



Ascot Suzuki String Course

Tuesday 5th – Saturday 9th August 2025

Teachers and activities include

Violin

Keri Cassidy Taylor (Belfast), Jan Matthiesen (Denmark), Sarah Nolan (Sussex), Elena Parker (Surrey), Rick O'Connor (Brazil) and Mary Sandbrook (London)

Suzuki Early Childhood Education

Keri Cassidy Taylor and Bindhu Bhutani (Surrey)

Alexander technique

Sara Khoroosi (Sussex)

Plus...

Extensive grounds, cycling and scooting, indoor swimming pool, talent show, opportunities for parents to join in, and more



Our residential Suzuki string course has been running for many years and provides a fantastic opportunity for young string players to come together for a really immersive week of music-making, meeting other young musicians, playing and having fun. After successful courses first in Riddlesworth, then Culford, this is the fifth year the course is being held in Ascot. LVS Ascot School has superb contemporary facilities in extensive grounds.

We will have a wonderful faculty of teachers from home and abroad, providing teaching, chamber music and other music activities. The course is suitable for Suzuki violinists of all ages and slightly older cellists (around 10+). For older pupils there is also the opportunity for Alexander technique with Sara Khorooosi, experienced in working with young musicians and dancers.



Suzuki Early Childhood Education, suitable for 0-4 years, from 10-11am Wednesday to Saturday. Babies, toddlers and young children join a class with activities bursting with rhymes, songs and rhythm work.

Accommodation is in small dormitories or double rooms. Children below the age of eight are usually accommodated with a parent. Children generally come with a parent, however unaccompanied children are welcome if they have a named adult who takes full responsibility for them.

The course starts with lunch on Tuesday 5th August and ends late afternoon Saturday 9th August. There will be a final concert on the Saturday afternoon to which visitors are most welcome. We aim to make the course fun, friendly and relaxing. There will be free time each afternoon so that the school facilities can be enjoyed and the surrounding area explored.



Course activities

Tonalisation	Solo concerts
Individual lessons	Music reading and musicianship
Group lessons	Chamber music (for more advanced players)
Play-togethers	Orchestra (for more advanced players)
Alexander technique	Informal music making
Suzuki Early Childhood Education	

Additional activities

- Explore nearby Ascot, Windsor and Legoland a few miles away
- Bring your own bicycles and scooters to explore school grounds
- Bring your swimming costumes and goggles
- Local walks in Windsor Great Park
- Last night Talent Show
- Opportunities for parents to participate in musical activities

Comments from previous courses

- "The course was a great experience"
- "Teachers made it fun while being sensitive and setting a high standard"
- "We have taken home lots of great learning points"
- "It was a bonus to swim"
- "Having a good number of boys made a real difference playing both violin and football together"

Application form Ascot Suzuki Course 2025

Costs: £515 per playing child | £330 per accompanying adult | £300 per non-playing sibling
£80 per child for Suzuki Early Childhood Education

A deposit of £50 for each child and adult must accompany applications, cheques payable to North Surrey Suzuki Group. The balance will be due by the end of June.

Please enclose a deposit of £50 for each child and adult

Bank details:

Sort code: 30-99-09

Name: North Surrey Suzuki Group violin account

Number: 01100304

BIC/Swift: LOYDGB21187

Reference: Your child's name

IBAN: GB45 LOYD 3099 0901 1003 04

Please make cheques payable to North Surrey Suzuki Group.

Name of adult(s):

Email:

Address:

Telephone number:

BSMA number:

Please note it is a requirement of the British Suzuki Music Association that all participants must have membership at the time of the course. Temporary membership is available for overseas students who are not members of the BSMA and have no national membership at a cost of £5 per family.

Do you require temporary membership? Yes/No

Child's name:

Date of birth:

Instrument: violin, viola, cello

Latest piece:

Current Suzuki book:

Name of teacher:

Sight reading level: non-reader, beginner, fluent (please provide detailed information)

Do you play the viola?

Second Child's name:

Date of birth:

Instrument: violin, viola, cello

Latest piece:

Current Suzuki book:

Name of teacher:

Sight reading level: non-reader, beginner, fluent (please provide detailed information)

Do you play the viola?

Photography waiver

In submitting this form I consent to the above being photographed and or filmed during activities and for these images to be used solely for the purpose of promotional material in connection with future North Surrey Suzuki Group String Courses.

Please cross if you do **not** consent.

Signed:

Date:

Please return to: Mary Sandbrook, 15 Cambridge Road, Wimbledon, London SW20 0SQ

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