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Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Choir Leaders,

***Sutton Sings Festival 2025: 'Song Journey'***  
**KS2: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025**  
**St. Andrew's United Reformed Church, Cheam (SM2 7HF)**

We hope that preparations for our *Sutton Sings Festival* are going well and wanted to write to you with further details about how the concerts will work on the day.

**KEY DEADLINES:**

- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March: song choices & sheet music
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May: programme information

**Rehearsal Schedule:**

Please see below the rehearsal schedule for both days. As you can see, each school has a 15-minute rehearsal slot for you to rehearse your school's individual items as well as a massed choir rehearsal. Please arrive promptly for your school/massed choir rehearsal.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June AM**

- 9:30 Cheam Park Farm rehearsal (Stephen Barron)
- 9:45 Massed choir (full) rehearsal – **all AM schools must attend**
- 10:30 Cheam Common Juniors rehearsal (Natasha Kelly)
- 10:45 Manor Park Primary Academy rehearsal (Leanne McCormick)
- 11:00 Doors open
- 11:15 Concert 1 starts
- 12:15 Concert 1 ends

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June PM**

- 13:00 Brookfield Primary Academy rehearsal (Michelle Underwood)
- 13:15 Devonshire Primary School rehearsal (Bethan Scrivens)
- 13:30 Massed choir (full) rehearsal – **all PM schools must attend**
- 14:15 Dorchester Primary School rehearsal (Michaela Cucharo)

14:30 Stanley Park Junior School rehearsal (Gemma Reeves)  
14:45 Doors open  
15:00 Concert 2 starts  
16:00 Concert 2 ends

### **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June AM**

9:15 Collingwood School rehearsal (Debbie McGregor)  
9:30 Seaton House rehearsal (Andrea Milne)  
9:45 Massed choir (full) rehearsal – **all AM schools must attend**  
10:30 Shawley Community Primary rehearsal (Lisa Robinson)  
10:45 St. Dunstan's CofE Primary rehearsal (Heather Cordery)  
11:00 Doors open  
11:15 Concert 3 starts  
12:15 Concert 3 ends

### **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June PM**

13:00 All Saints Benhilton CofE Primary rehearsal (Victoria Mottram)  
13:15 Cheam Fields Primary rehearsal (Sam Ranthe)  
13:30 Massed choir (full) rehearsal – **all PM schools must attend**  
14:15 Hackbridge Primary School rehearsal (Gabby Klein)  
14:30 Robin Hood Junior School rehearsal (Gemma Pitman)  
14:45 Doors open  
15:00 Concert 4 starts  
16:00 Concert 4 ends

### **Satellite Vocal workshops**

As explained at the CPD session, all choirs will have the opportunity to attend a 1.5 hour satellite vocal workshop, hosted at a local primary school at the end of April/May. You will receive an e-mail with the date, time and location of your workshop. The aim of the vocal workshop is to bring the choirs together and work on the massed choir songs in detail. There will not be time to teach the songs during this session so please make sure that your choir come prepared, ready to refine the songs, experiment with the harmony parts and have fun!

**If your choir are unable to attend their allocated workshop, please contact me ASAP so that I can try to swap your choir with another.**

### **Song choices**

Many thanks to those of you who have already submitted your song choices. Just a little reminder that we would like your choir to prepare two individual items (max. 5 minutes in total), related to our over-arching theme 'Song Journey', to perform in the concert. For KS2, this will include songs covering an emotional journey, personal growth and development. Please email me your song choices and sheet music/backing tracks by **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March** to avoid repetition of pieces within the same concert.

There will be a house band (piano, drums, bass) available to accompany your choir on the day but you are welcome to bring your own accompanist if you would prefer; please let me know. If you are struggling to source the sheet music for a particular song, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will do my best to help.

### **Supervision**

As you will see from the rehearsal schedule, there will be some time when your choir are either waiting for the massed choir rehearsal or the concert to begin. During this time, your choir can have a short break and, depending on the weather, you are welcome to take them to the grass area outside to enjoy some fresh air! We recommend that your singers bring a packed lunch/snack, water bottle and a book to read during these breaks. Please note that although there will be several SMT staff members onsite, the responsibility for supervision of children during the rehearsal, breaks and concert lies with the individual schools.

### **Programme**

We are producing a digital programme for the concert and require the following information from you by **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May**:

- List of performers names
- Programme notes - a couple of lines of text about each solo piece your choir is performing

### **Tickets**

Tickets are available to purchase via Ticket Source and are priced at £7.50 adults (16+), £4.50 child (6-15 years) and free for children aged 5 and under (under 5s will need to sit on parents'/carers' laps). Due to venue capacity, there are a limited number of tickets available for each concert. Tickets can be purchased from our online ticket store:

[Sutton Music Trust event tickets from TicketSource.](#)

As there are multiple performances, please ensure your parents know which concert your school are performing in so that they buy tickets for the correct one!

**Concert dress**

We ask that the choirs are dressed in smart school uniform for the event. This will enable us to identify individual schools on the day quickly and efficiently.

Once again, many thanks for taking part in our *Sutton Sings Festival*. We look forward to working with you and your choirs on what promises to be a really exciting event!

Best wishes,  
Emily

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