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Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child has expressed an interest in participating in Young Voices 2026. Young Voices is an amazing, large-scale choir concert that takes place at the Manchester Co-op Live Arena. This year is YV's 30th anniversary year, so promises to be extra special. This fantastic opportunity is open to any children in Year 4, 5 and 6 but places are limited so places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

How does it work?

We learn and practise a set of songs (and dance moves) over several months (in school and at home). On the day of the concert, we travel to Manchester at lunchtime and then, after a rehearsal in the afternoon, we will join thousands of other children in performing those songs together in an evening concert, with lighting, live band, singers, dancers and special guests. The concert begins at 7pm and finishes around 9pm. We would be back at school by about 10.30-11pm. It is a long day, but a truly unique and magical experience. Please visit www.youngvoices.co.uk or the YVTV YouTube channel for more information, video clips etc which will give you more of a flavour of the event.

When will it happen?

Our concert date is **Thursday February 12th** which is the day before we break up for half term. Practices will be taking place during lunchtimes up until Christmas and there will be practices one day after school during January and February. Attendance at these practices is **compulsory** for all those taking part, or unfortunately children will not be able to attend the concert. **Please discuss this with your child so that they are aware of that they are committing to a lunchtime practice every week and also an after school practice after Christmas.**

How much will it cost?

The cost of participating in Young Voices is subsidised by school, but we are asking for a contribution of **£15 per child**. This is towards the cost of transport to/from Manchester and the registration fee. FOGS (Friends of Gobowen School) have kindly agreed to pay for a Young Voices T-shirt for those participating.

Audience tickets will be also available to order so that parents and other family members can come to Manchester to watch the concert if they wish. These cost £24 each but they are well worth the money. The concert experience from an audience point of view comes highly recommended; however, it will be totally up to you if you want to

purchase a ticket - parents do not have to attend as children will return on the coach to school. If you do wish to come, you will need to order and pay for any tickets by half term as the tickets sell out quickly.

What's next?

The most important thing now is to confirm who wants to take part. Please fill in the form attached to confirm your child's wish to commit to Young Voices and return the form to school by **Friday 26th September** at the latest. You will also need to indicate your child's T-shirt size and pay the £15 fee on the school app as soon as possible - you will find the payment on the 'Shop' tab. We will then give you more information on how to order audience tickets in the coming weeks.

Finally.....

This is an extra curricular activity, to enhance the Music curriculum that is already offered to all children. As such, we ask that children only participate if they are completely **committed** and **enthusiastic** as there is a lot of work involved to learn all the songs and dance moves. For this event, an interest/enthusiasm for music and singing is **essential**; they have to really want to put in the hard work. They **must** be prepared to practise at home (using the online resources) **AND** attend the lunchtime practices and after-school practices after Christmas. However, I can promise that it is **TOTALLY** worth all their hard work on the day, they will have the best time! Please get in touch if you have any questions at all.

Mrs Boothby

Name of child _____ Year _____

- I give my permission for my child to attend the Young Voices concert at Manchester Co-op Live Arena on February 12th 2026
- I am satisfied my child is committed to being a part of Young Voices. I will support him/her in learning and practising the songs at home and will ensure they attend all rehearsals
- I confirm that I have paid, or will shortly pay a donation of £15 on the school app ('Shop' tab) towards the costs of participating in Young Voices.

Signed _____

Date _____

Please provide a parental e-mail contact below for us to set up access to the online resources.

Please select an appropriate size T-shirt for your child below.

T-shirts sizes below are approximate measurements

Age/ description	Chest Width (cms)	Length (cms)	Total units ordered
7-8 Youth	43cm	55cm	
9-11 Youth	46cm	60cm	
12-13 Youth	48.5cm	71cm	
Adult Small	48.5cm	69.5cm	
Adult Medium	53.5cm	72cm	
Adult Large	56cm	74.5cm	
Adult XL	61cm	77cm	
Adult XXL	66cm	78.5cm	
Adult XXXL	71cm	80cm	

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE NO LATER
THAN FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER
REMEMBER PLACES ARE FIRST COME FIRST SERVED!**