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Dear Parents/Carers,

Young Voices Concert at the O2 Arena – Tuesday 24th February 2026

What to wear?

In the morning, children need to wear their school uniform, except for their school blazer. We will provide a Young Voices t-shirt for the children to change into for the concert.

What to bring?

We will be leaving school at approximately 12 noon. Children will need to bring a packed lunch to eat when we arrive at the O2. Additionally, children will need to pack a tea to have for their evening meal at the O2. Please ensure that you pack plenty of soft drinks, as it can get hot at the arena; plus plenty of healthy snacks and an extra water for your child for the evening. This should be in a disposable bag and not in a lunch box. A backpack for the children to carry all of their things would be really useful.

What time will we leave and return?

We will be leaving school at approximately 12 noon to reach the O2 for afternoon rehearsals. The concert starts at 7:00pm and is due to finish at 8:45pm. After the concert, the children will return directly to St. Edmund's by coach. **This year, all children must be collected from St. Edmund's, Fawkham Road, West Kingsdown, TN15 6JP.** In previous years, returning to St. Paul's created significant congestion, resulting in schools receiving fines for not keeping to allocated timings and delays for other schools whose children were left waiting because the buses could not safely manoeuvre out of School Lane. To ensure a smooth and safe dismissal for all children, collection will take place solely at St. Edmund's.

We will notify you via Schoolcomms and ClassDojo if the arrival time (expected to be 10:00–10:30pm) changes during the evening.

A note about collection at the O2 Arena

On leaving the venue, many schools choose to allow parents to collect their children directly from the O2. **We do not do this.** From experience, this arrangement can be extremely chaotic and poses significant risks to children's safety, due to the large crowds and congestion around the exits. For this reason, we ask that parents **do not wait outside the arena exits** and instead focus on returning to **St. Edmund's for collection**, where we can ensure a safe and orderly dismissal.

The following morning

As we will be back very late on Tuesday evening, the children attending Young Voices can have a small lie-in! We ask that the children be in school **by 10:00am on Wednesday 25th February**, as we will be starting our learning at this time and don't want to interrupt the children's learning, with late arrivals.

Please continue to encourage your children to learn the words for all songs. I would like to thank the children for their hard work in preparation for the concert; I am sure they will have a fantastic evening!

Yours faithfully,

Mr Johnson
Head of School