



14th April 2026

Ettington Church of England
Primary School

Dear Parents/Guardians

We are delighted to be taking our Year 3 and 4 children along to a wonderful new event, the **Primary Schools Big Sing 2026**, which is taking place in the inspiring surroundings of Coventry Cathedral on **Tuesday 12th May at 11:00am**. This is a pilot project for the National Schools Singing programme.

This uplifting event brings together 500 plus children for a joyful morning of music, community, and celebration—filling the Cathedral with sound and energy as they perform the repertoire, they have worked so hard to prepare with the Coventry Cathedral Music Department. We are lucky enough to have two workshop sessions with Joe Watson, who is the Acting Director of Music for Coventry Cathedral, and the new songs will then be practised further in weekly music lessons.

We will be leaving school at 8.55am arriving ready for the 9.45am rehearsal before the concert. Once the concert has finished, the staff and children will have lunch in the Cathedral grounds and spend a short amount of time visiting the ruins and the cathedral itself (around an hour), before returning back to school at approximately 1.15pm. There will be a normal 3.20pm collection at the end of the school day. Children will need to be wearing full school uniform. They will also need to bring a packed lunch in a named carrier bag and a water bottle.

I hope you will agree this is a wonderful opportunity for our children to participate in an event within the wider community. The only cost for the entire trip is for the coach, and we would like to ask for a voluntary contribution of £6 towards travel costs. Please pay via Parent Pay by **Friday 8th May**, but if you have any difficulty making this payment, please talk to Mrs Crowe in confidence.

The Cathedral would like to invite parents, carers, and family members to come and celebrate this incredible event, and all families are warmly welcome to attend.

Tickets can be booked online through the Coventry Cathedral website.

<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/events/coventry-cathedral-primary-school-big-sing/booking>

Tickets are **free of charge**, but they must be booked in advance to include all family members attending. Optional donations to support the Cathedral Music Department are welcomed. Any contribution—small or large—will make a meaningful difference.

I hope we will be able to see some of you there!

Claire Kemp
Music Lead/ Y4 Class Teacher

Year 3 and 4 Trip To Coventry Cathedral for The Big Sing Event – Tuesday 12th May 2026

I give permission for my child to attend the above trip.

YES / NO I have made a voluntary payment of **£6** via Parent Pay

Signed: Date: