

POLKA

Where Theatre Begins

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2026



Welcome to Polka, the Home of Children's Theatre



We're taking you on some epic journeys as we head into 2026. Some of the UK's leading theatre makers and international artists are taking to our stages as we venture into space, under the sea, amongst the clouds and to the South Pole. We're also putting on music gigs, becoming spies and being transported to Arthurian adventures. There is a magical world and brand-new tales to be told for every child. Oh, and no one is ever too old to journey to Neverland, right?

At Polka, it is vital that children are at the centre of every creative decision we make. We are delighted to be working with over 60 Young Ambassadors across this season; advising on story ideas, co-creating with our artists and giving their feedback in rehearsal rooms.

Over the past year Polka has welcomed over 145,000 audiences to shows and workshops here at our home in Merton, as well as touring work up and down the country and transforming school halls into theatre dreamlands. This year is no different, with shows venturing out to entertain, inspire and empower children everywhere.

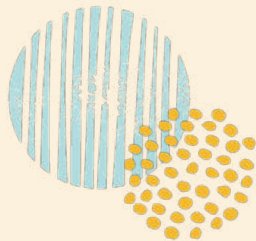
Dive into this season of much-loved tales, sensory and immersive worlds, bold new stories, and creative opportunities. We'd love to welcome you and say hello in our café or free-to-use play den and gardens anytime!

Helen Matravers
Artistic Director and Joint CEO

Lynette Shanbury
Executive Director and Joint CEO



Sign up to our mailing list to be the first to hear about new shows, workshops, and exciting announcements.



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Come with friends and **save up to £2 per ticket** when you book a group of 8 or more.

T&Cs apply, see website for details.

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- Book 2 shows - save 5%**
- Book 3 shows - save 10%**
- Book 4+ shows - save 15%**

POLKA A Polka Theatre production

Philip Pullman

Ages 6-12

Join Lila on the quest of a lifetime as she faces friend and foe on her illuminating journey of self-discovery.

Polka Theatre present a brand-new production adapted by **Jude Christian** and directed by **Lee Lyford**, based on the award-winning book by **Philip Pullman**.

On Now - Sun 18 Jan

Tickets From £10*

Schools From £10 (11th ticket free)

Running Time

Approx. 1 hr 20 mins (incl. interval)

Access Performances

Relaxed: Sat 6 Dec 11am

Audio Described: Sat 13 Dec 2.30pm
(Touch Tour 1.30pm)

Captioned: Sat 10 Jan 11am

BSL Interpreted: Sun 11 Jan 2.30pm

The Firework-Maker's Daughter



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Generously supported by the Chan Yin Chuen Memorial Charitable Foundation

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the Rep Little Angel Theatre

A Polka Theatre, Birmingham Rep and Little Angel Theatre co-production

Based on the timeless Christmas story by **Benji Davies**, **The Snowflake** tells the tale of a snowflake, a little girl and her Pappie – all longing for their own special place in the world.

Our beloved festive production offers the perfect introduction to theatre for younger audiences.

Ages 3-6

The Snowflake

Benji Davies

Based on the book by **Benji Davies**

Directed and adapted by **Matt Aston**

Sat 29 Nov - Sun 25 Jan

Tickets From £16*

Schools From £9 (11th ticket free)

Running Time Approx. 40 mins

Access Performances

BSL Interpreted: Sun 14 Dec 2pm

Relaxed: Sat 10 Jan 3pm

Schools Relaxed: Thu 8 Jan 1.15pm

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Pay it Forward!

An act of kindness can spark a lifetime of creativity.

Many children can only access the arts thanks to the generosity of people like you.

By adding a donation when you book your tickets or by setting up a regular gift, you help every child discover the wonder of live storytelling.

- **£6 pays for a workshop ticket.**
- **£15 pays for a theatre ticket for a child to visit with their school.**
- **£25 pays for a free companion place and subsidised ticket for a child with additional needs.**
- **£50 pays for a free family ticket to a Polka show.**

“Many have never been to the cinema, let alone the theatre. It made a huge impact on our children and was an opportunity that they will treasure.”

Teacher



Pay it Forward by scanning the QR code or contact us for more information

development@polkatheatre.com
020 8545 8368

Polka is a registered charity no. 256979



Every donation makes a difference

Photo: Steve Cregson



A New International Encounter production

Ages 8-12

Following the success of 'Macbeth' at Polka last year, **NIE** returns, reimagining the world's most famous play in a funny and accessible way.

