PRESS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Witney GCSE students bring Buttercross Theatre performers together for ‘A Night at the Musicals’ in aid of Children in Need



Two local GCSE students are putting their love of theatre to good use this November by organising A Night at the Musicals, a special fundraising performance in aid of Children in Need.

Friends Eleanor and Annie have known each other for 12 years, and their friendship has been strengthened over the years through performing together in Buttercross Theatre Productions classes and shows. Both are student directors at BTP, and Eleanor manages Front of House. Now they are joining forces to create an evening celebrating musical theatre while raising money for an important cause.

Taking place at the Corn Exchange, Witney, on Saturday 14 November 2026 at 7pm, the event will bring together Buttercross Theatre Productions performers on all ages for an entertaining mix of songs, dances and sketches from well-loved musicals.

Audiences can expect numbers from favourites including Grease, SIX, Shrek and Les Misérables, to name just a few, with the evening showcasing the talent, energy and enthusiasm of performers from across Buttercross Theatre Productions.

The event promises to be a lively celebration of musical theatre, bringing together performers of different ages and experience levels for a night full of entertainment.

Make a night of it — grab a drink at the bar, sit back and enjoy the fun, all while helping to raise money for Children in Need.

The event is supported by Buttercross Theatre Productions, a Witney-based performing arts organisation offering classes, workshops and productions for children, young people and adults. Buttercross aims to give people of all ages and experience levels opportunities to perform, build confidence and enjoy being part of a creative community.

Adding an extra touch of star quality to the evening will be headline performers and twin brothers Finlay and Oscar Pratley. Now professional performers, the twins began their theatrical journeys at just eight years old with Abdabs, the youth theatre group run by Debbie before she went on to establish Buttercross Theatre Productions. Since then, the brothers have appeared in numerous musicals and performed in pantomime alongside Diversity, while Oscar has also taken on the title role in a professional production of Aladdin. Their return to perform in Witney is a wonderful example of local talent going on to achieve success in the professional theatre world.



A Night at the Musicals – Children in Need Fundraiser

Saturday 14 November 2026
7pm
Corn Exchange, Witney

Adults (14+): £16
Children: £10

Tickets and further information are available at
www.buttercrosstheatreproductions.co.uk