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Dear Key Stage 2 Parents & Carers

Young Voices Birmingham: Friday 29 January 2027

Young Voices (YV) is the world's largest school choir, bringing together thousands of children from across the country to perform as one spectacular choir. Sycamore, Ash and Oak classes will all be travelling to the BP Pulse LIVE Arena at the NEC in Birmingham for the event. We will arrive in time for lunch, followed by rehearsals in the afternoon and the evening performance.

What your child will need:

1. **School uniform** – all children must wear a plain white top as the concert is filmed. Please ensure your child comes to school in their white PE top. Please note that you do not purchase a Young Voices t-shirt as the Hendreds children wear their white PE tops.
2. **Packed lunch and tea** – food should be easy for your child to manage independently. Please avoid cans or glass bottles and provide a refillable water bottle.
3. **School backpack and coat** – to carry food and belongings. Your child may also bring a book or small portable game (no electronics) for the coach journey.

We expect to return to East Hendred around **10:45 pm**, meeting at The Eyston Arms. Any updates on arrival time will be shared via MCAS and Facebook.

What do you need to do now:

1. **Purchase your audience tickets** via the Young Voices Parent Portal:
<https://yvmusicroom.com/auth/parent/journey/welcome>
Please note that the **YV deadline for purchasing block tickets**, which allows Hendreds families to be seated together, is **31st October 2026**. After this date, any remaining tickets will be released for general sale through BP Pulse. In previous years, the allocation for block bookings has sold out before the deadline, so we strongly encourage you to purchase tickets as early as possible to avoid disappointment.
2. Although the event is still some time away, Young Voices requires schools to confirm participant numbers and submit payment well in advance. Please therefore provide **permission for your child to attend via MCAS by Friday 30th October 2026**.
3. To help cover the cost of transport and parking, we are requesting a **voluntary contribution of £27 per child via MCAS by Friday 13th November 2026**. If this contribution would present any difficulty, or if you would like to discuss the use of Pupil Premium funding, please contact the school office in confidence. Your child will not be excluded from the visit if a contribution cannot be made.

You will be able to access your child's online rehearsal hub where they can learn the songs and dance moves with you. Please do not purchase anything else for your child in the Young Voices parent account. We provide a concert torch for each child and they do not require a Young Voices t-shirt or pass with lanyard.

Finally, we do not require any parent volunteers to accompany us on this trip as we have sufficient school staff attending.

We are very much looking forward to this event which is always one of the highlights of the school year and provides a wonderful opportunity for the key stage 2 children to perform as a school choir, build confidence and truly shine on a national stage.

Regards,

Lisa Rees