



PANTO PRESS PACK – *PETER PAN*

Royal Spa Centre, Leamington Spa | Christmas 2025

1. Welcome & Overview

Welcome to the Royal Spa Centre's magical 2025 pantomime, *Peter Pan*! This year's production brings all the laughter, sparkling and swashbuckling spirit audiences have come to expect from Leamington's biggest festive tradition. Whether you're here as an accredited press, a local blogger, or a panto super-fan with a passion for writing reviews, this pack gives you everything you need to tell the story and share the excitement.

Inside you'll find summaries of the show and cast, historical context about the theatre, approved quotes and hashtags, and QR codes linking to high-resolution photographs, logos and video clips for use in your coverage.

Digital Resources

For downloadable photography (headshots), designed assets, logos, and press release, please scan the QR code or visit:

https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/royalspacentre/info/43/the_spacentre/41/



2. About the Show

Title & Credits

Peter Pan

Produced by Imagine Theatre in association with Warwick District Council's Arts Section. Directed by Stephen Fletcher and co-directed by JP McCue | Musical Direction: Tim Spencer | Choreography by Emma Rawlings LX Design: Toby Darvill | Sound Design: Chris James | Fight Director: Lisa Connell.

Synopsis

When Wendy and her brothers encounter the mysterious Peter, the boy who never grows old, they are whisked off to the magical island of Neverland. With the island under threat can they help Peter and the Lost Boys to defeat the villainous Captain Hook and her infamous pirate crew?

Themes & Tone

Family | Adventure | Friendship | Magic | Local humour | Festive fun

Expect larger than life characters, high energy dance numbers, and a sprinkling of Leamington wit.

Running Time & Guidance

Approx. 2 hours 30 minutes (including interval) | Suitable for ages 3+

Relaxed and signed performances available – see website for details.

Performance Dates

Friday 5 December 2025 – Sunday 4 January 2026

Press Night: Saturday 6 December 2025 at 5 pm

3. Cast & Creative Team

Creative Team

Produced by Imagine Theatre in association with Warwick District Council's Arts Section.

Written by JP McCue and Sean Dodds.

Directed by Stephen Fletcher and co-directed by JP McCue.

Choreography: Connor Clifford | Musical Direction: Tim Spencer | LX Design: Toby Darvill |

Sound Design: Chris James | Fight Director: Lisa Connell.

Principal Cast

Captain Holly Hook & Dolly Darling - JP McCue

Smee - Sean Dodds

Peter Pan – Charlie Smart

Tinker Bell – Hollie Smith-Nelson

Wendy Darling – Emma Marsh

Ensemble: Molly-Marie Matthews (Dance Captain), Demi Brooks, Joe Laveille, Oliver Ward, Alex McAteer

(Full company and cast bios available via download link.)

About Imagine Theatre

One of the UK's leading pantomime producers with over 30 annual productions nationwide.

www.imaginetheatre.co.uk

4. About the Royal Spa Centre

Opened in 1972, the Royal Spa Centre is Leamington Spa's flagship performing arts venue, owned and operated by Warwick District Council. It hosts a year-round programme of drama, comedy, film and live music, and is home to the district's much-loved annual pantomime.

Recent investment includes new energy-efficient lighting, cinema equipment, and a refurbished auditorium, improving comfort for audiences and reducing carbon emissions.

Venue Capacity: 667 (main auditorium) | 188 (studio)

Website: <https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/royalspacentre/site/index.php>

5. Quotes & Endorsements

"Peter Pan is pure escapism; flying, pirates, and laughter; and we can't wait to share it with audiences this festive season."

"The magic of panto lives in the audience's reaction; every boo, cheer and giggle counts!"

5A. Farewell to Panto Favourites – JP and Sean

This year's production of Peter Pan marks a very special milestone at the Royal Spa Centre, as we say a fond farewell to two of our long-standing pantomime performers, JP McCue and Sean Dodds.

