind me please!"

He invents a "sweetie tree" and often needs help remembering to water it.



LIGHTS, SOUNDS & SCARY BITS

HASTINGS - JACK THE BEANSTALK

These moments may feel loud, bright, or surprising:

Thunder & Lightning Effects

- Used when Fleshcreep appears or exits, and when the Giant speaks.

Smoke / Fog Effects

- Used for Fairy Sunshine's entrances, Fleshcreep's magic moments, and transformation scenes.

The Giant's Voice

- Deep, loud, and booming. Spoken lines include "Fee Fi Fo Fum!"
- Lighting flashes occur in time with his voice.

Water Pistols

- During the milking scene, Tilly squirts Simon with water for comedy. In some shows the audience will get squirted.

☞ For the Relaxed Performance, this effect will be reduced or removed if needed.



WHAT HAPPENS IN THE STORY?

(Spoiler Alert!!) 🌿

Fairy Sunshine appears! She explains that the Giant, Blunderbore, is threatening the village.

She hopes Jack will be the hero who defeats him.

We meet Jack and Princess Jill. They love each other and want to be together, but the Giant demands money or he will take Jill away.

We meet Dame Tilly Trott and Silly Simon. They make jokes, sing songs, and ask the audience to help them. Simon introduces his “sweetie tree.”

The Giant threatens the villagers again. His loud voice scares everyone. Then Fleshcreep brings terrible news: the Giant demands £10,000 or Princess Jill’s hand in marriage. The Trotts cannot pay!

They decide to sell Daisy the Cow. Tilly is very sad but agrees they have no other choice.

On the way to market Fleshcreep disguises himself as a fortune teller and tricks Jack. He gives Jack “gold” that magically turns into beans and steals Daisy.

When Jack returns with beans instead of gold, Tilly throws them out of the window.

Overnight, the magic happens. Fairy Sunshine casts a spell. The beans grow into a giant beanstalk. Jill is kidnapped!

There will then be a short interval of 20mins. The show is not over yet!

Fleshcreep freezes everyone with a spell and takes Jill up the beanstalk to the Giant. Jack decides to climb the beanstalk!

Jack reaches Cloudland, faces danger, rescues Daisy and Princess Jill, and confronts the Giant.

Everyone escapes!

Jack defeats the Giant and peace is restored. The village celebrates.

Jack and Jill are together, the Trott family is safe, and the Giant is gone.

They all live happily ever after!

♥ USEFUL REASSURANCE

- No real harm comes to any character, including Daisy.
- The villains are silly as well as scary.
- During the Relaxed Performance, lighting and sound may be softened.
- You may come and go from the auditorium whenever you need to.
- Staff are always available to help.

☀ WE HOPE YOU ENJOY THE SHOW! ☀

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