

Cranbrook Colourstrings School
Newsletter

Summer 2025

Hallo Everyone!

Some wonderful singing, dancing and playing of instruments has been going on this term and much fun has been had by all!

Concerts

Last term all the children who are currently learning instruments with Colourstrings had the opportunity to perform to an enthusiastic audience of parents, siblings, friends and grandparents in St Mary the Virgin Church, Goudhurst. Everyone who heard them was thrilled to hear how much these young musicians had improved since the Christmas concert. Well done to all!

A pleasing variety of music was performed, both instrumental and vocal with the children demonstrating their chamber music skills and ability to depict many different styles in their playing and singing. As ever, the children and adults in the audience delighted us all with

their enthusiastic participation in the singing!

Summer Term Concert

Venue: St Mary the Virgin Church, Goudhurst TN17 1BL
Date: Sunday 6th July
Time: 3.30pm

Do put this date in your diaries and come along and listen, even if your child is still in kindergarten. The concert will be very informal, with children and adults being invited to join in with the singing too! Experiencing live music-making can make a great impression on children and help them decide what instrument they might like to play one day. The concert will be very informal and will last for about an hour.

The concert will be followed by some well-deserved refreshments.

As well as having the opportunity to perform regularly in our termly concerts, our young musicians work towards taking external music exams from time to time and **many congratulations** are due to **MATTIE HERMAN** who gained a **Merit** for her Grade 2 violin exam earlier this year! We wish Phina Houssemayne du Boulay and Elliot Hayday all the very best for the exams they will be taking this term.

Music to listen to...

Each week the children listen to a piece of classical music for a short period.

This term's listening music:

Haydn

Symphony No 73 in D major
"La Chasse"

3rd mvt: Menuetto: Allegretto

Mozart

Piano Sonata in A major
Rondo alla Turca

Schubert

Romance for voice and clarinet

SINGING RASCAL BOOKS

CDs and audio files

These attractive, colourful books and their accompanying CD or audio file form the **core repertoire** for our music kindergarten and instrumental programmes.

Most of you will have bought the set of 3 books and CDs/audio files.

If you haven't got them all, you can buy them online at **colourstringsbooks.com**

They cost £7.50 each.

Enjoying them with your children over the long summer holidays will help them to remember all they have learnt over the year and to look forward to more singing when we return in the Autumn term.

Listening regularly to music with your child will give them the opportunity to hear a great variety of music, so apart from attending our concerts at the end of each term, try listening to **Essential Classics** on Radio 3, or **Classic FM**, which offers short extracts from longer works. You might well find that your child is drawn to the sounds of a particular instrument. Let me know how you get on and what music seems to appeal to your child the most!

Spread the word.....

As we all know, the best recommendations tend to be via word of mouth so if you know anyone who might be interested in our classes **do encourage them to come along!** (The best way for them to get in touch with me is to give me a ring or send me an email – see contact details below.)

If you can place a Colourstrings flyer or two on a noticeboard somewhere, just let me know and I'll give you some. Many thanks!

End of term: Thursday 10th July.

Have an enjoyable remainder of term!

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