

Reducing the cast size

To a minimum cast number: 22

Most of the characters appear in only one scene. This allows for the doubling and tripling-up of parts played by your cast. Although costume changes will be needed, and children will have to be part of more than one group to lead particular songs, it reduces the number you need to fulfil all the main roles. See suggestions below:

Speaking Part	Also playing part/s
All 6 PTA members - scene 2.	6 of the teachers - scene 4. The 4 children - scene 5. The infants - scene 6.
The premises officers - scene 3.	The kitchen staff - scene 5. 5 of the friends - scene 7.
Mrs Finton - scene 4.	Miss Tilly - scene 6. A Friend - scene 7.
Mr Dickinson - scene 4.	The OFSTED inspector - scenes 5 & 6.
Non-Speaking Parts	Action
Dancing teachers - scene 4.	Remove the extras from the scene.

Increasing the cast size

To 100+

Firstly, you could have a dedicated choir to accompany all songs – number unlimited. Increase the size of the musical acts, to include more singers and dancers – not just the characters from the accompanying scenes.

For extra-large numbers, the performing musical/singing acts can be played by separate children who do not appear in the accompanying scenes.

Non-speaking parts can easily be added to some scenes, for example:

- Extra dancing teachers scene 4.
- Extra OFSTED inspectors being shown around scenes 5 & 6.
- Extra messy infants scene 6.