



Dates / Venues

Monday 23 February 2026 – 6.00 to 8.30 pm: Audition workshop for all children involved on stage.

Sunday 1 March 2026 – 9.00 am to 12.30 pm: Auditions for character roles. Parents will also need to attend and stay with their children. Times will be allocated.

Monday 2 March 2026 through to Monday 29 June 2026 – 6.00 to 8.30 pm: Rehearsals for all children involved on stage. Any changes to the rehearsal schedule will be notified as and when these arise.

*All rehearsals and auditions will be held at **St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Pontefract Road, Castleford WF10 4JB**, unless notified to the contrary.*

Saturday 4 July 2026 – 10.00 am to 4.00 pm: rehearsal ahead of performance to be staged on:

Monday 6 July 2026 – 7.00 pm: performance of **Finding Nemo JR.**

*Venue for the above will be **Brigshaw High School, Brigshaw Lane, Allerton Bywater WF10 2HR***

Tickets for the performance will only be available to book online via TicketSource and full details will be confirmed in due course.

Production Team

- **Director / Musical Director: Amy-Lewis Spurgeon-Hill:** *Amy has a BA (Hons) in acting and has performed at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, taking part in a small UK tour with the same show. She has been a valued member of Encore for the last five years performing in a variety of roles.*
- **Choreographer: Ciara Coleman:** *Ciara has a BTEC in Dance and Drama and has been dancing since she was 3 years old. She also spent ten years cheerleading for Castleford Tigers. Ciara joined Encore in September 2025, performing as the Prince in our pantomime (Beauty and the Beast).*
- Amy and Ciara will be supported at rehearsals by other members of Encore Theatre Company.

Chaperones

- Claire Dunnachie will act as lead chaperone and will be supported by three other chaperones at each rehearsal.
- Children with SEND (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities) issues may need to be supervised by a parent at rehearsals and during the performance, depending on the child's individual needs.

Membership Fees

- An all-inclusive membership fee of **£90 per child** will be payable; this is inclusive of stage fee, weekly rehearsal fees and costumes. We are offering two payment options as follows:
 - Payment in full by 28 February 2026.
 - Five payments of £18 per month due by the end of each month (February, March, April, May & June 2026).
- Payment is by bank transfer only:
 - NatWest | Encore Theatre Company | Sort code: 52-30-29 | Business account: 43880398
- Costumes will be provided by Encore and are included in the above fee. However, children will need to provide their own footwear, ie. black jazz show / pumps.

IMPORTANT: All parents are asked to please complete an online membership form via the following link by **Friday 20 February 2026**, so we have all your child's up-to-date details available for the start of rehearsals. A copy of the ETCjr membership terms and conditions are also available via this link: <https://www.etconline.org.uk/join.html>

Contact information

- A WhatsApp chat group will be set up once everyone involved on stage is confirmed, to keep you informed about rehearsals and all other items for the production.
- If you have any specific questions about your child's involvement, you can also contact the following:

Amy-Lewis Spurgeon-Hill (Director): 07792 793898	Clare Heins (Chair of Encore) 07788 720943
Ciara Coleman (Choreographer): 07768 155782	Pam Robinson (Secretary of Encore): 07811 391183

Other information

- There will be a tuck shop available at each rehearsal selling drinks and sweets – please note this is cash only.
- ETCjr t-shirts will be available to order once rehearsals start at £12 each.



Disney's Finding Nemo JR. is a 60-minute musical adaptation of the beloved 2003 Pixar movie *Finding Nemo*, with new music by award-winning songwriting team, Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez.

Marlin, an anxious and over-protective clownfish, lives in the Great Barrier Reef with his kid Nemo, who longs to explore the world beyond their anemone home. But when Nemo is captured and taken to Sydney, Marlin faces his fears and sets off on an epic adventure across the ocean. With the help of lovable characters such as optimistic Dory, laid-back sea turtle Crush, and the supportive Tank Gang, Marlin and Nemo both overcome challenges on their journey to find each other and themselves.

Featuring memorable songs such as *Just Keep Swimming*, *Fish Are Friends Not Food*, and *Go With the Flow*, *Finding Nemo JR.* brings a vibrant underwater world to life on stage in a story full of family, friendship, and adventure.

CHARACTERS

ENSEMBLE – the **SEA CHORUS**, an assortment of ocean creatures that Marlin and Dory interact with on their journey, including **ANGELFISH, DAMSELFISH, BARRACUDA, MOONFISH, JELLYFISH, SEA TURTLES (1 & 2), GROUPER, LOBSTERS (1 & 2), OCTOPUSES (1 & 2), ELECTRIC EELS (1 & 2)** and **SEAHORSES (1 & 2)**; the **REEF PARENTS** including **SHELDON'S PARENT, PEARL'S PARENT** and **TAD'S PARENT** - adult sea creatures who drop their kids at school; the **SHARKS** - a frenzy of sharp-toothed ex-carnivores and the nervous **FISH "FRIENDS"** they bring along to prove their newfound vegetarian ways; the **SEAGULLS** - a pesky flock of birds, and the frustrated **VACATIONER** they bother for a snack; and the **SEA TURTLES** - a righteously chill group including **KAI, BREEZE** and **SEA TURTLE KIDS**.

NEMO – a curious young clownfish, born with a 'lucky fin', who brims with a sense of wonder and an eagerness for adventure.

MARLIN – Nemo's anxious and overprotective father, a clownfish who prefers the safety of his anemone to the unknowns of the open ocean.

DORY – an optimistic, bubbly and sociable blue tang who experiences frequent short-term memory loss.

CORAL – Nemo's brave mum and Marlin's wife.

PEARL – an excitable and friendly flapjack octopus.

SHELDON – an H₂O intolerant seahorse with an appetite for trouble.

TAD – a self-admittedly obnoxious butterflyfish.

PROFESSOR RAY – Nemo's enthusiastic, encyclopaedic stingray teacher.

SCUBA MASK DANCER – a performer who floats the diver's mask through the water.

BRUCE – the intimidating ringleader of the sharks who is dedicated to adopting a vegetarian diet.

CHUM & ANCHOR – two of Bruce's loyal shark cronies.

BUBBLES – a friendly yellow tang who is captivated by bubbles and exclusively uses the word to communicate.

BLOAT – an open-minded and supportive blowfish who is proud to be part of the Tank Gang.

GURGLE – a nervous royal gramma fish who enjoys the regulated cleanliness of the aquarium tank.

PEACH – a mature, down-to-earth starfish who offers guidance and reassurance to all.

GILL – a relentless and inspiring leader with a set of battle scars and a torn fin, who will stop at nothing to return to the freedom of the ocean.

NIGEL – a friendly, sharp-eyed pelican who is proud to know all the local happenings of Sydney Harbour.

CRUSH – a laid-back, 150-year-old sea turtle who knows how to hang loose.

SQUIRT – the fearless, buoyant offspring of Crush.