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# ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## VOCAL STRATEGY

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**It is our mission at St John's to educate the whole child through the Gospel values of Christ.**

Sing for joy in the LORD, O you righteous ones; Praise is becoming to the upright. Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; Sing praises to Him with a harp of ten strings. Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy.'

**Singing in the Curriculum**

Singing holds an important place in our school curriculum. Every child in the school from the very start of their school career are given the opportunity to sing and perform and are given quality musical experiences. In line with the 2014 curriculum, we support their learning through song and involving them in community, religious and civil events to share their learning, performance and faith. Both KS1 and 2 take part in termly singing projects and St John's work closely with the Portsmouth Music Hub. There is a clear progression of singing skills and knowledge across the school.

Every Friday the School comes together for a whole school singing assembly as part of our worship and curriculum coverage. Children are taught vocal technique by a specialist and are made aware of vocal health from a very early age and the benefits of singing for our mental health. Our school choirs lead us in musical worship at school and in our church through the Mass, the liturgy and prayer. We use our gift of singing to go out into the community and bring joy to others; putting our faith into action. In the autumn term the whole school celebrate Christmas in song and pupils are given the opportunity to share their gifts and talents in the name of Christ.

**Examples of vocal projects we have participated in:**

[Infant Voices Showcase 2023 \(youtube.com\)](#)

[Changemaker - Cross Keys Choir at Music for Youth Festival 2024 - YouTube](#)

[Portsmouth Music Hub's Special Events Choir - Mary Rose Trust Event \(youtube.com\)](#)

[The Twelve Tasks of Hercules \(youtube.com\)](#)

## **Vocal activities in school**

- **Whole school singing worship**
- **KS2 choir**
- **Chamber Choir**
- **Curriculum Music lessons**
- **Instrumental lessons**

## **Vocal repertoire**

- Portsmouth Music Hub publications 'Song Source'
- Traditional and Popular arrangements for SA
- H Warren's vocalise programme
- Musical Theatre Repertoire
- Bernadette Farrell collection
- Songs for Schools collection
- Kevin Mayhew publications
- Laudate
- Banana Splits
- Everyone's singing Lord
- Junior praise
- Out of the Ark publications
- OUP
- The Rend Collective

## **Staff support singing by:**

Attending weekly singing worship, involving and leading their classes in termly projects, leading clubs, choirs and attending CPD sessions. Staff are readily available to attend events with pupils outside of the school day.

## **Governors support singing by:**

Supporting or partnership with Portsmouth Music Service, budgeting for new resources and equipment, supporting the Arts Mark status within the school, attending concerts and performances of the children.

Signed: L PARK, H WARREN

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