



Suzuki Flute & Recorder

Summer School 2026

Wednesday 29th July - Sunday 2nd August 2026

ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL • HARPENDEN • HERTS • ENGLAND

Suzuki Flute & Recorder Summer School



The Suzuki Summer School provides an extraordinary opportunity for parents, children and teachers to become energised and motivated, within a unique learning situation.



St George's School

The week is brimming with a fulfilling mix of concentrated work, exhilarating fun, new friendships, group and solo performances, and holiday activities. It cannot be overstressed how important Summer School can be to youngsters – musically, socially and in building their confidence.

Children of all ages come together from many parts of Europe, from Iceland and even as far afield as South America. St George's offers excellent facilities in a really delightful setting.

Summer School is a family affair, and there is plenty of free time around the programmed activities to make the most of Harpenden and surrounding area. It is the high point of the Suzuki year, and having been to one Summer School, most families return again and again.



Recorder workshop



Public concert



SUZUKI FLUTES & RECORDERS in Hertfordshire

We are delighted to invite teachers, children and parents to attend the 2026 International Suzuki Flute & Recorder Summer School at St George's School in Harpenden, UK.

St George's (stgeorges.herts.sch.uk) is a day and boarding school situated in Harpenden, Hertfordshire. It will be home to our combined Suzuki Flute and Recorder Summer School, where teachers and students can meet to broaden their experience of the Suzuki repertoire and share opportunities for great music-making.

THE STUDENT COURSE

Students who have studied the Suzuki flute or Suzuki recorder repertoire are invited to join us for four fun-filled days of masterclasses, group lessons, repertoire classes, consort/ensemble playing and daily concerts. The course begins on 29th July with a play-together at 5pm, followed by dinner and a concert, and finishes after lunch on 2nd August.

There will be student solo concerts during the course, and on Saturday evening there will be a public concert in the school chapel. All repertoire should be committed to memory. Students must submit their concert piece on applying for the course, so the programmes can be balanced in advance. To help the students perform with confidence to the very highest standard, please ensure this piece is at a good performance standard *at the time of submission*, as it cannot be changed at a later date. It should not be the same piece as chosen for the masterclass.

We are hiring the badminton courts on Friday evening for anyone who is interested. All equipment is provided, so remember to pack your shorts if you want to join in!

Thursday evening will be 'talent show' time, and there will be a party after the concert on Saturday.

Please look out for the latest announcements in your email inbox

SIBLINGS PROGRAMME

This is for non-Suzuki siblings and will include daily ensemble and musicality sessions. They will also be able to take part in the concerts and social activities.

ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation will be in three boarding houses within the school grounds. Family rooms will be available in addition to some single rooms. Accommodation will be on a fully catered basis.

Arrival and departure. Participants may arrive from 4pm on 29th July and must vacate their rooms by 10am on 2nd August.

Special diets can be catered for; please give details on the registration form when you book.

LOCAL AREA

Each afternoon you will have some free time to relax before the concerts and evening activities. Harpenden has lots on offer for families, including open spaces and a high street full of interesting shops, all within walking distance of the school.

Rothamsted Park is in the heart of the town. It is a beautiful green space with something for everyone to enjoy. There is a fabulous children's play area which is designed with a nature theme, and three areas that cater to different age groups. It is also home to Harpenden's leisure centre, swimming pool and theatre.

ADVANCE INFORMATION

The Course Timetable will be available at the beginning of the course and will list the events that are arranged for each day. In addition to classes, concerts and lessons, there will be badminton and 'entertainment' to make the course a rewarding experience for everyone.

Beat Goes On will be giving an afternoon percussion workshop on Friday. The younger students will have their own 45 minute workshop, while the older students will have 90 minutes.

Just Flutes: This specialist music shop will be visiting on Thursday with their range of instruments (including recorders!), musical gifts and accessories.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence, enquiries and payments for this course should go to the Course Convener:

Tina Wilkinson
Suzuki Flute & Recorder Summer School

Email: twinklingflutes@gmail.com

TEACHING FACULTY

This year's invited tutors for recorder players are: Nancy Daly (UK), Jaap Delver (Netherlands), Marian Robertson (UK) and Ingibjörg Birgisdóttir (Iceland).

For the flute players, the invited tutors are Sarah Hanley (UK), Eija Puukko (Finland), Prem Harris (UK) and Sarah Russ (UK).

Accompanists: Iain Laks & tbc

COURSE FEES

Course fees for Suzuki flute or recorder students: £370

Course fees for second child in the family: £340

Course fees for non-Suzuki siblings: £250

Accommodation incl. all meals

Per person 4 nights £215

Children 2 and under Free

Camping is not available at St Georges.

Meals for those with offsite accommodation:

All meals - per person per day £21

Lunch & dinner only- per person per day £15

Lunch only - per person per day £7

Dinner only - per person per day £8

REGISTRATION

All registrations must be received by Friday 27th March 2026. You will find the registration form (one per child required) at:

Students: <https://forms.gle/LSuVi8KAnAcc7qjQ7>

Teachers: <https://forms.gle/Ds35L5AHrr7bfkjc6>

UK applicants, please pay your non-refundable deposit of £200 as detailed below. Your deposit will be deducted from your final invoice, which will be sent by Monday 20th April 2026. Full payment of all course fees and accommodation costs is due by Friday 1st May 2026. Please pay by Bank Transfer using the account details which will be sent to you after registration.

International families, when you apply an invoice will be sent for the full course and accommodation fees, with payment details. Full payment is due on receipt.

CANCELLATIONS

If for any reason the course is cancelled, all fees will be refunded.

Student cancellations must be made in writing. For cancellations before 1st May 2026, fees will be refunded less £200. Thereafter, all fees are non-refundable.

Participants are strongly advised to take out cancellation or holiday insurance.

HOW TO GET TO ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL



Full address: St George's School, Sun Lane, Harpenden, AL5 4TD

BY AIR:

London Luton – it's a short cab ride, or a train to Harpenden Station followed by a 10 minute walk to the school.

London Heathrow – catch the Elizabeth Line to Farringdon and then change for Harpenden on the Thameslink. It's a 10 minute walk from the station to the school.

London Gatwick – although this is the other side of London, it's possible to get a train direct to Harpenden in just over an hour. It's a 10 minute walk from the station to the school.

If you need collection from Harpenden Station, you must let us know your arrival details.

BY CAR:

There are good roadlinks to Harpenden which is on the A1081, close to the M1, and parking will be available on site.

BY TRAIN:

St Pancras is the main London terminus for Harpenden, but it is also possible to depart from Thameslink stations.

If you need collection from Harpenden Station (it's a 10 minute walk to the school), you must let us know your arrival details.

Train bookings at www.thetrainline.com