Come on a roller-coaster of excitement, humour and grief as two actors and one musician – armed with seven props and a suitcase – bring a bitesize retelling of Shakespeare to young audiences.

SHAKESPEARE
IN A
SUITCASE

HAMLET

Directed by Michael Judge
Designed by Rachana Jadhav

Wed 28 Jan - Sun 1 Feb

Tickets £14*

Schools From £9 (11th ticket free)

Running Time

Approx. 60 mins

WATCH
THE
TRAILER



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RUBY'S WORRY

Ages 3-7



Ruby had always been happy, perfectly happy, until one day she discovered a worry...

Ruby tries and tries to get rid of her worry, which grows bigger and bigger! Eventually she meets a boy who has a worry too. Together they discover that everyone has worries, and that if you talk about them, they never hang around for long!

Told through live music, song, puppetry and physical theatre, **Ruby's Worry** takes the audience on a delightful musical adventure based on the much-loved book by **Tom Percival**.

Wed 11 - Sun 22 Feb

Tickets From £14*

Schools From £9 (11th ticket free)

Running Time Approx. 40 mins

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Based on the book Ruby's Worry, written and illustrated by Tom Percival and published by Bloomsbury.

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Maz Evans

A Polka Theatre production

Book and Lyrics by Maz Evans,
Music by Luke Bateman,
Directed by Ria Parry

A hilarious musical adaptation from best-selling author, Maz Evans.

Elliot needs to save the world – and save his mum. Enter some epic Greek Gods with a few tricks up their togas...

Elliot Hooper's life is highly suboptimal. His mum isn't very well, his posh neighbour is trying to steal his home and he has ever so slightly unleashed an evil death daemon into the world... Luckily (according to her), the constellation Virgo has crash landed in his dungheap and with the help of a legendary family of ancient Greek Gods, Elliot is on a quest to save THE world. But can he save HIS world too...?



WHO LET THE GODS OUT

LIVE ON STAGE!

Ages 8-13

Sat 7 Feb - Sun 22 Mar

Tickets From £10*

Schools From £10 (11th ticket free)

Running Time
Approx. 1 hr 20 mins (incl. interval)



Access Performances

Relaxed: Sat 28 Feb 11am

Audio Described: Sat 7 Mar 2.30pm
(Touch Tour 1.30pm)

BSL Interpreted: Sun 8 Mar 2.30pm

Captioned: Sat 14 Mar 11am

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Angel Exit Theatre

An Angel Exit Theatre production

tooOB



Returning after a sell-out run in 2023, **tooOB** is a gentle, sensory adventure, with captivating movement and interactive fun and games for the perfect introduction to theatre and dance.

Meet tooOB, a curious and friendly shape-shifting creature. She's not quite sure where she's landed but she'd love to meet and play with you.

Wed 25 Feb - Sun 8 Mar

Tickets £26* (Adult & baby)

Running Time Approx. 45 mins
(including stay and play)

Access

tooOB is highly visual with little verbal language, and is suitable for Deaf audiences. Every performance is a relaxed environment.

Ages 6-24 mths

Photo: Darren Harvey-Regan

A Teatro Distinto production with Giuseppe Palessiano and Ettore Chiummo

TEATRODISTINTO

KISH KUSH

Created and directed by Daniel Gol Assistant Director Laura Marchegiani

Follow two strangers meeting for the first time, separated by a paper wall. They speak different languages and come from different places but share an intrigue and longing to understand one another.

Drawing the shadows they see, listening to the sounds they hear and watching each other's movements, they connect through a universal language, sharing their cultures and stories.

Fri 13 - Sun 15 Mar

Tickets £13*

Schools From £9 (11th ticket free)

Running Time Approx. 50 mins

Ages 3-8



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CINDERELLA Icecream SELLER

Ages
5-10



Written and composed by David Gibb
Get your dessert spoons ready for a tale of perseverance, princes, palace balls, glass slippers and, um, ice cream?
Over the last four decades, Cinderella's has become the kingdom's most beloved ice cream company, with a parlour on every street corner. But how did a humble ice cream maker

with not a penny to her name end up as a multimillionaire business woman with her own ice cream empire?
Perfect for children and families alike, this exciting musical retelling of a fairytale classic promises a delightful blend of storytelling, stunning live music, and theatrical magic that will capture your heart and tickle your taste buds.

