

**Film guide**

**Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory**

US | 1971 | Cert. U | 95 mins  
Director: Mel Stuart

Charlie Bucket dreams of being able to buy the candy that other children enjoy. When he finds a Golden Ticket to visit the mysterious chocolate factory owned by the eccentric Willy Wonka, Charlie enters a magical world. But once behind the gates, he begins a journey to discover that a kind heart is a far finer possession than a sweet tooth.



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**Talk about it**

Describe a time when you won something. How did it make you feel?

How often do you think we should eat sweets?

**Discussion points**

- What kind of character is Charlie? Do you think he deserved to find the golden ticket? How does he compare to the other children visiting the factory?
- How would you describe the chocolate factory? Was it like you imagined?
- In what ways was it different? What effect does finding the golden ticket have on Grandpa Joe? Why do you think this is?
- Why didn't Augustus, Violet, Veruca and Mike Teevee listen to Willy Wonka? What lessons can we learn from their bad behaviour?
- Why did Willy Wonka change his mind about Charlie at the end? Do you think he always thought Charlie would win? Was he as kind to all of the children as he could have been?

**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**

Imagine you are Charlie and you have inherited the chocolate factory at the end of the film. What are the first things you would do? Which parts of the factory would you change and what would you want to keep? Who would you hand the factory over to when the time came and why?