

## Film guide

### Matilda

US | 1996 | Cert. PG | 98 mins

Director: Danny DeVito

At the fearsome Crunchem Hall school, Roald Dahl's Matilda makes a friend of the kind Miss Honey and an enemy of the bullying headmistress, Miss Trunchbull. But Matilda isn't one to give in to bullies - and after all, what are special powers for if not to teach them a lesson?



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#### Talk about it (before the film)

Who was Roald Dahl? Can you name any of his books? Which is your favourite?

If you could have one special power, what would it be and how would you use it?

#### Talk about it (after the film)

- What makes Matilda different from other people and her family? Who helps her to be proud of her differences?
- When you saw the building of Crunchem Hall what did you think life would be like there?
- The scenes in Miss Trunchbull's house are not included in the book. What do you think they add to the story and development of characters?
- Why does Matilda develop her powers? What would you do if you had them?

#### Write about it

Bring your ideas together in a review and share it on our Into Film clubs' website. You could include a summary of the story, mention other films that it's similar to, describe what you particularly liked or disliked and give it your star rating.

#### Extension Activities

Look again at the scene in which Matilda gets her revenge (1:20:00 – 1:24:49). In groups take turns to create voiceovers for each of the characters describing their thoughts and feelings during the scene.