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Michael Rosen's Cambridge Refugee Fundraiser Concert
"Voices of Hope & Compassion" Sunday 22nd June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for agreeing to let your child participate in this important event – here are the final details for singers and their accompanying adults and family members from HistoryWorks. Please note your child will attend a REHEARSAL and then the CONCERT. There will be a break in between during which time you are responsible for your child/ren and may leave the venue. FREE Refugee themed activities are taking place in the Central Library, and further public toilets are available in the Grand Arcade.

Where	Cambridge Corn Exchange, 2 Wheeler Street, Cambridge CB2 3QB. The building is accessible for pushchairs & disabled people to use.
When	Children sign in at the side Stage Door at 1.45pm ahead of the 2pm rehearsal. There will be Corn Exchange Stewards ready to welcome you inside and help you find your teacher. Parents / carers may wait in the foyer during the rehearsal where book stalls will be available to peruse. There are no coats or baggage areas for performers, so these need to be tucked under auditorium seats. Rehearsal ends at 2.45pm when children should be collected via the FOYER.
Filming & Press	The City Council plan to have the event recorded for their archives – with some photographs and filming by HistoryWorks and by the local Press. Families will also inevitably take pictures and film at this event, so only children with full consent to be photographed and filmed can take part , as it will not be possible to restrict at this event with a large audience. Please sign and return the attached Anglian Learning permission form by Monday 9 th June.
Bring	Children should bring a water bottle & optional snack, which can be eaten in their seats.
Wear	Children must wear a colourful top, preferably a bright single coloured T shirt (but no logos please) so that we can blend the singers together into a colourful rainbow-like choir. Also wear something dark and comfortable on lower half, so school trousers, jogging bottoms or leggings with comfy shoes!
Seating	Performers need to return to Corn Exchange by 3.45pm via the side door for the concert. No tickets are needed for family to attend the concert. Stewards at the Corn Exchange will help direct audience (via the foyer) to their seats. The concert is approximately 90 minutes, and pupils will exit via the foyer, where waiting parents will collect them.

REFUGEE FUNDRAISER

This is a refugee fundraiser with free seating so you can donate by bringing cash to put into the charity buckets at the concert or online: <https://donorbox.org/refugee-hardship-fund>

Parents/Carers, please complete the attached Anglian Learning photograph permission form and return to the school office by Monday 9th June 2025.

NOTE: Rehearsal & Concert drop-off and pick-up

The organisers ask supporting adults to drop children off at the side entrance to the Corn Exchange where stewards will be at the door to welcome the young people to the rehearsal. Collection is at 2.45pm from the Corn Exchange Foyer. Children will need to return to the side entrance by 3.45pm for the concert.

Corn Exchange Foyer with Michael Rosen

The foyer will be open during the rehearsal, where parents/carers can browse the Michael Rosen 'Roving' bookstall. Profits will go to the Refugee charities. Michael will also be available at a book-signing table in the foyer after the rehearsal period. Children will exit to meet parents in the Foyer and can enjoy having time to chat to Michael Rosen and look at his books. Please note - it will be busy. Parents/carers are free to leave with their children during this break.

Cambridgeshire Libraries & Refugee Charity Stalls

There will also be a free sign-up stall for Cambridgeshire Libraries, and a pop up stall with representatives to talk to from participating Refugee charities.

Central Library activities to engage young people too!

There will also be further Refugee stalls and activities from partners happening in the Central Library at Lion Yard, which is close to the Corn Exchange. Stalls and some drop-in activities will take place from 1pm to 3pm.

Auditorium Seating open from 3.30pm ready for 4pm Concert

Performing children will need to re-enter the Corn Exchange via the side entrance and should be in their seats by 3.45pm. The auditorium opens from 3.30pm and family are encouraged to come to this free, unticketed event. Audience attendees enter via the Foyer. Siblings are welcome to attend – please note it is recommended for children to be KS2 or older, at discretion of parents.

Facilities at the Concert

Toilet facilities for school participants are located close to the stage door and will be managed by Corn Exchange Stewards with DBS, who will work in tandem with the participating teachers so that the children and young people performing can have separate facilities from parents/carers and members of the public. Foyer toilets will be open for all the families and audience members. We kindly ask for this distinction to be respected by all the school participating families involved, for the Safeguarding of participating children. Further public toilets are available in the Grand Arcade, and families may want to make use of these during the break, to save congestion at the venue. We look forward to seeing you!