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Dream, Believe, Achieve
'Nothing will be impossible with God' Luke 1:37

Thursday 15th January

Young Voices 2026- The Concert Day!

Dear Parents,

Our Young Voices concert day is Thursday 12th February. Please make sure you have made payments for your child's Young Voices t-shirt pack and any audience tickets you have ordered on Arbor (under 'trips') by 13.02.26. If you are unsure how many tickets you have ordered, please contact Miss Worboys via email (rworboys@cuckney.notts.sch.uk).

Parent bus enquiry

Despite very minimal initial interest on school organising a minibus for family attending as audience members, this week I have had several parents ask about it. We have made some enquiries and can provide a parent bus at a cost of £23.50 per seat **on the condition that all 16 seats are reserved**. The bus will depart from school, take parents to the arena for doors open at 6pm and return to school to meet the children at the end of the concert. To reserve a space on the parent bus, please do so by filling in the Google Form sent via Arbor by 3pm tomorrow (Friday 16th). We will then confirm by 5pm on the same date whether the bus can go ahead and organise payments if required.

This letter contains lots of important information about the organisation of the day for both the children and any attending audience members. Please read it carefully and get in touch if you have any questions.

With the concert only 4 weeks away, please encourage your child/children to practise **as much as possible** over the next few weeks. Children need to know all songs (without lyric sheets) and any accompanying sign language or dance moves ready for the concert day. All songs can be accessed through a variety of platforms: Spotify (Young Voices Music Pack 2026), Amazon music, YouTube, or the Young Voices specific music room (<https://yvmusicroom.com/>). Over the rest of this half term, children will continue to take part in their weekly lunch time rehearsals, have access to the after-school club each Thursday and one additional full afternoon of rehearsal time in school the week before we go.

The concert day for the children

- **Arrival at school on the day:** Children should arrive at school at the normal time of 8:45am and are to **come to school "concert ready"** wearing their Young Voices t-shirts (will be sent home this week), dark bottoms i.e. leggings and comfortable shoes i.e. trainers. Children can also wear "festival style" hair and/or face glitter but must apply this before school. Please do not send it to school with them. It is advisable for children to have a jacket/ jumper to wear over their t-shirt, particularly to protect their white t-shirts from spillages at lunch or tea time! If you are unsure what your child should wear, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Children do not need to bring any of their usual school bags or belongings on this day.
- **Lunch and tea:** Children will require both a packed lunch **and** a packed tea for this day. We will eat our lunch when we arrive at the arena approximately 12:45/1pm before rehearsals begin. Due to our slightly later lunch time, please also send a **snack** for your child to have before we depart school. Children will eat their 'packed tea' at the arena in the tea-time break (around 5pm). Children will not be able to purchase food from the arena. In previous years, some children have preferred to bring a flask with some warm food for lunch to keep them going until tea time, this is fine. *(As the children will be bringing two 'pack ups', please make sure they are aware which is for lunch and tea. We wouldn't want anyone eating it all at lunch and having nothing with them to eat at tea time).*
- **Drinks:** Please send a few drinks/ refillable water bottle to last them the full afternoon and evening (it is extremely warm in the arena during the rehearsal and show, and we have found in previous years that some children were running out of their drink/s). Children will be able to refill their bottles with water at the arena in the break. No fizzy drinks please.
- **Bags:** It is recommended that children bring one small easy to carry bag/backpack to take to the arena with them containing their food and drinks. They will need to store their bag under their arena seat for the duration of the day/ night. *Having food in something disposable will make bags lighter for coming home.*

- **Itinerary:** Children will take part in rehearsals at the arena between 2pm-5pm, break for tea 5pm-6:30pm and the concert will take place 7pm-8:45pm.
- **Home time:** Children will need collecting from school (at the top red door by Langwith class) at approximately 11pm. Depending how long it takes us to vacate the arena after the concert, our arrival time may change. A text update will be sent out on our journey home to confirm times. Under no circumstances are children allowed to be taken home from the arena, even if you are there as an audience member.
- **The following day-** Children are required to attend school the following day (Friday). This is the last day of term. However, we will keep the registers open until break time 10:40am on this day to allow for a later start for the Young Voices choir. We do ask that if your child is arriving at the later time, that they bring a packed lunch or that you inform the office of their hot meal order via phone only by 9am.

Please see the following information regarding attending as an audience member:

Audience members

If you are attending the concert as an audience member:

- **Tickets:** We are expecting our bulk ticket order to be transferred to school imminently. Tickets this year are all electronic and will need to be transferred to the lead ticket holder via email or mobile app. Information on how to do this will be sent in a separate communication once we have received our bulk order to school. You must present the electronic ticket to enter the arena.
- **Times:** The venue doors open at 6pm. The concert starts at 7pm and finishes at 8:45pm. Please arrive in good time for increased entrance security.
- **Transport:** It is the responsibility of parents to organise their own transport to and from the arena, including parking arrangements. It could be useful to 'carpool' with others attending the concert. Information regarding a potential parent bus can be found above.
- **Food and drinks:** The venue food and beverage outlets will be open and operate a cashless system.
- **Spotting your child:** Young Voices have advised that it is a good idea to bring binoculars (seriously!) so that you can spot your child in the choir of 5,000+ children all wearing the same white t-shirts! The children are always very excited to try and spot you when you arrive. Please keep an eye out for our red school banner which will be displayed close to where we are sitting and, if you are able, make your way to the bottom of our block to give us a wave! Last year we found it super helpful when parents wore something bright or 'stand out' to help the children spot you- we'll leave this up to you! In previous years, groups of parents have made banners or organised wearing flashing headbands etc. (Not a necessity but could be fun!)
- **Exiting the arena:** At the end of the concert, all audience members are dismissed from the arena first, before schools are released a block at a time from an alternative exit. On our way back to the coach, you may spot us/ your child. Please try not to wait around to find us, or come over to talk to your child if you spot them on the way out. Getting all of our children safely back to the coach amongst the thousands exiting requires lots of careful planning and organisation, and we need to ensure that we have the children's full attention during this time. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

As we finalise arrangements for this truly remarkable event, I would like to take a moment to thank you for your ongoing support. Alongside running weekly lunch time and after-school rehearsals to ensure the children are as well prepared as possible, an event of this scale involves a significant amount of planning, organisation and administration behind the scenes. This really is a substantial task, and one that is largely managed by me. Your support is greatly appreciated in helping this process run smoothly, reading all communications, keeping up to date with key dates and deadlines, and encouraging your child's continued commitment; as any changes to submitted numbers have a wider impact on staffing, seating and costs.

Thank you for your understanding and continued cooperation. If you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. rworboys@cuckney.notts.sch.uk

Kind regards,



Miss Worboys