

Dear parent/carer,

**Young Voices 2026 (30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)**

I am delighted to tell you about a wonderful opportunity for Year 5. On **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026**, they have been invited to take part in a concert at the **O2 Arena** held by **Young Voices**, an organisation which runs “the largest school choir concert in the world”.

This is an incredible event that brings a great sense of joy and achievement. See the image below from last year’s concert to get a feel for its scale and the excitement that comes with it. The 2026 event will be extra special, being a milestone year for Young Voices as it celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

All Year 5 children are expected to attend this event. The school funds this opportunity for all children and the only cost to parents are tickets to watch the concert, if you wish to attend.

**The concert**

On this day, our singers will rehearse as part of a choir of up to 8,000 children from schools across London and the South East of England, including children from the other schools in the North Star Academy Trust. In the months leading up to the event, our children will learn the repertoire of songs written and arranged for the concert as part of their music lessons.

The event is incredibly well-organised and the safety of the participants is at the forefront, as Ms. Ross (who will be going to her 14<sup>th</sup> event in January!) can attest to. Security staff and stewards are visible throughout, ensuring that we all know where to go, when to go there and how to get there safely.

**Tickets**

For parents/carers and family members that are interested in attending the concert, as an audience member, tickets will be available for purchase at the cost of **£27 per person**. Payment for these will be through **Arbor** and should be made no later than **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September**.

If you are unable to order tickets through school by this date and still wish to attend then you will have to get in contact with the O2 Arena box office to purchase tickets. These events are highly popular so tickets will be subject to availability. It is also worth bearing in mind that this option is more expensive due to additional charges.

**After the concert**

Whether you attend the concert as an audience member or not, the expectation is that your child will be collected from school at approximately **11pm** on the evening of the concert. With this in mind, your child may come in to school at **10.30am the morning after** (Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January) if they wish to.

**Please use Arbor to confirm whether you are happy for your child to attend and will collect them from school after the event.** As stated above, any ticket orders are also to be made through Arbor and there is no limit on the amount you can purchase if you want to bring other friends and family to join you.

Kind regards,

**Ben Merritt-Hall (Primary music & languages lead)**

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