

KS1 & KS2 Primary Schools' Music Festivals 2025

MK Music Service



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KS1 – Morning Festival – Wednesday 18 June 2025: 10am to 11.15am
KS1 – Afternoon Festival – Wednesday 18 June 2025: 1pm to 2.15pm
KS2 – Afternoon Festival – Tuesday 17 June 2025: 1pm to 2.15pm

At The Ridgeway Centre, Wolverton Mill, MK12 5TH

Find out how to book

Booking opens on Tuesday 7 January 2025
places for this popular event will be allocated
on a first come first served basis.



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Please find further information and details of how to book below.

We are delighted to invite you to come along to the Milton Keynes Primary Music Singing Festival 2025.

This year we will be running our festivals in conjunction with Ex-Cathedra, 'a world-class vocal ensemble which leads the choral sector in the fields of performance, learning and wellbeing' (Ex-Cathedra).

You can find out more about this inspirational organisation from their website - [EX CATHEDRA | Education and Participation](#)

This year schools will not be asked to learn songs prior to their festival, as all learning will be done on the day. The festivals will be led by experienced and talented vocal leaders who will bring their own live band with them. Material will be available for one year after the event, so we are asking for you to let us know a school email address that can be passed on to Ex-Cathedra for this purpose.

Participating teachers should attend the meeting on **Wednesday 22 January 2025** (Primary Subject Leaders' Meeting) being held at Walton High School, Walnut Tree Campus from 3.45pm to 5.00pm where we will provide more details about the event.

Staff from MK Music Service will notify 'Ex-Cathedra' of the school email address you give us so that you are able to access the songs.

For the KS1 Festival, schools will be able to bring children in **Year 2** (not suitable for children in Foundation or Year 1) and for KS2 children from **Years 4, 5 and 6**.

The charge is per festival and will be £1 per pupil you book a place for. **An invoice will be raised to you for the appropriate charge.** Please note, no refund will be made for cancellation or non-attendance.

Please indicate on the online booking form which Festival you would like to attend (KS1 or KS2) and for the KS1 festival whether you would like to attend the morning or afternoon festival. If your school is attending both KS1 and KS2 festivals, please submit a separate form for each. All applications will be dealt with in the order in which they are received.

Could we kindly ask that schools organise their transport early and that parental cars are not used to drop off / collect children.

Last year we had the very difficult situation of parents entering the building looking for their children after the event, a situation we had not been warned about and were not expecting. This was potentially a serious safeguarding issue.

The unexpected arrival of parental cars also caused a considerable amount of traffic causing traffic jams and potential danger to children accessing coaches.

- Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.
- The cost is £1 per pupil place booked. This cost will be invoiced. **Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide a refund if you withdraw or are unable to attend.** Please could you aim to be as accurate as possible with your numbers and if they vary let us know before the closing date and we will do our best to accommodate you.
- When places have been allocated we will provide you with confirmation of your final numbers.
- Schools may have two adult places per 30 child places, in the festival. If you need to bring more adults to supervise on the journey, then these people may not be able to enter the auditorium due to numbers stipulated by the venue. Should you require extra SEN assistants then please add this to your 'adults' total on the booking form.
- **What to do now: Booking opens Tuesday 7 January 2025.**
<https://miltonkeynesmusicservice.com/primary-music-festival-booking-form/>
Closing date is Wednesday 15 January 2025 and places are allocated first come first served basis.

Please note 'Ex-Cathedra' will be provided with the following information to provide one year's access to the selected songs. Submitting your booking form will mean you have provided agreement for this information to be passed to them, that you are aware of their [Terms & Conditions](#) and [Privacy Policy](#) and that they may email you:

School name, postcode, full name and email address of the relevant teacher/member of staff who will access the songs on 'Ex-Cathedra'.

We look forward to receiving your booking form from Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Nicola Rose and Kate Knight
Music Curriculum Leaders, MK Music Service

PRIMARY FESTIVAL TIME LINE

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| Tuesday 7 January 2025 | Booking Opens 9am – Use this link to book (If your school will be coming to both KS1 and KS2 Festivals, please submit ONE FORM PER FESTIVAL) |
| Wednesday 15 January 2025 | <u>Booking Closes 5pm</u> |
| Wednesday 22 January 2025 | Primary Subject Leaders' Meeting being held at Walton High School, Walnut Tree Campus from 3.45pm to 5.00pm where we will provide more information about the event. |
| KS2 Festival Tuesday 17 June 2025 | Primary Music Festival for KS2: Ridgeway Centre – 1pm to 2.15pm |
| KS1 Festivals Wednesday 18 June 2025 (Choice of two festivals) | Primary Music Festival for KS1: Ridgeway Centre - 10am to 11.15am or 1pm to 2.15pm |