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16th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Young Voices

We have decided to run the Young Voices programme every two years due to having our mixed Year 5/6 class structure. We are delighted to inform you that all current Year 5/6 pupils are invited to attend the Young Voices concert which will take place on **Thursday 11th February 2027 at the Utilita Arena Sheffield**. This is the only time the Year 5/6 children will be participating in Young Voices whilst in Year 5 or Year 6.

The children will be learning the songs (and actions!) within their music lessons until February. The concert is a delightful showcase of these songs as Spire children, together with many other local schools also performing, forming the world's largest children's choir.

The cost of being part of the Young Voices choir is free for your child due to school paying for the subscription cost. However, there will be a charge of £10.00 to cover the cost of coach transport to and from the arena in Sheffield. All children attending the concert will be transported back to school on the coach regardless of whether family members attend as part of our safeguarding protocols. This is due to there being thousands of people within the arena, making it difficult to establish a safe and secure meeting point following the concert. The children will be required to bring two packed lunches, one for their lunch and one for their evening meal.

Here is a timetable for how the day will run:

11:30 a.m. - Early lunch for Year 5/6 pupils
12:00 p.m. - Year 5/6 children collected from school
12:45 p.m. - Schools arrive at the arena
2:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Schools rehearse together
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Time to eat evening packed lunch
7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. - Concert

The estimated arrival time back at school for collection of pupils is around 9:45 p.m. due to it taking time to get out of the car park at the arena and then travel back to school. However, we will keep you updated on this on the evening.

The letter attached from Young Voices provides information on how to sign your child up to the school's choir. This will give them access to the Music Room, where they can listen to the songs and practise at home alongside rehearsals in school. **The deadline for this is the 30th of September**. After the choir registration deadline, children who have not been signed up individually will access the songs through the



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school's account and will not have access to the Music Room at home.

The Music Room is also how you can **book your tickets** to the concert if you wish to attend and purchase any merchandise that you wish for your child including Young Voices t-shirts. If you do not wish to purchase an official Young Voices t-shirt, all children must wear a white, plain t-shirt.

The deadline for **signing your child up** to our school choir via the Music Room is the **30th of September 2026**.

The deadline for **ordering your tickets to attend the concert** via the Music Room is the **31st of October 2026**. Ordering through the Music Room ensures that you can purchase concert tickets at a cheaper price. After this date, any remaining tickets will be passed to the Utilita Arena Box Office and will be more expensive.

Please **complete the form attached and return to school no later than the 25th of September** if you would like your child to take part. This will allow the school sufficient time to register any remaining children before the Young Voices deadline.

To secure your child's place, you must:

- Return the attached permission form to school by 25th September 2026.
- Register your child through the Young Voices Music Room by 30th September 2026.

Should you have any questions at all regarding your child attending the Young Voices concert, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Year 5/6 Team.

Many thanks,

Miss Thompson



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Young Voices Concert - Thursday 11th February 2027

I give permission for my child _____ (Child's name) in Class _____ (child's class) to take part in the Young Voices concert on Thursday 11th February 2027.

I have enclosed £10.00 for the cost of the coach. ☐

I _____ (parent/ carer's name) understand that if I wish to buy a concert ticket I must purchase through the Music Room or the Utilita Arena Box Office.

I consent for my child's photograph to be taken and potentially used in Young Voices publications / advertising and videos.

I _____ (parent/ carer's name) understand that an adult will collect my child promptly from school on return from the concert.

My child is eligible for free school meals; I wish to order a school packed lunch for their lunch time meal below. I will provide them with an additional packed lunch as their evening meal.

Cheese sandwich ☐

Ham sandwich ☐

Tuna sandwich ☐

My child will need the following medication during this trip: (please specify doses and times below, ensuring all medication is sent to school in labelled packaging stating your child's name and the dosage).

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Please return this slip to the office no later than the 25th of September.