Wed 18 - Sun 29 Mar

Tickets £14*

Schools From £9 (11th ticket free)

Running Time Approx. 60 mins



"Has all the ingredients for a perfectly scrumptious scoop of children's theatre"

The List

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We're Going on a Bear Hunt

★★★★★
"A dazzling family adventure for little explorers"
Broadway World

Based on the book by Michael Rosen and illustrated by Helen Oxenbury
By Peter Glanville and Barb Jung



We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen and illustrated by Helen Oxenbury. Illustrations from the book copyright © 1989 Helen Oxenbury. By permission of Walker Books Ltd, London.

Ages
3-7

A family go on an expedition of a lifetime - running down the grassy bank, wading through the cold river, squelching over the oozy mud, stumbling into the dark forest, then peering into a cave... what will they find?

Little Angel Theatre bring **Michael Rosen's** thrilling and funny adventure to life in this entrancing puppetry production.

Wed 25 Mar - Sun 12 April

Tickets From £10*

Schools From £10 (11th ticket free)

Running Time Approx. 45 mins

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The Shivers

A fox, a pigeon and a secret agent are on a mission to save the world, but everything is not what it seems. The evil Miss Information and her deadly sleepy agents are on the attack, and now all the colours are wrong and all the sounds are upside down. When true is false and real is fake, will our superheroes be able to untangle the lies and figure out who to trust?

Featuring ingenious live video, explosive dance moves, and a cast of unforgettable characters, **The Shivers** is a pulsating adventure about learning to trust your instincts when something doesn't feel right.

This high-octane action-comedy opens the door for grown-ups and children to talk about misinformation, fake news, and keeping safe online.

Written and Directed by emma + pj
Devised by the company

Wed 1 - Sun 12 Apr

Tickets £15*
Running Time Approx. 55 mins

Ages 7-11

“I rate it an infinity out of 10”

Year 4 Pupil,
St Alban's CE
Primary School



Photo: Alex Brenner

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LAAAUNCH!

Laaaunch! is an adventure of galactic proportions, made especially for tiny humans. With a comfortable set that babies are free to explore, **Laaaunch!** is a non-verbal performance, filled with musical beats and comedy, where the babies can interact with the performers in their own way and in their own time.

Wed 22 - Sun 26 Apr

Tickets £26* (Adult & baby)
Running Time Approx. 60 mins
(with a soft start and end time)

Ages 0-12 mths



Photo: Ben Winger

A Tiny & Tall production

A Tale of Us

Sleep is like an old friend I've not seen for a long time. She's stopped returning my calls. But some nights feel sort of magic. Just you and me watching a new day being born.

Blending drama and multi-sensory playtime in a relaxed and beautifully designed environment, this is a celebration of the wonder, joys and challenges of becoming a new parent.

Wed 29 Apr - Sun 3 May

Tickets £26* (Adult & baby)
Running Time Approx. 60 mins
(including stay and play)

Ages 0-18 mths



Photo: Helen Murray

TORTOISE and the HARE

Get ready for another toe-tapping, laugh-out-loud retelling of a children's classic, **Tortoise and the Hare.**

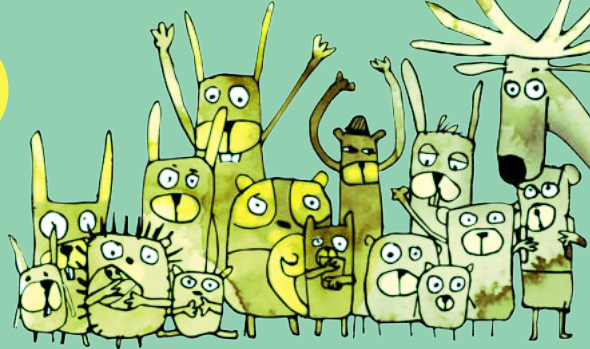
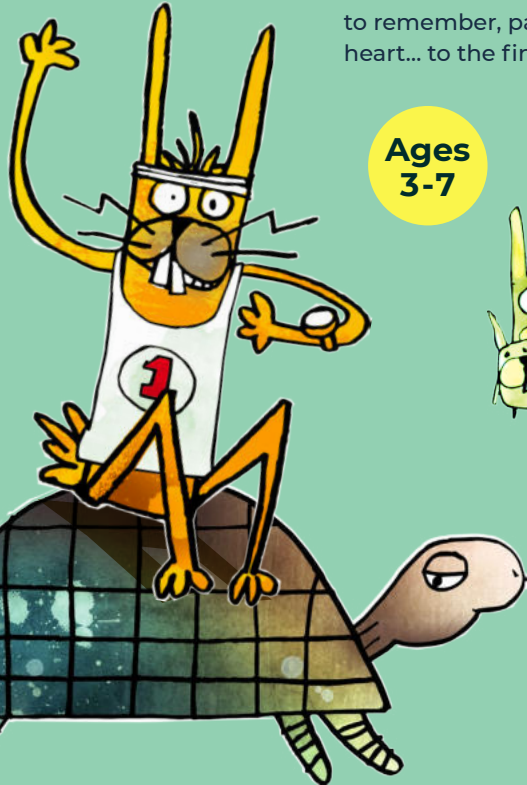
Hare goes fast. Double fast! Triple fast! Fast as fast can be!

