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Young Voices

Dear Parents/Carers,

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 Manchester Arena. This will involve a group of 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 Tuesday after school until 4.15pm with the first session being on Tuesday 17th November 2026 and running every Tuesday up until the concert (**last rehearsal Tuesday 19th 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 **Monday 25th January 2027**. We will be travelling to Manchester 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 places allocated for the concert so we will have to operate a strict 'first pay first reserved basis'.
The cost is £35.00 per child paid via Arbor; this will cover coach travel, an official Young Voices t-shirt (to wear at the concert), a Young Voices torch, a lanyard, as well as the weekly club. To sign your child up, please pay via Arbor to secure their place by **Monday 16th November 2026.** (Please note that places may all be taken before this deadline comes).

Once you have paid for Young Voices via Arbor, 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 £29.00 per person payable directly to Young Voices and your own transport will be needed.

Yours sincerely
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