

Originally produced by Half Moon Theatre and Z-arts

GRANDAD ANANSI

BY ELAYNE OGBETA



A New Wolsey Theatre Production of Grandad Anansi by Elayne Ogbeta

Touring Primary Schools in Suffolk & North
Essex from 15th April to 8th May 2026

Grandad Anansi is aimed at school years 2-5 but it is suitable for all primary aged students. It will support and inspire learning across areas of the Key Stage 1&2 curriculum.

Grandad is as smart and mischievous as the wily spider Anansi, but as they tend the flowers in his beautiful garden can he find a way to tell his granddaughter about his plans to return to his homeland in the Caribbean? Filled with original songs and classic Jamaican folktales, Grandad Anansi is an uplifting tale of love, courage, and the power of letting go.

Written by award-winning children's author Elayne Ogbeta, Grandad Anansi was originally produced by Half Moon Theatre and Z-arts.

Cost and How to Book

Early Bird Offer: £250 +VAT per performance or £400 +VAT for two if booked before 19th December 2025.

£300 +VAT per performance or £500 +VAT for two thereafter.

To book please complete our google booking form:
<https://www.wolseytheatre.co.uk/take-part/education/>

If you have any questions please contact Becks Laws, Creative Communities Administrator on:
Email: rlaws@wolseytheatre.co.uk
Phone: [01473 295 930](tel:01473295930)

Show Information

The performance is designed for an audience of up to 90 people. We are happy to discuss accommodating different audience sizes on a case by case basis.

The performance will last approximately 50-60 minutes.

All of our performers are DBS checked.



Technical Requirements

- Minimum performance area of 5.5m x 5.5m (exclusive access), plus additional space for the audience to sit in (a combination of floor mats and benches).
- Undisturbed access to a dedicated performance space from arrival.
- Access to a parking space suitable for a long wheel base splitter van, ideally situated in close proximity to the performance to enable quick loading and unloading.
- Access to and use of one 13 amp plug socket and designated changing area for the actors- eg a staff toilet.
- If you are booking 2 or more performances in one day, we ask that you please provide our team with lunch.

Reviews from our past shows

'The Children thoroughly enjoyed their performance which 'The children thoroughly enjoyed their performance which, for many, was the first time they had seen live theatre. The performance was beautiful.'

'A fantastic show that was pitched perfectly for our children with lots of visuals. The staging was beautiful and our children engaged so well with the actors who were just wonderful. Thank you so much!'

'The performance was excellent. The company was very well organised and communicated well throughout. It was an absolute pleasure to watch the children respond to the production.'

– Teacher feedback on our 2024 schools tour, 'Hare and Tortoise'



Hare & Tortoise 2024



The Lies you Tell 2022



Hare & Tortoise 2024



Hare & Tortoise 2025



Workshops & Resources

Our workshops offer young people the opportunity to engage with professional arts practitioners in fun and creative sessions that explore the themes in the play and support the teaching of a range of areas of the KS 1&2 curriculum.

- 1 hour workshop = £80 +VAT

Rate negotiable if multiple workshops delivered in one school.

We are open to conversations about other workshops to meet the specific needs of your school including your School development plan. Please get in touch with our Producer Becca Hall on rhall@wolseytheatre.co.uk to discuss how we can support your young people's learning.