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

Friday 24th January

Young Voices 2025- The Concert Day!

Dear Parents,

Our Young Voices concert day is Friday 14th 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 the Arbor School Shop by 14.02.25. If you are unsure how many tickets you have ordered, please contact Miss Worboys via email (rworboys@cuckney.notts.sch.uk). Please also fill in and return the attached EV4 permission form as soon as possible to allow us to take your child with us on the day. You can fill in the copy digitally and email it, print it, or ask your child to collect a physical form from school.

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 3 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 lyrics) 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 2025), Amazon music, YouTube (see attached QR codes), or the Young Voices specific music room (<https://yvmusicroom.com/>). Over the rest of this half term, children will be taking part in some additional rehearsals each week to perfect the songs/dances.

The concert day for the children

- **Morning at school/ clothes:** *Contrary to other years*, with the concert being on the last day of term, we are asking all children to **come to school "concert ready"** wearing their Young Voices t-shirts, dark bottoms i.e. leggings and comfortable shoes i.e. trainers. If you feel your child may spill something down their t-shirt during the morning, you might want to send them in an alternative top and bring their Young Voices one to change into after lunch. 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. (Young Voices t-shirts will be sent home as soon as we receive them).
- **Lunch:** Children will have lunch at school at the earlier time of 11:30am and we will depart school at 12:15pm. Due to this earlier lunch time, we ask that all children bring a packed lunch with them please (no school dinners will be available for Young Voices children). It can be helpful to bring a warm lunch in a flask to keep them going until their packed tea (see below).
- **Tea:** Children will also need to bring a 'packed tea' to eat at the arena during our tea time break before the concert begins and also 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- please send more drinks than you think! We have found in previous years that many children were running out!). Children will be able to refill with water at the arena in the break. Children will not be able to purchase food from the arena. Please be mindful that children will be eating their tea in their arena seats so please send sensible items that won't make too much mess/ likely to be spilled down their white t-shirts! *(As the children will be bringing two 'pack ups', please make sure they 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).*
- **Bags:** It is recommended that children bring one small easy to carry bag 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.
- **Itinerary:** Children will take part in rehearsals 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 10:15pm. 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.

Please see the following page for 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 delivered to school over the next few weeks. Individual tickets will be sent home to you before the concert date. We are awaiting confirmation as to whether these will be printed or electronic tickets. I will send out further ticket information once we have this available.
- **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. There is official on site venue parking available to be purchased in advance at £14 via <https://www.utilitaarenasheffield.co.uk/> if you would like, or you can make alternative parking arrangements. It could be useful to 'carpool' with others attending the concert.
- **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 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' (like Mrs Ambler's yellow coat!) 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.

If you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. rworboys@cuckney.notts.sch.uk

Kind regards,



Miss Worboys