

By Willy Russell

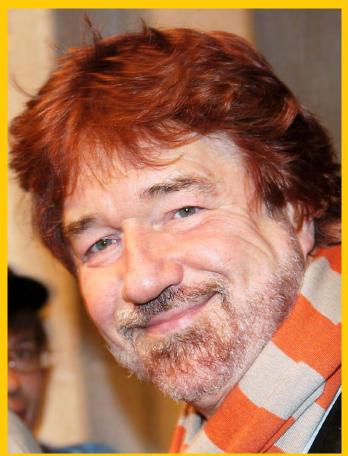
Our Day Out



- •Dates: 6th 9th May
- ·Location: Wellington Rooms

Background - Willy Russell

- Willy Russell was born in 1947 and grew up in Knowsley, a village just outside Liverpool.
- He became a ladies' hairdresser after leaving school and then went on to train as a teacher.
- He began writing plays in 1971 and wrote Our Day Out in 1977.
- In 1973 he accompanied the teacher of the remedial class in the school he taught, on a trip to Conway Castle. It was doing this trip that gave him the idea for Our Day Out. The play therefore reflects his own experiences and represents school trips of that nature whilst also using it as a platform for the serious issues that he wanted to raise with the audience.



Accents?





Cast

- Teachers (4 main teachers + Headmaster)
- Kids (10 Some of these can be played by the same actor)
- Lollypop Man
- Coach Driver
- Shopkeepers
- · Café owner/Waitress
- Animal Keeper



Cast - Teachers:

- Mrs Kay: Teacher of the Progress Class. She is kind and caring.
 Very different educational philosophy to Mr Briggs; in her early forties.
- Mr Briggs: Deputy Headmaster; he is very strict and tries to discipline the children. Very unsympathetic; early thirties.
- Susan: Helps Mrs Kay look after the children. Very calm and caring but needs to be able to hold her own; early twenties.
- Colin: Another helper of Mrs Kay; he is teased by Reilly & Digga because he is dating Susan; early twenties.
- The Headmaster: Minor part Sends Mr Briggs to supervise the children.

Cast - Kids:

- Carol: First and last character seen in the play. Feels trapped by her background. Can come across as weak but needs to portray strength towards the end.
- Reilly: Class bully. Older than the other children. Likes to smoke and voice his opinions.
- Digga: Reilly's friend (assistant). Similar attributes to Reilly but not quite as vocal (he's the follower, not the leader).
- Linda: Cheeky girl, flirts a lot. Not afraid to voice her opinions. In love with Colin.
- Karen: Linda's friend. Similar attributes to Linda. Also in love with Colin.

Cast - Kids (Minor characters):

Andrews: Andrews is addicted to smoking and does not have a very good life at home. He is often picked on by the older boys.

Ronson: One of the younger children and often picked on. Portrays some intelligence at the zoo.

Maurice: Easy target as one of the younger children. Is often ordered around by Briggs.

Kevin & Jimmy: Younger children. Odd lines throughout

Cast - Other Parts

- Les: The lollipop man. Fed up of children not listening to him.
- Ronny Suttcliffe: Driver of the coach who gets tricked by Mrs Kay.
 Grumpy but has a good heart.
- Mrs Roberts: Foresees what might happen to her if she lets the children into her café and forbids them from entering.
- Waitress: Works in the café.
- John: Shop owner who gets robbed by the kids.
- Mac: Shop owner who gets robbed by the kids.
- The Animal Keeper: Shouts at the kids for stealing animals from the zoo.

Our Day Out - Rehearsals

- First rehearsal read through: Thursday 27.02.20, (depending on availability of cast).
- Rough guide of rehearsals: The play only lasts an hour, therefore shouldn't take too long to set (Roughly 10 - 12 rehearsals)
- The schedule will be worked around the cast.
- Rehearsals will involve a lot of people and there will be lots of hanging around in between but that is the nature of the play and cannot be helped.
- The rehearsals will be quick and the whole process should hopefully feel quite 'intense' - not drawn out.

Our Day Out - Being Involved

• If you would like to be involved then please speak to Kayleigh tonight or you can email:



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•Please specify if there is a particular character that you would like to be considered for. If there is a big interest then we may need to hold auditions for some of the parts.