

Sent on behalf of Mrs Kelly and Mrs Haley, Musica Colne Valley:



Musica Colne Valley Autumn Update 2026

Welcome from Mrs Kelly, Area Manager at Musica Colne Valley

I hope that you have all had a wonderful Summer and are enjoying an equally great start to the Autumn Term.

At the Summer Concert we said goodbye to a couple of our students who were leaving for university and we all wish them the best of luck in their future studies; I hope that they will come back and visit us from time to time. I'd also like to take the opportunity to say a huge welcome to everyone joining us for the first time.

Best wishes

Mrs Kelly

Changes at Musica Colne Valley

Having said our farewells to Mr Rivett (guitar teacher) on his retirement back in the summer, we have made a couple of changes to our groups. Mr Simons is now taking the Adult Ukulele Group and they are learning new repertoire to share with us later this term. We also have welcomed Mr Darwent who now takes our lively Keys & Frets and they are already working to develop this group even more. Our MCV Singers choir have changed their group name to MCV Community Choir as we want to promote this fantastically friendly ensemble to any adults who would like to come along. Please do spread the word that we would love more people come along and join in singing; it really does aid wellbeing and is a fabulous way to decompress after a busy week!

Winter Craft Fair

On Friday, November 20, we are holding our Winter Craft Fair in the canteen. If anyone is interested in running a stall, please get in touch with either Mrs Kelly or Mrs Haley before October 23.

This is always such a lovely event. If you want to get into the festive spirit and buy a few early Christmas presents, whilst enjoying some homemade delights, then you definitely need to come along!

As you may already know, MCV & Musica Holme Valley Senior Guitars and Strings are going on tour to Salzburg next July. In order to help raise some money towards the trip, the Parents Associations from both centres will be running a special stall which will sell homemade treats and all money raised on this stall will go toward the tour.

Winter Big Sing

On the same day as our Winter Craft Fair (November 20), we are hosting approximately 150 children from primary schools in the Colne Valley area who, along with our MCV Youth Choir, will be singing lots of festive songs. Our Music Centre will run as normal whilst our Winter Big Sing takes place in the main hall.

Slaithwaite Christmas Light Switch on

Our MCV Intermediate Band have been asked to play at the Slaithwaite Christmas Light Switch on. The date for this event is still to be confirmed, but it's normally on a Saturday afternoon towards the end of November. Once we have more information about dates and time, we will let you know.

MCV Christmas Concerts

Our Christmas Concerts will take place on Friday, December 11, at Colne Valley High School starting from 5.15pm. All of our groups will be taking part - more details to follow soon.

Bad Weather alerts

As we approach winter there may be an odd occasion where bad weather interrupts our activities. If we have to cancel anything we will let you know by text as soon as possible. We will also put notices up on our Facebook and Instagram pages too. Please check your Musica Kirklees online account and make sure that you're registered with all your groups and have provided up-to-date contact details for account holders to ensure that we can get important messages to you.

MCV Uniform

At every event (unless specified by your group leader), we would ask our performers to wear our Musica Colne Valley Black polo shirt, black or dark bottoms with smart black shoes. Polo shirts can be bought from Mrs Haley at Music Centre and are £10 each.

Friends of Music Colne Valley

We have a wonderful team of parent/carers volunteers who help to run our tuck shop each week, serve refreshments at events and come up with fundraising ideas for our Music Centre. However, we would welcome everyone to come and join this team. Please speak to Mrs Haley if you are able to spare some of your time to help us (even a little of your time can make a big difference). Thank you in advance.

Dates For Your Diary

Autumn 2026

Friday, November 20	Christmas Fair at Musica Colne Valley Browse our festival market and pick up some gifts and goodies
	Winter Big Sing at Musica Colne Valley Performance from Youth Choir and local school children
tbc (possibly November 21 or 28)	Slaithwaite Christmas Lights Switch On Intermediate Band
Friday, December 11	5.15pm Musica Colne Valley Christmas Concerts Colne Valley High School All groups

Safeguarding

The Designated Safeguarding Lead at Musica Colne Valley is [Mrs Corinne Kelly](#).

You must please speak to **any** member of Musica Kirklees staff if you have safeguarding concerns or questions. [Find out more >](#)