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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: RBWM & Bracknell Junior Music Festival 2025 – A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES!

The date is drawing ever nearer, and we are getting really excited about the concert at the Hexagon Theatre in Reading on Thursday 26th June @ 7pm. Please read the following information carefully:

Tickets

Hopefully, you have all managed to book your tickets for the show but if you haven't done so the tickets are still available directly from the **Hexagon Box Office on 0118 960 6060** or you can book online via their website

<https://whatsonreading.com/hexagon/whats-on> or visit the Box Office in person during its opening hours which can be found on their website. Tickets are priced at £17.50 and £13.50 for concessions – this includes the booking fee charged by The Hexagon (£2.50 per ticket). All theatres are obliged by law to advertise ticket prices inclusive of any booking charges.

Seating

The Hexagon Theatre is a big space, and we want you to be able to see your children when you come to watch them. Although a precise seating plan is not yet in place, the Hexagon has let us know which seating area to sit in depending on what sort of view you would like. Attached is a performance seating plan of the Hexagon split into sections, and they have said the following (we are a 'Part 2' school):

Part 2 Schools - sat in section 2 on the seating plan (Stage Left):

Central view – book in B, C, F or G

Opposite view – book in D or E

Sitting in the 'stalls' in the main auditorium does not always give you the best view – we now know that Cheapside children will be sitting in the choir stalls.

What to wear

Children should come to school in the clothing that they will be wearing for the concert. This year it would be absolutely fabulous if the children could dress up as their favourite film (or cartoon) character, or wear something related to e.g. a branded t-shirt; Spiderman pyjamas etc. It is absolutely NOT restricted to the films in our concert programme! The only caveats are:

No onesies (they are very hot and would be uncomfortable under the theatre lights!)

No wide costumes as we are limited on space

No tall hats/headgear as it will block the view of the person behind

No masks (again these are hot, but we also want to be able to see all of the children's faces 😊)

If you have someone who would rather not dress up that is absolutely fine. Please can you ask them to wear something bright and cheerful instead (glitter & sparkle always welcome).

What to bring

As little as possible – travelling light is advisable! We will be having tea at The Hexagon before the concert and so children will **need to bring a packed tea**. Please can this be fully disposable if possible so that we can bin everything when they've finished eating. There is nowhere for them to really store things once they're on stage so anything that they do have will need to be under their seats. Obviously, a water bottle is essential too, but a disposable one would be preferable (we can refill these during the day) as hard plastic or metal ones make a lot of noise if they get knocked over.

Please note that there are some children with **severe food allergies** taking part in the concert, so we have been asked that the packed teas **do not contain nuts (this includes things like Nutella/many chocolate spreads), peas, pulses, chickpeas (this includes houmous) and sesame.**

How we're getting there

The children will be leaving school by coach at approximately 12:15pm in time to get to the Hexagon for 1pm. **They will still be able to have a school lunch** as we will be eating our lunch early, before leaving on the coach. If your child is having a packed lunch at school, they will be asked to leave their lunch box at school overnight together with any school bags that they have brought in that day.

Please can we ask you to make a **voluntary contribution of £14 on ScoPay** for the coach to Reading. As you know, Singing Club is a free club but without your help we will not be able to do events like this in the future.

Meeting your child afterwards

The dismissal will be announced at the end of the concert and the departure will be staggered – JMF ask that the audience and children remain seated until you hear our school announced. The meeting point for Cheapside children is the **Upper Foyer**. **Please can parents go to our school sign and NOT wait in front of any exit doors as this can severely delay getting everyone out and reunited.** The concert should be over by approx. 8:15pm but it may take a little while to reunite you with your child! I know it's going to be quite a late night for some of them, but it will be worth it. Just a reminder that you need to collect your child after the concert as we will not be transporting the children back to school.

Practice makes perfect

Finally, please can I ask that you encourage your child to practise the songs at home between now and next Wednesday. There are **A LOT** of songs and **A LOT** of words to learn. They've done really well so far but half an hour a week doesn't give us much time to really get our teeth into it. I'm attaching the song words here and just to remind you that backing tracks and songs are available to sing along with at: <https://www.berksmusictrust.org.uk/junior-music-festival-2024-25-rbwm-bracknell/>

Password: BMTJMFJun25

Again, I appreciate that this is a lot of information and if you have any questions, please do let me know.

Finally, the children have worked really hard preparing for the concert and I know that it's going to be a great event. We can't wait!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Clare Roberts
Assistant Headteacher/Music Lead