Tortoise likes to plod through sloooowwly... take his time... consider... con-tem-plate, think it through. Who will win the crown?

Full of puppetry, hare-larious highjinks, fantastic storytelling and original live music that'll have you hopping in your seats.

From the creators of 'Chicken Licken', comes a race to remember, packed with charm, laughter and heart... to the finish from the start.

Ages 3-7



Sat 2 - Sun 31 May

Tickets From £10*

Schools From £10 (11th ticket free)

Running Time Approx. 60 mins



Access Performances

All performances include creative captions, integrated BSL and audio description.

Touch Tours: 1pm on Sun 10, Sat 16 and Sat 23 May.

Illustration: Johnny Dairrah

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The Rapping Princess

From the book by **Hannah Lee & Allen Fatimaharan**

Adapted for stage by **Annabel Mutale Reed & Jack Trzcinski**

Directed by **Annabel Mutale Reed**

Shiloh is a little Princess with a BIG love for music. She's got one problem though, she can't sing.

But she's about to embark on a musical journey to discover her own incredible talent - a voice that is totally, uniquely, and rhythmically all hers!

Join Shiloh as she adventures through all genres of music to discover a love for rapping, with a little help from some singing friends and puppets along the way. A gorgeous, funky fairytale for lovers of ALL music, based on award-winning author, **Hannah Lee** and **Allen Fatimaharan's** inspirational children's book.

Developed with support from Z Arts.

Sat 16 May - Sun 21 Jun

Tickets From £11*

Schools From £9 (11th ticket free)

Running Time Approx. 50 mins



Access Performances

BSL Interpreted: Sun 7 Jun 1.30pm

Relaxed: Sat 13 Jun 10.30am

Based on the original book 'The Rapping Princess' published by Faber & Faber



Ages 3-6

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A Rebel Sparks production



TAKE FLIGHT

A stunning aerial theatre show for 0-2 year olds and their grown-ups. The story follows a musical mother bird as their baby hatches and explores, navigating the challenges of hunger, sleep and play. Culminating in a beautiful aerial moment, the mother bird supports her baby to leave the nest and take flight.

This multi-sensory, interactive show ignites the imagination and curiosity of the babies who join the fun in a stay and play session.

Ages 0-2

Wed 1 - Sun 5 Jul

Tickets £26* (Adult & baby)

Running Time Approx. 50 mins (including stay and play)

Photo: Pamela Raith



A Flock Theatre Makers production



THERE'S A TIGER IN THE GARDEN

Bored at home with nothing to do, Nora is sent to play in the garden in search of a tiger.

Adapted from Lizzy Stewart's award-winning and much-loved book, join Nora on a musical adventure as she discovers dragonflies as big as her head, plants that can eat you (and your toy giraffe) whole, a polar bear that likes fishing and maybe, just possibly, a tiger in the garden.

Enchantingly brought to life through puppetry, imaginative design and music.

Director and Writer Emma Higham
Designer Laura McEwen

Ages 3-7

Wed 8 Jul - Sun 9 Aug

Tickets From £15*

Schools From £9 (11th ticket free)

Running Time Approx. 45 mins

R Access Performances

Relaxed: Tue 28 Jul 2pm

Schools Relaxed: Thu 9 Jul 1.15pm



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Theatre is for everyone

We are committed to making Polka accessible and inclusive



Scan here to find out more

Facilities

- ▶ Step-free access to all levels
- ▶ Clear signage throughout venue
- ▶ Accessible, gender-specific and gender-neutral toilets with baby changing facilities
- ▶ Fitted induction loop in our Y C Chan and Adventure Theatres



Performances

We are committed to providing Relaxed, British Sign Language Interpreted (BSL), Audio Described and Captioned performances for as many shows as possible. Check show pages for details on available access performances. Anyone can attend an access performance, regardless of their needs.

