

Juniors Bancroft Players Report for the AGM held on 9th July 2026

The children had an extremely exciting and busy start to the season as they performed in Nativity The Musical directed by Claire Adams and myself. They had an absolutely fantastic time and the opportunity to sing and dance. A great experience for them to perform in a long run of shows all of which were sold out. They rose to the occasion wonderfully and I was extremely proud of them all. The final scene of the show was extremely emotional for Claire and myself. All the adults, along with all 36 children in their Nativity outfits (including two camels obviously) singing and holding LED candles. It was beautiful!!!

Because of Nativity we skipped our normal February slot and our next production was a double bill in May where both groups performed. The Saturday group performed "The Chorus Inside", a very physical, ensemble piece about the voices in our head that voice their opinion when we are suffering from anxiety. The Monday group performed "Anxiety is Orange", a play about how colours represent different thoughts and emotions and that it is ok to feel those things.

Both pieces were performed "in the round". Huge thanks to Chris Lane and the set team for creating a wonderful performance space in the main theatre allowing the children to learn a new skill and experience a different way to perform.

Thank you to Ella Townsend for great tech support and for being so patient and understanding with the groups and helping to bring the shows to life. I can't tell you how much the children step up once those lights are added to the piece.

Thank you to all the chaperones!! You have all been amazing and we literally could not do it without you.

Huge thank you to Leanne Campbell-Phillips and Evie O'Connell for your continued support. Also for your tech and stage management skills.

You are both so appreciated.

The Juniors thank you all for supporting our shows and we hope you continue to do so either by offering to chaperone or by coming to see us perform!!

Claudia x