

MATILDA CHARACTER BREAKDOWN

THE KIDS

Matilda Wormwood

The hero of the show. She's brilliant, resilient, creative, and kind, despite growing up in difficult circumstances. Her parents treat her poorly, but Matilda escapes into a world of books, which puts her reading level far above the other children in her class, and she develops a bit of magical power in an effort to defeat Trunchbull.

Eric

A student at school with Matilda. He has the very first solo line of the show. He also has some featured moments as one of Matilda's schoolmates.

Amanda

A student at school with Matilda. She has a few solos and lines, but her most featured moment is when Trunchbull "throws her through the air" using her pigtails.

Bruce

One of Matilda's schoolmates. He has the bad luck to get caught after eating Trunchbull's cake. Bruce goes through quite a transformation throughout the show and has some important solos.

Lavender

One of the kids at school with Matilda. She is kind and bright and quickly decides that Matilda is her best friend.

Nigel

One of the kids at school with Matilda. He is enthusiastic, sweet, and always in a bit of a panic.

Hortensia, Alice, & Tommy

Alice, Hortensia, and Tommy are classmates of Matilda who each sing solos, and Hortensia has a few lines.

Michael

Matilda's brother. He is not very bright, though he is the apple of his father's eye. This is a great supporting role for a younger actor with comedic timing.

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THE ADULTS

Agatha Trunchbull

The terrifying tyrant. As headmistress, she runs her school like a dictator, making up arbitrary rules to suit her every whim and dreaming up creative punishments. Trunchbull can be played by a male or female (though the character is female). Larger-than-life villainy.

Miss Honey

A teacher at Matilda's school. She is kind, is generous, and really cares about the children despite her own desperate circumstances.

Mr. Wormwood

Matilda's father. He is egotistical, rude, and not very bright, not to mention a liar. Though Mr. Wormwood is not a good person and he is mean to Matilda, his harebrained schemes can be hilariously funny.

Mrs. Wormwood

Matilda's mother. Like her husband, she dislikes Matilda and does not understand why her daughter loves to read. Mrs. Wormwood is selfish, obsessed with her own appearance, and believes everything she sees on TV. Her dancing lessons with Rudolpho are the most important part of her day.

Rudolpho

Mrs. Wormwood's self-obsessed dance teacher. This is a hilarious featured role for a comedic performer who moves well.

Sergei

A Russian gangster swindled by Mr. Wormwood. Though he shows up looking for payback, Matilda has had quite enough of revenge, and Sergei lets the Wormwoods escape.

Ensemble roles include:

Russians, Little Kids, Big Kids, the Cook, and the Mechanic. Mums & Dads