

Big School

Year 6 Transitions Programme

This summer, the Belgrade Theatre will be touring its longstanding Year 6 transitions programme, **Big School**. We will be touring schools in Coventry from **Monday 8 June - Friday 26 June 2026**.

Big School is an original theatre-in-education programme that combines live theatre performance with participatory activities and exploration. The programme is designed to support pupils to explore their feelings about the move up to secondary school, and to equip them with useful strategies for dealing with issues of transition.

“I’ve been a year six teacher for four years and have never experienced anything like this before. The story was really relatable. It’s particularly useful for our learners as many of the class are not going to attend the same secondary schools and are going alone.”

Year 6 teacher

Big School is delivered in your school hall by experienced actor-facilitators and supported by a learning pack that enables both preparatory and follow-up work. The programme can be run for up to 3 classes of children at a time, and two schools can join together to share a performance (up to a maximum of 90 pupils).

“The Big School programme speaks directly to the challenges our Year 6 pupils face as they prepare for secondary school, and to see them engage so openly and thoughtfully is truly inspiring.”

Deputy Head Teacher

To make a booking, or for more information, please contact
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FAQs:

How long is the show?

The **Big School** programme (performance and participatory activities) is approximately 1hr 30 long.

What does the programme cost?

£300+ VAT for one school, or £435 + VAT for two schools sharing a performance (up to a maximum of 90 children).

My school is one form entry, can I share with another school to spread the cost?

Yes, schools can share a performance if they wish, but the maximum number of participants in this instance is 90 children.

What time do performances take place?

There are two performances available on each tour date, morning and afternoon. If you wish to book an afternoon slot, please could you let us know if your school day finishes before 3.15pm.

Are there materials available to support the show?

An education pack is available to support further exploration of transitions following our visit.

This is the first time my school has booked Big School, how will we know what to expect?

For first-time bookers we're happy to talk you through the programme, and supporting materials, before we visit your school. Please let us know at the point of booking if you need a member of our team to speak to the Year 6 class teachers in advance.

What will the company need on the day of their visit?

We will need use of a hall space (or similar large, empty space) for the duration of the show, as well as at least 30 minutes set up time before the performance starts and 20 minutes pack away time afterwards. The team will arrive in a van with the set, so a parking space close to the school building is also greatly appreciated.

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