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Dear Parents/carers

As part of the music curriculum, we are once again taking the children when they are in Y5, to BP Pulse Arena at Resorts World, Birmingham to take part in the Young Voices event on **Thursday 15th January 2026**. Children will be working with Miss Woodfield throughout the Autumn and Spring terms on their chosen songs.

On the day, children and staff will travel by coach to Resorts World at 12 noon for rehearsals. They will need wear school uniform and bring:

- A packed lunch, which they will eat before they leave school
- A packed tea which they will take to the arena with them to eat before the concert begins
- A couple of drinks (no glass bottles) to have during their break.

The concert will then start at 7pm to 8:30pm. At the end of the concert, all children and staff will travel back by coach to school for parents/carers to collect around 9:30pm from the bottom of Bundle Hill.

As with last year, we are guided by the YV organisers re. pick-ups. They have instructed us that due to Health and Safety, it is not advisable to have some children collected by parents/carers directly from the arena and some to return on the coach at the end of the concert. This is why **ALL** children will return to school on the coach with staff, to be collected from there.

We advise that if you are going to watch the concert either arrange for someone else to collect your child from school when we return or make sure you leave the venue before the final song so that you do not get caught up in any gridlock on the carpark.

Due to the late evening, the following day Y5 children who attend the concert as well as their younger siblings will be able to come to school later in the morning. All children must be in by **10am** to the avoid a late mark.

In order for the event to take place, we ask for a voluntary contribution of **£10** towards the cost of the transport to and from the event with the remaining balance will then be met by school. A payment link from School Money will follow.

Parents/carers can purchase tickets (from late May) for the Young Voices Concert. *(Last year the cost was £24.00 per ticket plus £1.99 for Young Voices admin transaction fee so we are hopeful that this will remain the same.)* **All ticket ordering is through the Young Voices Music Room** and details of how to purchase your tickets is on the other side of this letter.

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Parents do not need purchase a YV T-Shirt as part of the preparations for the concert is for children to design their own to wear.

Before the Summer, Miss Woodfield will organise a Teams meeting and will send you a text about it so that she can meet with all Y4 parents and children about the Young Voices Concert. She will go through the plan for the day as well as answering any questions you may have. A link will be put onto the Y4 webpage for parents and children to access together.

We hope that all parents will support us with this venture to ensure that the whole class attends the concert to enjoy a truly memorable evening.

Yours Sincerely

C Finnegan (Mrs)
Head Teacher

Some photos from Young Voices 2025









WELCOME to YV26

Prepare for an unforgettable experience as we celebrate 30 years of Young Voices. Your child will join thousands of other young singers at one of the UK's most iconic venues, becoming part of the legendary YV Choir of 26. The full music pack will be available in June, but to get you started, we've included the special song "Power In Me."

What to Expect

Your child will perform alongside choirs from schools across the country in a breathtaking concert featuring spectacular sound, lighting, and special guest performances. Young Voices is more than just a performance! It's a year-long, inspiring and educational programme designed to build confidence, support wellbeing and create lasting musical memories.

The Music Room – Your Child's Rehearsal Hub

The Music Room is an interactive online tool that helps your child rehearse at home and provides useful information about the concert.

Get Ready! Visit the YV Music Room shop to purchase your child's official choir t shirt and audience tickets from late May.

YV Choir of 26 t shirt, to be worn at the concert, is a special keepsake that will remind your child of the unforgettable moment they sang to a sold-out audience at one of the UK's largest venues.

Audience Tickets Don't miss the chance to be part of the excitement! Secure your tickets as soon as they become available. Tickets will sell out, so be sure to get them early to enjoy this memorable concert with your child.



We're super excited for **YV26** as we **celebrate 30 years** of singing together and making memories that will last a lifetime. Your support makes all the difference!