Tickets

- ▶ Reduced access rate tickets
- ▶ Complimentary ticket for a carer or companion
- ▶ Up to 2 additional tickets at Concession rate

Tickets can be bought online or via our
Box Office: 020 8543 4888
access@polkatheatre.com



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BIG DREAMS

EARLY YEARS THEATRE FESTIVAL

Polka's Big Dreams returns 18-20 September 2026!

A celebration of theatre for early years audiences. More details coming soon...

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A Polka Theatre and The Egg, Theatre Royal Bath
co-production

THEATRE
ROYAL
BATH the egg

Arthur

Created by **Bucket Club**
Writer **Marietta Kirkbride**
Director **Nel Crouch**

A brand-new legend for great adventurers.

It's Winter Solstice 2026.
Grace is in A&E with Lego
stuck up her nose, waiting
for someone to notice her.

It's Summer Solstice 526AD.
Arthur is setting out on the
journey of a lifetime: tasked
with retrieving the sword
for the future King.

Overlooked and wanting to be taken seriously,
Grace encounters the mysterious Merlin who
transports her back to the 6th century. As Grace
and Arthur's two worlds collide, their fates
entwine, and together they must embark on
the greatest quest they'll ever face to retrieve
Excalibur. With the future of Britain depending
on them, they must overcome a fearsome beast
and navigate the perils of the ancient forest - if
only they can figure out how to work together...

This Summer, join the adventure in a magical
new play with original songs, based on Arthurian
legend and the quest for a better world.



Created by **Bucket Club**,
the team behind 'Five
Children and It.'

★★★★ **"Beautiful"**
The Stage

"Spectacular triumph"
Bath Chronical

**Ages
6-12**

**Sat 20 Jun -
Sun 9 Aug**

Tickets From £10*

Schools From £10 (11th ticket free)

Running Time

Approx. 1hr 25 mins (incl. interval)



Access Performances

Audio Described:

Sun 26 Jul 2.30pm

(Touch Tour 1.30pm)

Captioned: Thu 30 Jul 2.30pm

Relaxed: Sat 1 Aug 11am

BSL Interpreted:

Sun 2 Aug 2.30pm

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Save when you
pre-order your
ice creams

POLKA

A Polka Theatre production

**Ages
5-12**



Illustration: Eye Lloyd Knight

Take flight this Winter and journey to Neverland in a remixed musical production of a much loved, classic tale.

Join Peter and Wendy on an awfully big adventure in a quest to never grow up. Joined by the mischievous Lost Boys and feisty fairy Tink, can they work together to defeat the formidable Captain James Hook, who's determined to take Peter's sword and rule over Neverland once and for all?

From the creative minds behind 'Pied Piper' and Polka's 'Romeo & Juliet', comes a magical family musical adventure, packed with original songs performed live by a company of award-winning vocalists, beatboxers, and rappers.

Find your courage, choose your happy thought, and learn what it means to grow up – or not!

'Peter Pan' is presented by arrangement with Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity and Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd.

Based on the original by J.M. Barrie
Adapted for stage with music by Conrad Murray
Directed by Ria Parry and Conrad Murray

**Sat 14 Nov -
Sun 24 Jan**

Tickets From £10*
Schools From £11 (11th ticket free)
Running Time Approx. 1hr 25 mins (incl. interval)



Access Performances
Relaxed: Sat 5 Dec 11am
Audio Described: Sat 12 Dec 2.30pm (Touch Tour 1.30pm)
Captioned: Sat 9 Jan 11am
BSL Interpreted: Sun 10 Jan 2.30pm

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A Little Bulb production, originally produced with Bristol Old Vic



ANTARCTICA

At the bottom of our planet lies the South Pole: a magical, wind-whipped world of snow, ice and some of the most wondrous creatures on Earth, including slip-sliding penguins, cheeky albatrosses and mysterious creatures of the deep.

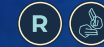
In fact, only the bravest of explorers have ever set foot there. Could you be one of them?

This festive season, our Adventure Theatre is once again transformed into a wintry wonderland for our younger audiences to enjoy, as the brilliant Olivier Award-winning Little Bulb (The Nutcracker) return to Polka to whisk you away on an unforgettable journey full of clowning, puppets and plenty of snowy surprises.

