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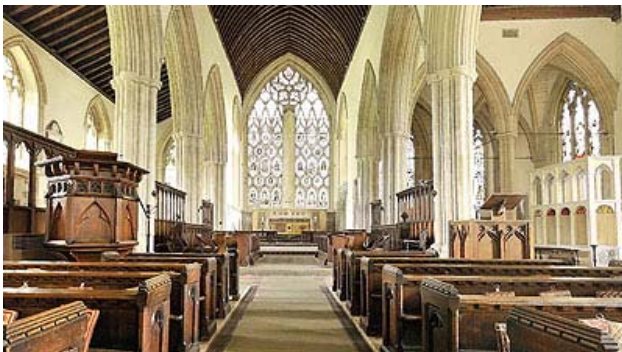
Headteacher: Mr Iain Horner

25th March 2026

RE: Choir – Festival of Voices

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are lucky enough to have secured the chance to sing at the **Festival of Voices** again this year, which takes place in Dorchester Abbey. This year is the 41st Festival of Voices, organised by NAPE (National Association for Primary Education) and it is always an exciting and rewarding experience for all involved. The concert offers a chance for children from all over the county to come together in a fantastic setting and enjoy singing. We are very lucky to be part of this event as it is very popular and there is often a waiting list of other schools who want to join in!



We would like to take a choir group to **Festival of Voices**, however we are limited to only **30 places**. We know that our Festival of Voices choir is usually very popular, so we are looking for children who are able to commit to coming to rehearsals and to learning all of the songs. If we have more than 30 pupils interested in taking part, we will be offering the concert places

to the oldest children first as they will have fewer opportunities to take part in the future. Anyone who isn't offered a place this time, can still come along to rehearsals, as this will still be an enjoyable thing to do. If any spare places then become available for the concert, we will then choose from the children who have been attending rehearsals.

Our concert will take place on **Thursday 18th June**. On the day of the concert, we will travel by coach at approximately 2pm to Dorchester Abbey, where we will join with the other schools taking part, to rehearse from 3.15- 5.15pm. The children will then have a picnic tea in the Abbey grounds, before the performance begins at **6.30pm**. The concert should finish at approximately **8pm**.



We will send further details about the day of the concert nearer the time.

Tickets

Audience tickets will be available at £8.00 for adults and £4.00 for children. Every audience member (including toddlers) will require a ticket. We are usually limited to 2 tickets per child, but if you would like more than that, then we will be able to request extra. Last year, most people were able to have the additional tickets that they requested and we are hopeful that we can do the same again this year. We will send out further information about tickets after Easter.

Choir sessions will run after school on **Wednesdays** from **3.15 - 4.30pm**, starting on **Wednesday 15th April**. If your child would like to take part in the Festival of Voices, please return the slip below to indicate that your child is able to take part in the concert and that they **will attend choir rehearsals every week**. There are quite a few songs for us to learn by heart, so attendance each week and a commitment to learning the songs is very important.

Please note that there will be no choir rehearsal on Wednesday 22nd April due to the Sportshall Showdown taking place that day.

To help cover the costs of the participation fee and for the coach transport to take us to Dorchester Abbey, we will be asking for a contribution of £15.00 for your child to take part. It will be made available for you to make this payment on Scopay if your child is selected for the concert.

The slip should be returned by **Friday 27th March** to indicate your child's interest in taking part in the Festival of Voices choir. **We will then inform you if your child has been allocated a place at the concert.**

If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Salter or the school office.

Kind regards, Mrs K. Salter

CHOIR / FESTIVAL OF VOICES REPLY SLIP

Child's name:.....

My child would like to take part in the Festival of Voices Choir.

I confirm that my child **will** attend rehearsals on a Wednesday and they will commit to learning the songs.

I will make a payment of **£15.00** for entry and transport to the Festival of Voices if my child is given a place for the concert.

I will be able to transport my child home after the event.

SIGNED: _____ (Parent/Guardian) DATE: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS REPLY SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY FRIDAY 27th MARCH