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Dear Choir Leaders,

Sutton Sings Festival 2026: 'Up, Up, and Away!'
KS1: Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th June 2026
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 27th April: song choices & sheet music
- Monday 4th 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.

Monday 8th June AM

- 9:15 Cheam Park Farm Primary Academy rehearsal (Sally King)
- 9:30 Seaton House School rehearsal (Andrea Milne)
- 9:45 Massed choir (full) rehearsal - **all AM schools must attend**
- 10:30 Manor Park Primary Academy rehearsal (Leanne McCormick)
- 10:45 Victor Seymour Infants rehearsal (Sam Morrissy)
- 11:00 Doors open
- 11:15 Concert 1 starts
- 12:15 Concert 1 ends

Monday 8th June PM

- 13:00 Cheam Common Infants' Academy rehearsal (Jade Beach)
- 13:15 All Saints Benhilton C of E Primary Academy rehearsal (Victoria Mottram)
- 13:30 Massed choir (full) rehearsal - **all PM schools must attend**

14:15 St. Mary's RC Infant School rehearsal (Laura McGowan/Rachel Framp)
14:30 Hackbridge Primary School rehearsal (Gabby Klein)
14:45 Doors open
15:00 Concert 2 starts
16:00 Concert 2 ends

Tuesday 9th June AM

9:15 Cheam Fields Primary Academy rehearsal (Sam Ranthe)
9:30 Robin Hood Infants (Joyce Aidoo-Blay)
9:45 Massed choir (full) rehearsal - **all AM schools must attend**
10:30 Stanley Park Infants' School rehearsal (Kerry Dring/Victoria Presswood)
10:45 Shawley Community Primary Academy (Lisa Robinson)
11:00 Doors open
11:15 Concert 3 starts
12:15 Concert 3 ends

Tuesday 9th June PM

13:00 Brookfield Primary Academy rehearsal (Michelle Underwood)
13:15 Westbourne Primary School (Michaela Gomez)
13:30 Massed choir (full) rehearsal - **all PM schools must attend**
14:15 St. Elphege's RC Infant School rehearsal (Martin Jones)
14:30 West Ashtead Primary School (Samantha Legg)
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/beginning of May. You will have received 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 theme 'Up, Up, and Away!', to perform in the concert. Please email me your song choices and sheet music/backing tracks by **Monday 27th April** 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 4th 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 £7.75 adults (16+), £4.75 concessions and children (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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