

Sent on behalf of Ms Eady and Miss Warwicker, Musica Holme Valley:



Musica Holme Valley Autumn Update 2026

Welcome from Ms Eady, Area Manager at Musica Holme Valley

We have an exciting year ahead, with a wonderful programme of events already taking starting to take shape.

Our Big Band has already performed this term at the Marsden Jazz Festival and we'll be heading to Holmfirth Civic Hall this year for our Ho Ho Holme Valley Christmas Concert on December 12. Further ahead we have two joint ventures with Musica Colne Valley in July to look forward to with the Senior Strings and Guitars tour to Salzburg, as well as our Summer Concert at Huddersfield Town Hall on Friday, July 7. So many highlights in between as well that we cannot wait to share with you! There is so much to look forward to, and we are thrilled to begin another year filled with music, creativity and amazing experiences!

We are always looking for new members and anyone can join Musica Holme Valley. We have orchestras, choirs, ensembles and bands for all ages and abilities and we pride ourselves on offering inclusive opportunities for everyone. Please do tell all your musical friends and invite them along. Your personal recommendations and word of mouth go such a long way!

Finally, on behalf of the whole teaching team, we are very much looking forward to sharing a year full of music with you.

Best wishes

GINETTE EADY | Area Manager Holme Valley

Dates For Your Diary - Autumn Term 2026

Saturday, October 17	9.00am (please arrive 8.40am in uniform) Holmfirth Music Festival Holmfirth Civic Hall Performance from Guitar Orchestra
	No MHV Junior Guitar rehearsal – players invited to the Junior Guitar Playday instead (see below)
	2.00 - 4.00pm Junior Guitar Playday , University of Huddersfield Bringing together guitarists from around Kirklees for a fun afternoon workshop with some performances at the end. MHV Junior Guitars are invited to come along. Part of the Musica Kirklees Festival Series.
Saturday, October 31	Half term – no rehearsals
Saturday, November 7	9.30am Friends of MHV Meeting Honley High School - all welcome
Saturday, December 12	9.15 / 11.15am Musica Ho-Ho-Holme Valley Christmas Concerts Holmfirth Civic Hall Everyone is invited to our festive extravaganza of two seasonal concerts in the morning at Holmfirth Civic Hall showcasing all our groups. More details to follow nearer the time.
Friday, July 2	SAVE THE DATE! Around the World in 80 Days End of year finale at Huddersfield Town Hall with Musica Colne Valley

Friends of Musica Holme Valley meeting - Saturday, November 7

The Friends of Musica Holme Valley play an important role in supporting events, fundraising activities, maintaining our instrument stocks and helping us to provide wonderful experiences for our ensembles and families. Whether you would like to take on a committee role or simply find out more, we would be delighted to welcome you to the meeting. Tea and biscuits always provided – of course!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the members of our Friends of Musica Holme Valley committee. Their contribution has been invaluable to the success of our family centre. We urgently need some more volunteers this term.

Student Ambassadors

We are looking for a small team of Student Ambassadors to support the smooth running of our music centre. Ambassadors will act as positive role models and mentors for some of our younger players, offering encouragement, demonstrating good rehearsal habits and helping to create a welcoming environment for everyone.

Volunteering at Musica Holme Valley can also count towards the service section of the Duke of Edinburgh award. It's a chance to develop confidence, responsibility and leadership while contributing to the life of the centre.

Ambassadors can also assist at the tuck shop and lend a hand at concerts and fund-raising initiatives throughout the year.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone interested.

Salzburg Tour

Preparations are well under way for our trip to Salzburg. If there is anyone in the Senior Strings or Guitar Orchestra who thinks they might have missed out but would like to go on the trip do please contact Ms Eady.

The Friends of MHV, Guitar Orchestra and Senior Strings will be thinking of ideas to raise some extra funds for Salzburg trip. If you are able to help with this please let us know.

Mini Musica

Groups meet on Saturdays during term time at Musica Holme Valley. Please call in at the next session or contact the group leader Ana (ana.bowers@musicakirklees.org), for more information. We'd love to encourage more toddlers, early years and key stage one children to explore music with us.

Tuck Shop and Events - please can you help?

Please come and support the Music Centre, through Friends of MHV, either by volunteering to help at events or to help at our tuck shop on a Saturday morning in the foyer. We have a small team of wonderful parents and carers who generously give us their time but we very much need more people to help us out.

Every penny we raise all goes to help with purchasing new music and equipment, general repairs and subsidising events and trips so please do get in touch and let us know your availability.

Concert Dress

Junior Strings, Junior Guitars and Wind Wizards wear black Musica Holme Valley Polo Shirts for concerts with smart black trousers or skirts and black shoes.

All other groups wear all black for concerts and festivals.

Musica Holme Valley Hoodies are also available and may be worn as a leisure garment and at concerts and outside performances too.

Polo Shirts and Hoodies are available in all sizes £10 and £15 respectively. Please see Miss Warwicker at the front desk in the dining room for uniform orders.

What to do when you arrive at Music Centre? Information for visitors and new pupils

Musicians should enter the building via the Music/Drama department. In the interests of safeguarding we have a signing in book for any parents/carers who wish to stay and watch, or if they would just like to grab a tea or a coffee. We'd like to remind everyone that primary age students are not permitted to linger in the outside spaces / car parks and parents/carers should arrange suitable a safe place for them to be picked up at the end of their rehearsals. Please note that the school (inside the building and anywhere outside on the premises) is a no smoking / no vaping area.

If anyone has accessibility needs or requires help to get to where you need to be, just ask Miss Warwicker who will be in the music corridor and can guide you in the right direction.

Safeguarding

The Designated Safeguarding Lead at Musica Holme Valley is [Ms Ginette Eady](#).

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