

Music Classes @ The Kirkgate for Children and Young People

Is your child interested in music?

Children and young people are invited to join us at the Kirkgate for two musical opportunities. **Music Mondays during the summer term** for different age groups, and a **Half-term daily Music Camp for 8-14-year-olds (25-29 May)**.

Music Monday's classes are suitable for young people interested in music, from beginners with little experience in playing or singing to more advanced players and singers. There is also a class for 0- to 4-year-olds to enjoy with their adults.

Sessions will be creative, fun, and challenging, using music games, active listening activities, and practical music-making through vocal groups and a wind band/ensemble to develop participants' musical knowledge and experiences.

Young musicians will find this a creative space to make new friends, develop confidence and practice their musical skills.

Are you interested in musical activities for your child to join?

Parents / Carers with children who may be interested in joining these sessions are invited to complete this short survey, which will take approximately 10 minutes.

Complete the survey here <https://forms.gle/jHaHBupHUAAt5Xxtm8>. Open until 27th March.

This will help us determine which sessions to run so we can design a programme that interests most children. Classes can proceed only if the minimum number of participants is met (see below).

Music Classes

Two activities are being planned:

Music on Mondays at the Kirkgate, Running from Monday 13 April through to 13 July. Various classes from 2:15 PM - 6:15 PM

There will be no classes on Monday, 25 May, but please join our half-term Music Camp during this week.

(Minimum participant numbers of 4 will be required for Session 1 & 2, 10 for the vocal group, and 6 for the wind band)

Session for 0-4 Yr Olds with their adult @ 2:15 - 3:00 PM

Musicianship games for 7 - 11 yr olds @ 3:15 - 4:00 PM

Vocal Group for 10 - 15 yr olds @ 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Wind Band / Ensemble for instrumentalists @ 5:00 - 6:15 PM

Half-term Holiday Music Camp, Monday 25 - Friday 29 May 2026.
Daily 09:00 AM - 5:00 PM, except Weds 09:00 AM - 12:30 PM ONLY.

(A minimum of 16 participants will be required to cover costs.)



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MAKING MUSIC WITH OTHERS, DEVELOPING SKILLS OF YOUR OWN

Survey responses will be reviewed, and enrolment for the summer term *Music Mondays* and the Half-term courses will open on the **03 April 2026**.

Music Monday's costs £5 per session, for each child.
Half-term course costs £50 per child.

This low-cost course will run, with any profit reinvested in Kirkgate activities. The course leader is working towards a Master of Music Education and is volunteering to teach these classes to contribute to their course modules. Remissions may be available to ensure that all interested children can attend without cost being a barrier.

Kirkgate works to comprehensive safeguarding policies and procedures. For more information, contact [Marion](#) or [email us here](#)

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A professional music educator with 30 years of experience working with children and adults, Marion holds a music college degree (studying trombone and piano) and has built a career as a music specialist in both secondary and primary schools. She has also served as a Senior Leader in Music Services and Music Education Hubs. Working across Inner London, Northwest Germany, Suffolk and Cumbria, she has led bands, choirs, and county youth ensembles and is passionate about Kodály-inspired music education for all.

Zoltán Kodály believed that “music belongs to everybody”. He advocated that active participation in making music develops a person on all levels, and that the best way to expand music education is through the natural ways children learn – through singing games, fun, and play –and by using the human voice—the instrument accessible to all.

To learn more, please click here

<https://www.musicteachermagazine.co.uk/content/feature/spreading-the-kodaly-approach>