Tell Me a Story…
Celebration of the Arts 2026

Costume Information
Year 5

Hopefully you have heard through our newsletter and from your children about our upcoming **Celebration of the Arts 2026 – *Tell Me a Story*…**

Celebration of the Arts is our annual presentation of the Visual and Performing Arts curriculum. Each year, the event explores a different theme and showcases the wonderful work students have been creating across Visual Arts, dance, music, movement, singing and drama.

This year's theme, ***Tell Me a Story***…, takes us into a world of kings, queens, storytelling and tales from near and far. Loosely inspired by the story of ***Scheherazade*** and *One Thousand and One Nights*, our concert uses storytelling to take the audience on a journey through a collection of different tales, traditions and performances from across the school.
Students have been busy creating Visual Arts pieces and preparing performances connected to this theme, which will all come together for our annual evening Celebration of the Arts event.

More information about performance times and arrangements for the evening will be provided shortly.

Costumes
As always, we aim to make costuming for the evening **simple, practical, inexpensive and sustainable**. There is no need to purchase an elaborate costume. We encourage families to use clothing they already have at home, borrow items or visit a second-hand shop if needed.

Year 5 students will have an **all-black base** for their costume.

Please provide a **plain black top** with **black shorts, leggings, trousers or a skirt**.
Students will be creating their own **medieval-inspired costume piece at school** to wear over their black clothing on the night.

Bringing Costumes to School
Please send your child's **complete costume to school in a <u>named bag</u> by Friday 16th October**, ready for our **whole school dress rehearsal on Monday 19th October**.

<u>Please clearly label</u> every individual item of clothing with your child's name.
Costumes will remain at school until the dress rehearsal and then sent home Monday night, so they are ready for Celebration of the Arts.

Please keep in mind that students need to be able to **move and perform comfortably** in their costumes. Shoes should be suitable for dancing and movement, and any accessories should be secure and not obstruct students' movement or vision.

Most importantly, **please don't feel that you need to spend a lot of money or create something extravagant.** Simple clothing in the requested colours is absolutely fine.

If you have any difficulty sourcing costume items or have any questions, please speak to your child's teacher or contact Chantel or Audrey. We are very happy to help.

Thank you for your support. We can't wait to share ***Tell Me a Story…*** with you!

Audrey & Chantel
Amy & Mel