



## All Faiths Children's Academy

Monday 10th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are picking up the pace in learning the music ready for Young Voices 2026 – 20th January 2026. Thank you for your patience and continued support.

### Updates:

**T-shirts:** These will be distributed to pupils on the day of the concert. Following the concert, they are theirs to keep. The children will be in normal school lessons during the morning, so please send them to school in their regular school uniform. This also helps us to identify pupils at the venue. Ideally the children should wear black on the bottom half – this can be jogging bottoms or regular school type trousers, skirts or leggings, and black school shoes. If you do not have black, then School grey is acceptable.

**Audience tickets:** When you are in the O2 please look out for our Thinking Schools Academy Trust Banner which will be displayed – don't forget to give us a wave! If you are planning to drive to the O2, it is advisable to book parking in advance as it is considerably cheaper.

The closing date for ordering t-shirts and audience tickets has now passed. If you have ordered these, the t-shirts will be delivered to school for us to distribute, and the tickets will come to school digitally and you will receive an email in the new year. Please do not contact Young Voices directly.

So, some details to help you to prepare:

**Rehearsals:** Term 2 Choir will take place on Monday after school and Tuesday lunchtimes for those unable to stay on Monday. Your child/children must attend one or both of these sessions as there is a lot to learn. Please help them to practise and learn the words and dance moves as we move nearer to the concert date - they will not have lyric sheets on the night of the concert and the entire show is filmed. They must be confident.

The Music Room can be accessed by going to the Young Voices website and creating a parent login. The playlists are also available on major streaming sites including Spotify and Amazon Music by searching Young Voices Music Pack 2026

**On the Day:** We will be travelling to the concert with pupils from Gordon Children's Academy. The coach will pick us up from All Faiths Children's Academy at approximately 12.15pm to travel to the O2. The children will spend the afternoon rehearsing in preparation for the concert which begins at 7pm and finishes by 9.15pm. The coach will then return to All Faiths Children's Academy by approximately 10.30pm.

**Chaperones:** Staff attending the concert will be Mrs Everingham, Mrs Killick, and Mr Webster. Pupils will all have a designated adult and will not be allowed to leave the group at any time. Security for the concert is very high and Young Voices have 30 years of experience in managing these events.

**Food:** Children will need to carry enough food for two packed meals. If your child is eligible for free school meals, one meal will be provided, and families are asked to provide the second. The children will also carry their school water bottles. No fizzy drinks please.

**Collecting your child/children after the event:** It is strongly advised that you collect your child from school after the concert. If you have tickets for the concert and would still like to collect your child directly from the O2, please let the school office know as soon as possible by contacting us on Arbor. You will be given a specific meeting point. Children will only be released from the O2 by prior arrangement. All other pupils will travel back to All Faiths to be collected at approximately 10.30pm. On the day of the concert, you will be sent a school mobile contact number via Arbor – this is for emergencies only.

**Concert download:** Every Young Voices Concert is recorded and can be purchased as a download following the event. You will receive a trailer and download link if you choose to purchase this.

**The next day:** It has been agreed that children can arrive to school on Wednesday 21st January by 10am. If your child arrives after 10am they will be marked as late and if they do not attend school that day the absence will be unauthorised.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Everingham