10th June 2026

Dear all,

Young Voices – O2 Arena, London 19th January 2027

Your child has an amazing opportunity to take part in the Young Voices Choir next year. This is a large-scale singing performance at the O2 Arena in London, involving children from Years 4–8.

Young Voices is an organisation that runs children's choir concerts in arenas and stadiums around the world. Prior to the concert, they provide schools with music, lyrics and dance routines to learn. The children will perform alongside a full live band and backing singers. Historically, Young Voices has collaborated with celebrities such as Gary Barlow (Take That), Tony Hadley (Spandau Ballet) and Clean Bandit.

The concert will take place on **Tuesday 19th January 2027**, and in preparation we will begin holding practices from September. These will take place in Primary on Tuesday lunchtimes. It is mandatory for all pupils involved to attend these sessions, as they will be learning all the songs and choreography. Practices will be led by Mrs C Tunnicliffe. Lunch for Primary pupils, including hot meals, will be taken at 12:00.

We have **35 spaces** available for this event, which will open to all pupils currently in Years 3, 4 and 5 on a first-come, first-served basis through ParentPay. We will also operate a waiting list, if you are unsuccessful in securing a place and wish to be added to the waiting list, please email smoon@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk.

Please be aware that Young Voices operates to tight deadlines, and although the concert is in January, the shop for T-shirts and audience tickets closes at the end of September.

On the day of the concert, children will arrive at school as normal and then change into their Young Voices T-shirts (or a plain white T-shirt if not purchasing the official one) and dark skirt or trousers. We will leave school by coach at 10:00 to travel to the O2. On arrival, the children will take part in a rehearsal with the full choir, followed by the evening performance, which runs from 19:30–21:15. We will return to school by coach, arriving at approximately 23:00. As the next day is a school day, *pupils are permitted a later start of 10:00 on Wednesday 20th January.*

As with previous years, due to the way the choir exits the arena compared with the audience, it will not be possible to collect your child from the venue after the performance. All pupils must return to school on the coach. A member of staff, or your child, will be able to keep you updated on our estimated time of arrival. A reminder of these arrangements will be sent nearer the time.

Cost and Payment Details:

The cost of this experience is **£41.00**, which covers pre-concert arrangements, the concert itself, travel to and from London, and parking. This can be paid in two instalments of £21.00 and £20.00.

Payments are non-refundable. *This does not include the Young Voices T-shirt or audience tickets that are mentioned further below.*

Payment must be made via the school's ParentPay system, where you can also give consent and provide up-to-date medical information.

ParentPay will open for payment on **Friday 12th June 2026 at 18:00** and will close on **Wednesday 1st July 2026 at midday**. Late requests may not be accepted.

If you do not have access to ParentPay, please contact finance@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk for assistance.

If insufficient payments are received, it is unlikely that the trip will go ahead. If you would like your child to participate but are unable to make the contribution, please contact the finance office to discuss options.

Once you have signed your child up and made the initial payment, you will receive a link to join our school account in the YV Music Room. Here you will be able to add your child, grant them access to the Music Room for home practice, and purchase the official Young Voices T-shirt (£15 last year at the schools' discounted rate). You will also be able to purchase audience tickets for the evening performance (sale date and price to be confirmed). Please note that each transaction will incur a fee covering card charges and postage and packaging. Tickets will be sent directly to the school before the event.

The closing date for purchasing T-shirts and audience tickets through the school's Music Room is 30th September 2026.

Items to Take:

We will contact all participants nearer the time with a full itinerary and details of what to bring.

Evening Audience Information

The evening performance begins at 19:15, and audience members must be in their seats by 18:30. Travel is not included, and families must make their own way to and from the venue. As previously stated, children must return to school with the choir and cannot be collected from the O2.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs C Tunnicliffe & Mrs H Davis
Head of Primary Head of Music