Director **Alexander Scott**
Designer **Verity Sadler**
Lighting Designer **Joshua Pharo**

**Fri 27 Nov -
Sun 17 Jan**

Tickets From £18*
Schools From £10 (11th ticket free)
Running Time Approx. 50 mins



Access Performances
Relaxed: Sun 29 Nov 10.30am
BSL Interpreted: Sun 13 Dec 2pm
Schools Relaxed: Fri 4 Dec 1.30pm



"A magical 50 minutes dusted with snowflakes and exquisitely simple stagecraft"

The Guardian



"Delightful, funny and wondrously silly"

Time Out

**Ages
3-7**



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Take Part Weekly Workshops

Termly Workshops Spring and Summer Terms

Adult & child classes

Baby Explorers

Every Wed, 0 - 12 mths

Spring Term: 14 Jan - 25 Mar

Summer Term: 22 Apr - 1 Jul

→ 10 - 10.30am → £95* per term

Bond, laugh and discover the world with your little one in this session full of music, gentle movement and sensory play.

Mini Explorers

Every Wed, 1 - 2 yrs

Spring Term: 14 Jan - 25 Mar

Summer Term: 22 Apr - 1 Jul

→ 11 - 11.45am → £95* per term

Action-packed songs and storytelling to support your toddler's growing confidence, communication and social skills.

Creative Explorers

Every Tue or Fri, 2 - 4 yrs

Spring Term: 13 Jan - 24 Mar or

16 Jan - 27 Mar

Summer Term: 21 Apr - 30 Jun or

24 Apr - 3 Jul

→ 11 - 11.45am → £95* per term

Step into a world of imagination using drama, movement and song to explore new stories together.

Sensory Explorers

Every Thu, 5 - 12 yrs

Spring Term: 15 Jan - 26 Mar

Summer Term: 23 Apr - 2 Jul

→ 4 - 4.45pm → £95* per term

Explore our magical sensory studio and discover projections, sounds and props, designed for families looking for an inclusive, sensory-friendly experience.

Please note there are no sessions for weekly classes or drop-ins during the Merton School holidays.

Child only classes

Act 1

Every Sat, 4 - 6 yrs

Spring Term: 17 Jan - 28 Mar

Summer Term: 25 Apr - 4 Jul

→ 9.30 - 10.15am or 10.30 - 11.15am

→ £95* per term

A gentle introduction to drama using storytelling, role-play techniques, movement and imaginative games.

Act 2

Every Sat, 7 - 9 yrs

Spring Term: 17 Jan - 28 Mar

Summer Term: 25 Apr - 4 Jul

→ 11.30am - 12.30pm → £105* per term

Dive deeper into acting with enhanced drama techniques, encouraging children to take creative risks and grow in confidence.

Youth Theatre

Every Sat, 9 - 12+ yrs

Spring Term: 14 Jan - 25 Mar

Summer Term: 22 Apr - 1 Jul

→ 4.30 - 6pm → £120* per term

Work with leading theatre professionals and receive expert drama training, while developing a new piece of theatre.



Trial sessions available

Drop-in Sessions Adult & child, £12* per session, 9.45 - 10.30am.

Flexible, pay-as-you-go sessions. Drop-in whenever it suits you, or book in advance and save money with our Pick and Mix option!

Hum, Jig & Jiggle

Every Tue, 6 mths - 3 yrs

Spring Term: 13 Jan - 24 Mar

Summer Term: 21 Apr - 30 Jun

Get rocking to the beat using rhythm games, music and songs to experiment, be creative and have fun!

Rhyme & Sign

Every Thu, 12 mths - 4 yrs

Spring Term: 15 Jan - 26 Mar

Summer Term: 23 Apr - 2 Jul

Storytelling sessions using rhymes, actions and Sign Supported English for you and your child to experience and enjoy.

Family Storytime

Every Fri, 0 - 5 yrs

Spring Term: 16 Jan - 27 Mar

Summer Term: 24 Apr - 3 Jul

Interactive storytime for the whole family to enjoy together.



Drop-in Pick and Mix

Book any 3 or 4 sessions - Save 10%

Book any 5 - 9 sessions - Save 15%

Book any 10 sessions - Save 25%

T&Cs apply



Take Part Holiday Workshops

February Half Term

Learn to... Express Yourself!

Tue 17 Feb

0 - 12 mths → 10 - 10.30am

1 - 2 yrs → 11 - 11.45am

2 - 4 yrs → 2 - 2.45pm

£13* (Adult & child)

Explore a wide range of emotions through playful sensory activities, inspired by **Ruby's Worry**.

