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Young Voices

Dear Parents/Carers,

***** Please note this trip falls the day of the Year 4 residential, please do not book this if you are going to Bewerley Park*****

An exciting opportunity will be coming, for a group of budding singers and performers from Cottingley to take part in **Young Voices 2026** Concert at Sheffield Arena. This will involve a group of 40 children, from Cottingley, to perform in a choir of thousands of children (from other schools) in an enormous arena.

It is a wonderful and exciting experience however it does come with a lot of responsibility and commitment which is needed from all the children that take part. The children need to be dedicated to try and attend rehearsals every week, as we have a lot to learn! The songs are provided to us (we cannot choose them) and songs need to be learnt so they can be sung from memory. There are plenty of dance moves to rehearse too.

The rehearsals will be every Monday after school until 4.15pm with the first session being on Monday 22nd September 2025 and running every Monday up until the concert (**last rehearsal Monday 26th January 2026**). Once your child secures a place, we will require parents email address and details and you will be given access to the Music Room, where you can help support your child and help practice the songs and dance routines at home.

The concert itself takes place on the evening of **Wednesday 28th January 2026**. We will be travelling to Sheffield on a coach at lunchtime in time for a rehearsal during the afternoon and the actual concert is at 7pm - 9pm. The children will then be transported back to school on the coach ready for collection (from school) at around 11pm/11.30pm. The children will eat lunch in school before we leave and will need to bring a packed lunch from home to eat at teatime.

The Young Voices Choir is open to children in KS2 (Years 3 -6). Unfortunately, we have a limited number of 40 places allocated for the concert so we will have to operate a strict 'first pay first reserved basis'.
The cost is £ 30.13 per child via ParentPay; this will cover coach travel, an official Young Voices t-shirt (to wear at the concert), a Young Voices torch, as well as the weekly club. To sign your child up, please pay via ParentPay to secure their place by **Thursday 18th September 2025.** (Please note that places may all be taken before this deadline comes).

Once you have paid for Young Voices via parent pay, we will send out a size guide for t-shirts so we can get them ordered.

***** Please Note: Should your child drop out from the Young Voices choir, we will be unable to offer refunds as we need to pay the coach company and secure our place at Young Voices upfront *****

Parents/Carers/Grandparents can also attend the concert; more information will be sent once your child has signed up. The ticket prices this year are £24 per person payable directly to Young Voices and your own transport will be needed.

Yours sincerely

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