



St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School
Following Jesus in all we think, do and say

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Dear Key Stage 2 Parents/Carers

Westminster Schools Singing Programme



We are delighted to announce that St. Mary of the Angels is taking part in the Westminster Schools Singing Programme which is part of the National Schools Singing Project (NSSP).

The NSSP initiative uses the existing infrastructure of Catholic state schools and offers additional funds to support world-class inclusive music programmes. The funds help engage diverse communities which have often been an afterthought for choral and church music. You can [watch a short BBC documentary](#) about the model to find out more.

Our choral director Yvette Murphy, will be visiting every Thursday over the course of this academic year to teach weekly music lessons to our Year 5 & 6 pupils during the school day. These lessons will include music for school liturgies blended with interactive music education games and secular repertoire. Classes support the national curriculum and enhance educational attainment and progression.

Miss Murphy will also be setting up a **choir** for pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 that will support school, parish and cathedral liturgies as well as wider community concerts and performances that all can enjoy. The choir will meet every Thursday from 12.30 to 1pm. Pupils will be invited to audition for the choir. Auditions will take place on Thursday 21st September in the school day and will involve some informal singing games and activities. We expect all who are selected to join the choir to show commitment in attending every week and that parents/carers show their support in allowing them to attend performances outside of school time, some of which we very much hope you will be invited to attend.

One of the choir's first performances will be at The **NSSP Christmas Gala Concert at Westminster Cathedral on 25th November**.

Please discuss this opportunity with your child over the weekend and we will remind them of the auditions on Wednesday when we will gather names.

For more information on the NSSP please click [here](#).

Kind regards

Mrs Wilson

Headteacher

