

# THE WOODCOTE JUNIOR

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## Woodcote take off the shackles in powerful performance

Children from year 5 and 6 from Woodcote take part in the world's biggest children's choir.

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On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January 2026. Year 5 and 6 from Woodcote primary school went on a long journey to Greenwich London (they set off from south Oxfordshire) and took part in the world's largest children's choir. Singing and dancing with 8,000 other schools as part of Young Voices.



At the start of the two classes day, they gathered in year fives classroom to receive instructions and to check if they had all

necessary items for the day. Such as their lunch, dinner and water bottles. Soon after all the children were given their young voices t-shirts to get changed into. All the children were reminded about how to act on the trip. Then they left for the coach.

When the children got on the coach, they got choose who they sat next to. Some people brought toys/fidgets to play with on the coach. Midway through

the coach journey, the children's headteacher (Mrs Liz hunt) gave everyone biscuits.



After 2

hours, Woodcote primary school arrived and were amazed by the size of o2 arena. The school walked a bit until they got outside and took some photos. One including their retiring headteacher Mrs Liz Hunt laying down in it. We asked Rosie (9 years old) what she felt when she first saw the o2 and this is what she said. "When we first went into the o2 arena I thought it wasn't that colourful at first, but when the actual show started it was amazing." After the photos Woodcote primary school headed into the arena to be met with a disappointment, 8 flights of stairs. By the time they got to the top they were even more starving than before.



When

Woodcote found their door to get into their box, they sat down in a road size corridor. When they were eating lunch a year five child found out they lost their lunch on the coach. Mr Andrew Langley (year five teacher) had to go down the stairs find and get the lunch box and come back up the stairs again. After eating lunch, they went into the actual performing part of the arena to find their seats. They got staled down and ready for rehearsals.

Soon after the conductor (David Lawrence) came onto stage and started the rehearsals with move towards the light which started of smooth and nice. The conductor split the venue in hafe so they could sing two parts at the same time. We a quote from Josephine (10 years old). About what she felt about the rehearsals. "It what I expected at all, I didn't relies you had a big rehearsal before the performance. It was also really funny when the conductor dressed up as a pirate for the sea shanty melody in rehearsals."



After a long

time of rehearsals, it was time for dinner! As woodcote ate there dinner

there parents started to spill into the arena which got them excited, so they finished their food and started looking for them. (Some people found their parents some did not.)