



St Walburga's Catholic Primary School, a Voluntary Academy

'Putting Others First'

"Let no-one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbour" (1 Corinthians 10:24)

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Dear families,

St Walburga's School Choir – Come and Sing with Us!

Does your child love to sing? Would they enjoy making new friends, growing in confidence and performing? Then our school choir could be just the thing for them!

I am delighted to invite children in **Years 4, 5 and 6** to join our wonderful St Walburga's School Choir.

St Walburga's has an excellent reputation as a singing school, and we are incredibly proud of the high standards our children achieve. Our choir is a special part of school life, giving children the opportunity to develop their talents, build friendships and create memories that will last a lifetime.

And the best part? **There are no auditions – everyone is welcome!** Whether your child is a confident singer or simply enjoys singing, we would love them to join us.

Why join our choir?

Being part of a choir is about so much more than singing! It develops confidence, resilience, concentration, teamwork and self-discipline, while supporting children's physical and mental wellbeing. Above all, it is great fun! Our children work hard, support one another and experience the enormous pride and joy of performing together.

Young Voices – An Experience of a Lifetime!

One of the absolute highlights of being part of our choir is the opportunity to take part in **Young Voices – the largest children's choir concerts in the world!** It is an extraordinary experience that children remember for years to come! We will be attending Sheffield Arena on 26th February 2027.

The children form part of a magnificent choir alongside 5,000–8,000 other children, with professional musicians, spectacular lighting, incredible special effects and thousands of proud family members cheering them on, the atmosphere is simply electric! We have been fortunate enough to experience Young Voices before, and it is difficult to put into words just how special it is.

Beyond the concert itself, Young Voices develops confidence, commitment, teamwork and a tremendous sense of achievement. For many children, it is their first opportunity to perform in a major arena – something even many adults never experience!

It does require dedication, particularly throughout the Autumn and Spring terms, but every rehearsal, every song learned and every bit of effort is worth it when the children finally take their places in that arena!

Find out more and watch videos of previous concerts at www.youngvoices.co.uk.

Even more exciting opportunities!

Our choir also proudly represents St Walburga's at a variety of special events, including:

- **Diocesan concerts and festivals** – performing alongside other talented school choirs and musicians.
- **Children's Masses at St Walburga's Church** – leading our community in prayer and worship through music.
- **Christmas Carol Services and seasonal celebrations** – sharing the joy of music with families and our wider community.
- **Other concerts and performances** – opportunities for children to shine, including solos and more challenging musical parts.

These experiences provide wonderful opportunities to develop confidence, celebrate achievements and make lasting memories.

Commitment brings great rewards!

Mrs Straughton and I thoroughly enjoy leading the choir and are immensely proud of what our children achieve. Although no previous singing experience is needed, **we expect children to attend rehearsals regularly, learn their words, listen carefully and give their very best.** Our excellent reputation is built on enthusiasm, teamwork and commitment, and the rewards are tremendous!

Rehearsals and arrangements

When: Mondays, 3:15pm–4:15pm

Where: Year 5 classroom

Collection: 4:15pm from the school's main entrance

Cost: £1 per week, charged termly through ParentPay.

Rehearsals may occasionally extend to 5.15pm before performances. Families will be informed in advance, with no additional charge.

Choir runs throughout the year, and children taking part in Young Voices must commit to regular rehearsals, particularly during the Autumn and Spring terms. Missed sessions are non-refundable. Details of performances and any additional event costs will be shared in advance.

We would love your child to join us!

We warmly welcome back our existing choir members and would be delighted to see lots of new faces! **Please encourage your child to give it a go!** They do not need to be the loudest or most confident singer – just enthusiastic, willing to learn and ready to be part of something special.

Please complete this Google form to register your interest - <https://forms.gle/1682RxikLf1yXAS4A>
Families will be notified once places have been confirmed.

We are incredibly proud of our school's musical tradition and cannot wait to see what our choir will achieve this year. We hope your child will be part of it!

God bless,

Mrs E. M. Fearnley
Headteacher

Mrs E. M. Straughton

