



Newsletter April 2026

Welcome back

We finished last term with a showcase open morning of the less experienced groups in the Foyer and A18. There was a lively buzz as members and their friends and family supported everyone's performances. All groups will have the opportunity to perform at the Summer Celebration on the afternoon of Saturday 27 June at Parkroyal School. This event replaces the usual Saturday morning at Fallibroome.

New tutor: We extend a warm welcome to Ell Newcombe who is joining us as our new strings and musicianship tutor. She is a specialist cello teacher but also teaches violin and double bass. She will be running the musicianship groups for the under 7s, introducing them to rhythm, pitch and notation through movement and voice, preparing them to go on and learn an instrument.

New volunteer: We are delighted that Abi James has joined our team of volunteers.

Summer term dates

April 11, 18, 25: May 2, 9, 16: June 6, 13, 20, 27 (Summer Celebration).

Autumn term dates will be confirmed by the end of this term.

Be loud and proud about MMC!

We have T shirts, polo shirts, hoodies and tote bags available to order. Have a look in the coffee shop at some examples.

Closing date to place an order this term is 16 May.

ABRSM exams date this term is 8th July at Macclesfield Methodist Church. The code for this venue is JJ71NO.

🎵 **NCO masterclasses**

Our last visit from NCO tutors this season is **11 April**. They will be joining the orchestra at 10 and then leading a winds sectional rehearsal at 11.

🌻 **Open Garden** Sunday 31 May 2-4:30pm. Come and enjoy teas, coffees and homemade cakes. Plant donations welcomed. 175 Windmill St, SK11 7LB. Please note NO used sheet music this year. Free entry and retiring donation.

Contacting us

Please use the info@maccmusiccentre.org.uk email address to send in any queries, registration for summer courses and merchandise orders.

Holiday music courses 2026

Registration is open via the link on the website. Fifty people have already booked so don't delay in reserving your place. If you'd like any further information about the courses then email us and we can give you a call.

Discount available to summer term MMC members. Free bursary places for U18s.

Closing date 30 June 2026

Visit by the Minguet Quartet, 28 Feb

We hosted a visit by the Minguet string quartet at the end of February who treated us to a demonstration how a quartet rehearses and to offer some chamber music coaching. Five chamber ensembles then received coaching from the quartet members, who shared ideas as to how to work together as an ensemble. The visit was really inspiring, and was followed by a concert they gave in Bollington that evening.

MMC Whatsapp Community

Fran and Linds have been busy setting MMC up as a Whatsapp Community to facilitate communication, especially when we have to make adjustments at short notice, for example when we are not allowed on site due to adverse weather conditions. Once a member of the community you can then opt into other groups such as those who like to keep an eye on local musical events that are coming up.

Come to the front desk and register to join.

Have you time to help MMC?

Where else can you enjoy up to a full morning's music making for the cost of a couple of coffees?!

The reason we can keep membership of MMC at an affordable rate is due to the time given freely by our team of volunteers on the business committee.

Would you like to help shape how MMC is run? We generally hold meetings once a term, however your role could be highly specific where you don't need to attend any meetings.

Extra pairs of hands at the start and end of the morning are very welcome. Maybe you could help at the coffee shop whilst waiting for someone? Ideal as a **DoE service** activity.

If you feel you could help please come and speak to us at the front desk or drop us an email.