

Sing! 25: Primary Singing Festival

We are writing to let you know that our registration form for next year's event: 'Sing! 25' is now open!

More Than A Concert

Now in its 4th year, Sing! 25 is a programme running from January – July 2025, aimed at primary schools in the borough of Hillingdon, aiming to help schools embed singing and its benefits in the school culture.

Led by our partners at [ABRSM Voices](#), up to 16 Primary school groups will:

- Visit and perform onstage at the Wycombe Swan Theatre, High Wycombe on 3rd June 2025 (Morning or Afternoon Session). Coaches will be provided
- participate in workshops
- perform in partner and massed songs with up to 240 children

Participating teachers and Choir Leaders will also benefit from:

- 2 CPD workshops led by leading UK music education specialists designed to develop and embed confidence and leadership skills, and how to use those skills in day-to-day teaching
- An in-school visit to your group's rehearsal from an expert at ABRSM Voices
- Access to a curated selection of ABRSM's repertoire of songs
- Practical learning via regular 'Teacher's Choir' sessions
- Additional support and advice from singing specialists at Hillingdon Music Service.

Fees

Participating schools will need to contribute only £350 + VAT

Hillingdon Music Service would also like to thank ACS International Schools for its generous financial support, without which we could not run this event.

For more details about the scheme and how to apply, please read further

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Who can apply and who will be selected?

This event is open to all primary schools in the borough and would particularly welcome applications from our Special Schools.

SLTs are invited to complete this form by 9am Monday 2nd December 2024. As this is a very popular event, we will use 3 criteria to make our selection:

- Priority to Schools that have not participated in this event before
- Priority to Schools for whom singing is a new or infrequent activity in-school
- Benefit to the school from participating – you can make a statement in the application form

Waiting List

Any school that applies after the deadline, or is not initially selected will be automatically added to a waiting list. The waiting list will be prioritised using the same criteria as those initially selected.

NB In the last 2 years, schools from the waiting list have been asked to participate.

Schools Financial Contribution

Schools selected to participate will be expected to make a non-refundable contribution of £350 (+ VAT), invoiced by the council.

Timeline & Dates

November/December	application and selection
December 11, 12, 16	Online welcome meetings for SLT (need to attend only one)
January 13, 15, 16	School Choir Leaders & colleagues online welcome meetings (need to attend only one)
January 27	Scheme starts with Choir Leader CPD at Civic Centre Resources shared
Feb – April	In-school Visits to rehearsals (1hr per school, dates TBA)
June 3	Festival Day, Wycombe Swan Theatre
Late June/July	post-event CPD TBC

Your School Singing Group

This does not have to be an established choir – some schools choose to send a class and their teacher.

Your school's 'Choir Director'

- Each school will be asked to name a Choir Director.
- The Choir Director will be required to attend the online welcome meeting for school teachers in January 2025.
- The Choir Director will also be expected to attend all CPD, visits and workshop sessions
- This will be the teacher who will teach the songs to the school group and will lead the school at the Wycombe Swan in June. This may be your existing Choir Leader/Music Lead/music teacher but it may also be a non-specialist classroom teacher.
- To ensure your school gains the maximum benefit from the scheme, Choir Directors are expected to attend all online and in-person CPD sessions, in-school pre-event visit, and at least one of the 4 Teachers Choir sessions.

Colleagues helping with organising the group

- Your school may also have an additional staff member who will help to organise the group or the Choir Director in some way (ie admin, risk assessments etc.)
- This person will only be required to attend the online welcome meeting for school teachers in January 2025.
- They can choose to attend the other sessions as long as they book their place in advance (subject to spaces being available)

Resources

- ABRSM Voices and HMS will provide all songs and learning resources to your school group.
- Schools will be asked to learn and sing a partner song with 1-2 other school groups as well as massed performances with all the schools participating on the day

Festival Day, 3rd June 2025

- Schools will be allocated either a morning or afternoon session
- School groups will rehearse and perform their partner songs and their massed song onstage with 2 experts from ABRSM Voices
- Coaches to and from the Wycombe Swan Theatre will be provided on the festival day in June 2025.
- Schools will be required to agree that this event is a 'school activity', provide information for HMS to apply for a BOPA, and gain all photographic permissions necessary for the children participating
- School groups will have to provide staffing to meet their own safeguarding requirements

How to apply

To be considered for this event please ask a member of your school's SLT to complete [THIS FORM](#) by

9am on Monday 2nd December, 2025

Successful schools will be notified by Friday 6th December. All other schools will be notified and added to the waiting list after this date.