Make Your Own Superhero Puppet

Wed 18 Feb

5 - 8 yrs → 10am - 3.30pm

£55* (Child only)

Create your own superhero puppet in this arts and crafts workshop designed to explore feelings.

Greek Myths Masterclass

Thu 19 Feb

8 - 12 yrs → 10am - 4pm

£55* (Child only)

Create your own character, use theatre masks and write a brand-new myth in this drama workshop inspired by **Who Let The Gods Out**.



Easter Holiday

Swish, Swash, Splash, Splosh!

Tue 31 Mar

0 - 12 mths → 10 - 10.30am

1 - 2 yrs → 11 - 11.45am

2 - 4 yrs → 2 - 2.45pm

£13* (Adult & child)

Inspired by **We're Going on a Bear Hunt**, journey through tall grass, mud and dark caves in our sensory studio.

Laugh Out Loud - Creating Comedy Theatre

Wed 1 - Thu 2 Apr

5 - 8 yrs → 10am - 3.30pm

£85* (Child only)

Two-day comic masterclass inspired by April Fools Day with drama games, storytelling and role-play.

Escape Room Adventure

Wed 8 Apr

8 - 12 yrs → 10am - 4pm

£55* (Child only)

Step into a world of secrets and spies in this drama workshop where children can design and create their own escape room.



May Half Term

Baby Beatbox!

Tue 26 May

0 - 12 mths → 10 - 10.30am

1 - 2 yrs → 11 - 11.45am

2 - 4 yrs → 2 - 2.45pm

£13* (Adult & child)

Explore rhythm, sound and movement baby beatbox style, through vocal sounds, body percussions and simple call-and-response.

Create an Epic Fable!

Wed 27 May

5 - 8 yrs → 10am - 3.30pm

£55* (Child only)

Dive into the world of fables as children create their own stories through games and musical instruments.

A Midsummer Night's Dream: Drama Masterclass

Thu 28 May

8 - 12 yrs → 10am - 4pm

£55* (Child only)

With practitioners from Shakespeare's Globe, explore the world of **A Midsummers Night's Dream** in this performance masterclass.



Save 15%* off workshops when you book show tickets at the same time, with code HOLIDAY15

Summer Holiday

Little Garden Explorers

Fri 7 Aug

0 - 12 mths → 10 - 10.30am

1 - 2 yrs → 11 - 11.45am

2 - 4 yrs → 2 - 2.45pm

£13* (Adult & child)

Journey through Polka's Garden in this storytelling workshop inspired by **There's a Tiger in the Garden**.

Dance to the Beat!

Fri 14 Aug

0 - 12 mths → 10 - 10.30am

1 - 2 yrs → 11 - 11.45am

2 - 4 yrs → 2 - 2.45pm

£13* (Adult & child)

A lively music and movement workshop for children and their grown-ups to move, groove and have fun!

Polka Summer Schools

Youth Theatre Summer School

Mon 27 - Fri 31 Jul

8 - 12 yrs → 10am - 4pm

£225* (Child only)

Spend a week training and working with a professional theatre director with a sharing on Polka's Adventure Theatre stage at the end.

Puppet Summer School

Tue 4 - Thu 6 Aug

5 - 8 yrs → 10am - 3.30pm

£125* (Child only)

Dive into the world of puppetry and perform your own puppet show for family and friends.

Musical Theatre Summer School

Tue 11 - Thu 13 Aug

5 - 8 yrs → 10am - 3.30pm

£125* (Child only)

Step into the spotlight and learn singing, dancing and acting in this 3-day course culminating in a showcase for family.

Saturday Club

Family fun and creativity every first Saturday of the month.

New Year, New Skill: Circus Skills!

3 Jan | 10.30am

Start the year with a spin, a juggle, and a whole lot of laughter!

It's Carnival Time: Discover Capoeira!

7 Feb | 2pm

Feel the rhythm, move your body, and celebrate Brazilian Carnival with a twist!

Book Cover Designers

7 Mar | 2pm

Learn all about book illustrations and design your own.

Mr Grass Head's Garden Workshop

11 Apr | 10.30am

Make your own grass head character in the Polka Garden.

Feel the Beat: A Drumming Workshop

9 May | 2pm

Try different drumming instruments in this celebration of rhythm.

Fold the Rainbow: An Origami Workshop

6 Jun | 2pm

To celebrate Pride Month, learn the art of origami to form a beautiful rainbow.

