



St Mary's R.C. Primary School

We are pleased to give pupils from Reception to Year 6 the opportunity to take violin lessons in school this year with Mrs Dorothy Singh through the Kodaly Violin school.

Kodaly is a charitable organisation aiming among other wishes to:

1. Make the highest standard of music education available in spite of educational cuts in music
2. Demonstrate through the all-round well-being of children involved: the benefits of music in areas such as healthy brain development through memorising, listening, and quick reactions in performance; social development through playing and singing together and taking turns; mental and emotional well-being; self-confidence and self-expression; and physical coordination and reduction of physical tension as this is important in violin playing and singing.

The activities in St Mary's school will depend on regular subscriptions as children do not pay full tuition fees and the school does not pay towards the lessons. With subscriptions of **£2.00 per week** being paid at the beginning of each half term, institutions which support charities can see there is a demand, commitment and community benefit from the work and activities provided. We will therefore be in a strong position to apply for funding to organise music courses, invite specialist teachers and many other possibilities.

It will also help if families will agree to be members of the Kodaly Violin School, there will be no fee for this but members will be informed of activities and encouraged to support them.

The payment of subscriptions at the beginning of half-term is important because the amount of time allotted the lessons depends on this. Other activities will be included but weekly lessons are essential. Payment can be made in cash or by cheques which will need to be made payable to 'Kodaly Violin School'.

Lessons will take place on Wednesday afternoon during the school day.

Pupils who wish to take violin lessons will need their own violin. Once we know how many pupils will be taking part we will be able to make a bulk order and negotiate price. The cost of a violin is in the region of £70. This can be paid in instalments over time.

If you would like to register your child/children for violin lessons, they (or you) can request a registration form at the school office or any staff member. These are also available to print on the school website if you wish.