

MK Music Service Primary Schools' Instrumental Festivals 2026

Information for teachers / schools



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Instrumental Festivals at Christ the Cornerstone Church

An exciting opportunity for young players in schools to perform in front of a large audience in a professional setting in line with the aims of the National Plan for Music Education (NPME).

The festivals are for ensembles from Primary Schools and will take place on Tuesday 3 March 2026 and Friday 6 March at Christ the Cornerstone Church, 300 Saxon Gate, Milton Keynes, MK9 2ES.

Tue 3 March 2026 - 9.15am to 12.30pm: String Festival

Tue 3 March 2026 - 1.30pm to 3.00pm: Guitar Festival

Fri 6 March 2026 - 9.15am to 12.30pm: Woodwind & Brass Festival

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The MK Music Service Primary Schools' Instrumental Festivals support the **National Plan for Music Education**, in particular *'supporting progression routes for children'* and *'supporting children to develop and progress with music'*.

Venue?

The Instrumental Festivals will take place at Christ the Cornerstone Church, 300 Saxon Gate, Milton Keynes MK9 2ES.

Please note: You will need to submit exact attendance numbers for your school because we must comply with the capacity of the venue. If additional children or staff come along on the day, they will not be allowed in. Please do not overestimate numbers as this may prevent another school from taking part.

Who can take part?

Children who are having instrumental lessons in Primary Schools can take part.

How many players in a group?

Ensembles from a minimum of 2 players to a maximum of 8 players. For the guitar festival only, groups of any size will be accepted.

Which instruments are included?

String and Guitar groups on Tuesday 3 March and Woodwind and Brass groups on Friday 6 March.

What type of music can be performed?

Any musical performance is acceptable. These festivals are not for solo performances. The emphasis is on inclusion and enjoyment.

With small ensembles, the children will often direct themselves. There will be a room for children to warm up before they perform and when they are not performing, they can enjoy listening to the other groups.

Is there a charge?

There will be a charge to schools attending of **£35.00** per festival. This charge will be invoiced and is non-refundable if you withdraw or do not attend.

Can parents come and watch?

Parents are welcome to come and watch. There is a separate audience space upstairs in the balcony area of the church.

How to Book:

Please complete the **Instrumental Festival Booking Form(s)** by clicking on the link(s) below:

[String Group Booking Form](#)

[Guitar Group Booking Form](#)

[Woodwind and Brass Booking Form](#)

The **closing date** for bookings is **Monday 26 January 2026** and is on a first-come, first-served basis.

To meet child licensing and safeguarding requirements, schools must ensure that enough staff or other responsible adults are present to act as chaperones on the day.

Please contact giles.liddiard@milton-keynes.gov.uk or your MK Music Co-op instrumental teacher(s) if you require any further information.