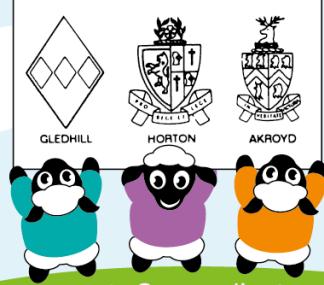




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Tuesday 3rd February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very much looking forward to our upcoming **Young Voices concert at the Utilita Arena, Sheffield**, taking place on **Wednesday 11th February**. As the event is now approaching, we wanted to share the final arrangements and key reminders for the day.

Timings for the Day

- **Lunch:** Children will have lunch at school as normal
- **12:30pm:** Depart school by coach
- **Approx. 1:45pm:** Arrive at Utilita Arena, Sheffield
- **2:00pm – 5:00pm:** Afternoon rehearsal
- **5:00pm – 6:30pm:** Break and tea time
- **7:00pm – 8:45pm:** Concert performance
- **Approx. 9:00pm – 10:15pm:** Travel back to school by coach

All children will **return to school by coach** after the concert. This allows us to ensure consistent safeguarding procedures. **Parent collection will be from school only**, from the coach at the main entrance. **Please notify us who will be collecting your child using the School Spider survey being sent out shortly**. We will keep you updated via School Spider should there be any delays to our return – please download the School Spider app if you do not already have it.

Clothing and What to Bring

- **Official Young Voices t-shirts** (if purchased) or **plain white t-shirt** (Young Voices t-shirts will be sent home with children who have ordered them today)
- **School uniform on the lower half** (school trousers/skirt)
- **Packed tea** (nut-free, all disposable, no glass, no fizzy drinks)
- **Water bottle**
- Due to the size of the venue, the length of the day, and limited storage space, **no personal belongings should be brought to the event**.
- **Any travel sickness pills need to be given to a member of staff and a medical form completed ([click to download Administration of Medication Form](#))** allowing staff to administer the medication before travel to and from the event.

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May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed Psalm 20:4*



Safety and Supervision

Children will be supervised by school staff and school volunteers at all times and will also be supported by **Young Voices staff, arena stewards, and security** throughout the day. The children will move around the venue in supervised groups and remain seated unless directed otherwise. Medical and welfare facilities are available at the arena should they be required. **We will be taking the inhalers that we keep in school.**

The Next Day

Due to the late return, children taking part in Young Voices may **start school at 11:00am on Thursday 12th February**, if required. This will not affect attendance marks. Please bring children as normal to the **school gates for 8.55am or drop off at the school office at 11am** to be signed in - **please do not drop off at any time in between**. Please notify us via the School Spider survey by 9am on Thursday 12th if your child will be dropped off at 11am – survey will be available from Monday 9th.

We know this is a long and exciting day, but it is always an incredibly memorable experience for the children. Thank you for your continued support — we are very proud of the hard work the choir have put in.

If you have any questions or concerns ahead of the event, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Miss Walsh