



## Bishop Wood C of E Junior School

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Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to let you know that Year 5 are once again going to perform at the Young Voices concert!

This year it will be at the O2 in London on the evening of Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Please look at the website for more information [www.youngvoices.co.uk](http://www.youngvoices.co.uk).

We very much hope that all children in Year 5 will be joining in this event. It is part of the Year 5 Music Curriculum for the term, and everybody will be learning the songs during Music lessons, along with the accompanying actions. There will be a huge range of genre, including some recent hits that the children love to perform!

We know, from previous experience, that it will be an extraordinary and memorable occasion for all.

The concert is always of a very high standard and there will be a famous guest who sings along with the children, which they all enjoy. Previous singers have included Tony Hadley from Spandau Ballet!

The tickets for friends and family attending the event will cost £25. Children in the choir do not have to pay for their tickets.

Young Voices T shirts are available at a cost of £15. These are not compulsory, and children are welcome to wear a plain white t-shirt. Additionally, there will also be a cost for the coach journey to the O2 - we will let you know this nearer the time.

Please give consent for your child to attend on the Gateway by 30<sup>th</sup> September.

Once we are aware of the numbers of children attending we will ask you to complete the ticket and t shirt requests details on the Gateway.

If the cost for the coach, or the tickets to watch the concert will prove beyond your family's means, please contact the office – we would not want the cost to be a barrier to your child taking part.

On the morning of 30<sup>th</sup> January, the children will head up to London by coach for a rehearsal that starts at 2.15pm. The concert will start at 7pm and last until about 8.45pm. All the children will then come back to school on the coach, and be collected up from their classrooms at about 11pm.

Please note that no children will be able to be picked up by parents at the venue – it is too busy, there are safeguarding implications, and the performers area is not accessible to anyone else.



There will be a 'soft start' for attendance the morning following the concert – this means that there is the option for pupils in Year 5 to come into school until 10am, and be marked present.

The choir are asked to wear black or dark trousers or leggings with a plain white or Young Voices T shirt.

Parents often get together and organise their own coach for the journey to and from the O2.

We hope that this letter gives you an outline of the event – further and final details will be sent out nearer the time.

Yours Sincerely,

Janet Reeve (Music Coordinator)