Summer Flower Windows

4 Jul | 2pm

Create a stained glass inspired artwork using flowers and petals.

£7* per person, per session

Recommended for ages 4+.

Under 2's require a ticket to attend at £1

Duration: 60 min

Be part of Polka's story

For over 45 years, Polka has given children their first theatre experience. We're the place where lifelong memories are made. But some children face challenges that make it harder to access these opportunities. By making a monthly or annual gift, you can ensure Polka can be accessed and enjoyed by all children.

"You walk into Polka, you walk into paradise."

Young audience feedback



Considering a regular gift? We'd love to hear from you. Email development@polkathatre.com or call 020 8545 8368.

Polka is a registered charity no. 256979

Photo: Steve Gregson

Hires

- ▶ Birthday Parties
- ▶ Award Ceremonies and Presentations
- ▶ Rehearsals
- ▶ Meetings
- ▶ Clubs and Classes



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"We love working with the team at Polka - they are so helpful and always want to ensure that our events run smoothly."

Hannah - Happy Parent Happy Baby



A unique space for the whole community

Scan the QR code for more info.

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- Showcase your company to Polka's 145,000 audience members
- Association with an award-winning theatre and registered charity
- Tickets and venue hire discounts
- Employee volunteering days
- Client and staff entertaining

Contact our Development Team to receive a bespoke package for your business: development@polkatheatre.com
020 8545 8368

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Information

Opening Times

Tuesday - Friday: 9am - 5pm

Saturday - Sunday: 9.30am - 5pm

Please see our website for holiday and special event opening hours.

Polka Theatre
240 The Broadway
Wimbledon, SW19 1SB

To access this brochure in plain text please contact marketing@polkatheatre.com

Want to book tickets?

Our Box Office is available at the above opening times. Tickets can be booked through our Box Office in venue, via phone on **020 8543 4888** or online at **polkatheatre.com**

*A £2.50 transaction fee applies to online and phone bookings.

Add refund protection to your order so if you can't make it, we've got you covered. T&Cs apply.



Concessions

We offer concessions for people aged 65+, in receipt of income-based benefits, or with access requirements.

Concessions are available for selected performances and subject to availability.

Group Bookings

Discounts are available for those booking more than 8 tickets for the same performance. Groups of 11 or larger must be booked via the Box Office. T&Cs apply.

Age Policy

We offer age recommendations for every performance. All children must be accompanied by an adult or young person aged over 16, with the exception of participatory events as advised.

General T&Cs

Tickets are non-refundable once purchased. Everyone must have a valid ticket to enter the auditorium. Full Terms and Conditions are available on our website. We reserve the right to change the listed prices.

Access

We offer reduced rate tickets for people with access requirements, a complimentary ticket for a companion/carer, and up to 2 additional tickets at Concession rate. Please get in touch with our Box Office to discuss any access requirements. Tickets can be booked online or via Box Office.

Offers

All offers and promotions are subject to availability and cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer. We reserve the right to remove these discounts at any time. Full T&Cs can be found on our website.

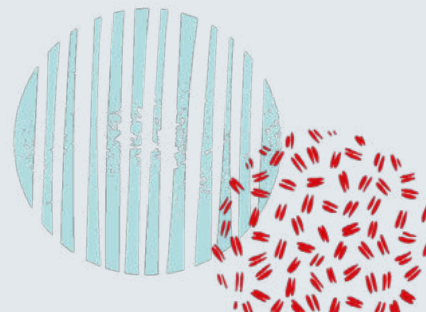


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Experience. Play. Learn. Enjoy. There's something for everyone at Polka!

- ▶ Creative experiences including shows and workshops
- ▶ Café serving local produce, freshly made on site
- ▶ Gift shop to pick up the perfect souvenir or present
- ▶ Free indoor and outdoor play spaces open 6 days a week, with interactive outdoor play equipment thanks to the support of the Wimbledon Foundation



Photos: Tasha Best

POLKA Café

A unique café,
open to all

Open Tuesday - Sunday

- ▶ Locally roasted coffee and babyccinos
- ▶ Tasty treats and healthy snacks
- ▶ Freshly made hot or cold lunches
- ▶ Ice cream
- ▶ Beer and wine
- ▶ Seasonal menu specials
- ▶ Loyalty card rewards



Baby and Brew Afternoon
Coffee and cake for just £5
every Tue between 2-5pm

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