

Introducing

Fireflies for Peace



A MUSIC & PEACE PROJECT FOR SCHOOLS

Sing for Peace

Your school is warmly invited to take part in Fireflies for Peace - an international music and peace-education project led by Firefly International.

Children from schools across Scotland and in Bosnia are coming together through music to share a simple but powerful message: every child deserves safety, hope, and a peaceful future. By learning and recording the song Fireflies (by Owl City), your pupils will join a growing movement of young voices singing together for peace.



Fireflies for Peace brings children together across borders through:

- Music** — learning and performing a shared song
- Education** — exploring peace, empathy, and global friendship
- Youth voice** — empowering pupils to speak up about the world they want to live in

Participating schools are invited to submit recordings of their choir learning and performing Fireflies. With consent from all participants, selected recordings will be show on our Fireflies for peace platform and incorporated into collective videos celebrating unity, creativity, and hope.

Taking Part

Your school can take part in a way that suits you. Some suggestions:

1. Learn the song Fireflies with your choir or class
2. Record your performance in school - maybe perform it as part of an end of term concert like the students from St Johns RC did in November ([see video](#)).
3. Deliver one Firefly peace-education session, designed to help pupils explore themes of peace, safety, and kindness
4. Share your recording with Firefly International for inclusion in the wider project

We provide guidance, resources, and support throughout.

By joining Fireflies for Peace, your school will:

- Be part of a meaningful international collaboration
- Empower pupils to reflect on peace, safety, and empathy
- Support children affected by conflict through creative action

Most importantly, pupils will experience how their voices can make a difference. **Firefly can also offer speaker slots to introduce children to the charity as well as fundraising resources.**

Every school that joins adds another light to the Fireflies for Peace movement. Together, children are showing that even in a complicated world, kindness, creativity, and connection still shine.



Next Steps

1. Get in touch with the team to let us know if you would like to be involved and discuss how we can best support you.

Contact: Amy@fireflyinternational.org

2. Have a look at our musical resource available at the link here -

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1OUpxXnbmaTx81Yt3CHlplzusrlCjWs2?usp=sharing>

This link contains:

- Word document with lyrics
- Firefly's bespoke version of the backing track
- A guide track with some cues for helping to learn the song

3. Review our peace education lesson plans on the following page for inspiration on incorporating discussion around peace into your students learning.



Lesson Ideas for Peace Education

1. What Does Peace Mean to Me? (15–20 mins)

Activity: Pupils write or draw their own definition of peace on a “peace dove” template.

Discussion: Share responses and notice common themes.

Outcome: A wall display of children’s peace messages.

2. The Ripple Effect of Kindness (20–30 mins)

Activity: Tell a short story about a small act of kindness (real or imagined) spreading outward.

Group work: Pupils draw a pebble drop with ripples and write one act of kindness they could do in the centre. In the ripples, they predict how it might affect others.

Outcome: Pupils see how their actions contribute to a more peaceful world.

3. Peace Through Music (20 mins)

Activity: Listen to a short clip of music from different cultures (could include Bosnian folk music and Scottish folk songs).

Discussion: How does music make us feel connected? What messages can songs carry about peace?

Extension: Create a simple “peace rhythm” together using body percussion or instruments.

5. Building a Peace Charter (25–30 mins)

Activity: As a class, brainstorm “5 ways we can make our classroom/school a more peaceful place.”

Group work: Break into teams to create posters or drawings of each idea.

Outcome: A classroom “Peace Charter” to display and revisit.