How to use the YV Music Room

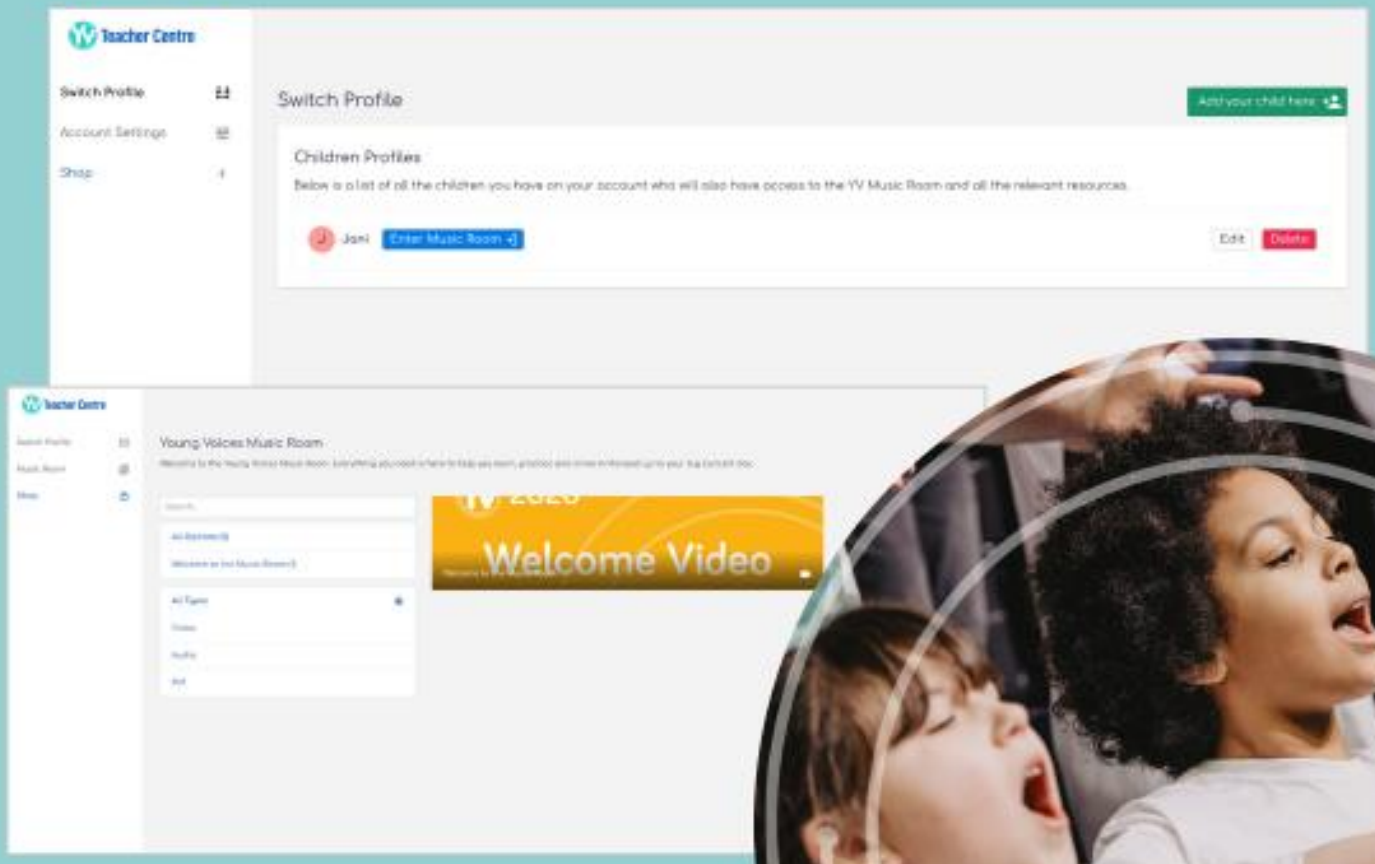
WOW!
What an opportunity for these young children to experience singing at this huge arena. A once in a lifetime experience all of us will never forget!
PROUD PARENT

Now that you're in the Music Room, you can manage your child's YV26 choir journey, from rehearsals to ordering tickets and t-shirts!

Here's What to Do Next:

- **Sign Your Child Up** – add your child's name to create their profile.
- **Practice Anytime** – access all concert songs and supporting resources.
- **Order your Official YV t shirt and tickets** – purchase YV t shirts and tickets directly from the Music Room Shop from late May. Orders placed will be delivered to your school.

Below, you'll find a helpful visual with key feature descriptions.



Here to help >>>

Chatbot on the website or

Email contact@youngvoices.co.uk

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