

OFFWELL SCHOOL CHILDREN TO SING AT EXETER CATHEDRAL

Offwell School's Oak Class (Years 5 and 6, ages 9 to 11) have been fortunate enough to secure a place on the **Exeter Cathedral Chorister Outreach Programme**. This ten year project is run as a collaboration between Exeter Cathedral and the Devon Music Education Hub. The programme aims to instil and develop the joy of singing among children in primary schools by offering specialist teaching input, continuing support and high quality performance opportunities at the Cathedral.

Six local primary schools are involved, including Offwell School and all the participating schools will join together in **Exeter Cathedral** on the afternoon of **Saturday 11th March 2023** for a performance of their musical achievements in front of a live audience of parents and families.

The class have three songs to learn, which they will sing as part of the group of six schools, and they will also sing a song chosen by our own school. The three group songs are *'This Little Light of Mine'*, *'From a Distance'* and *'Can you Feel the Love Tonight'* from *'The Lion King'*. The song chosen by Mrs. Legg, our Headteacher, is *'I am Light'*. This promises to be an exciting opportunity for the children who are enjoying their singing rehearsals as the songs are fun and familiar.

As part of this initiative we will have three vocal outreach workshops, each lasting approximately one hour, in school delivered by Chorister Outreach practitioner Andrew Downton. We are also hoping that at one of the sessions choristers from Exeter Cathedral will join us to inspire the children and talk about life as a chorister. They will also perform alongside the children, providing descant/harmony parts.

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