Sean says: *"We are so excited for the panto season to begin, and we have some news! After 12 wonderful years, both JP and I have decided that this year's Peter Pan will be our last pantomime at the Spa Centre. Just like Peter, we're off on some new adventures! So this Christmas, more than ever, we'd love you to join us one last time to make some truly special festive memories together."*

JP adds: *"That's right, we're hanging up our wigs! For over a decade you've laughed with us, booed the baddies, and sung your hearts out, and we can't thank you enough. So, let's make this year truly unforgettable! We promise to bring you the biggest, boldest, and most magical show the Spa Centre has ever seen packed with heart, hilarity, and tonnes of glitter!"*

Paul Roberts, Arts Manager, Warwick District Council, says: *"JP and Sean have shared so many unforgettable panto moments with us here at the Spa Centre. For over a decade, they've been at the heart of our pantomime tradition, and we'd love everyone to join us this Christmas to give them the send-off they truly deserve and enjoy what promises to be a very special show. While we'll miss them both, we're excited for the future. Their wonderful legacy will continue as new casts bring amazing family favourites to life for many generations to come. The magic of pantomime at the Royal Spa Centre is here to stay!"*

Both have been central to the success, warmth and humour of the Spa Centre pantomimes for many years, becoming firm favourites with local audiences and an essential part of Leamington's festive tradition. Their energy, timing and rapport with audiences have helped make each Christmas show a highlight of the local calendar.

Further details and personal tributes will be confirmed closer to the show's run, and this section will be updated to include photographs, and farewell messages from colleagues and fans.

6. Approved Language & Messaging

Suggested Headlines

Leamington takes flight this Christmas with Peter Pan at the Royal Spa Centre!
Swashbuckling fun for all the family; a panto adventure not to be missed.

Approved Descriptive Phrases

Family friendly festive fun | High energy song and dance spectacular | Local stars and laugh-out-loud moments.

Official Hashtags

#PeterPanLeamington | #RoyalSpaCentre | #LeamingtonChristmas | #LeamingtonPanto | | #FestiveLeamington #PeterPan | #panto

Social Handles

Facebook [Royal Spa Centre & Town Hall | Facebook](#) | Instagram [Royal Spa Centre & Town Hall \(@royalspacentre\)](#) • Instagram photos and videos | TikTok [Royal Spa Centre \(@royalspacentre\)](#) | TikTok

Embargo

Reviews may be published after Press Night 6 December 2025, 10 pm onwards – please send your review through to spa.marketing@warwickdc.gov.uk

7. Press & Media Assets

Downloadable Photography

Production and rehearsal images will be available at: [Peter Pan Press Pack - Download - Warwick District Council.](#)

Video Clips

Video trailers, vox pops and YouTube links will be available at the download link

Logos & Artwork

Royal Spa Centre and Imagine Theatre logos plus show poster available for media use.

Image Credits Sheet

Full captions and credit information provided in download pack.

8. Key Dates & Contact Information

Press Night

Saturday 6 December 2025 | 5 pm | Royal Spa Centre Main Auditorium

RSVP to spa.marketing@warwickdc.gov.uk

Interview Opportunities

Cast and creative team interviews available on request (pre-record and in-person).

Media Enquiries

Daisy Jennings / Cat Jeffcock

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9. Community & Impact

The Royal Spa Centre pantomime is a cornerstone of Leamington's festive calendar, welcoming over 20,000 audience members each season and supporting local businesses, volunteers and young performers. This year's production includes a schools' education programme, relaxed performance for SEND audiences, and a partnership with [The Friendship Project](#) who are our Charity.

This year our sponsor is [The Dice Box](#) board game café in Leamington Spa.

10. Practical Information

Venue Address

[Royal Spa Centre, Newbold Terrace, Leamington Spa CV32 4HN](#)

Parking & Arrival

Multi-storey parking is available at [St Peters](#), press check-in at the press desk from 4pm at the Spa Centre.

Complimentary Tickets / Tokens

Issued to accredited press only; these will be handed out on arrival.

Photography & Filming Policy

No filming or flash photography during the performance. Authorised photography only during designated press call times.

The cast will be available for photoshoots on Tuesday 25 November 10:00-11:00 at the Dice Box. Let us know if you'd like to attend.