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Wednesday 4th March 2026

Dear Families

Big Summer Sing – Tuesday 19th May 2026

We are delighted to announce that Fir Tree have been invited to take part in The Big Summer Sing on Tuesday 19th May. This is an exciting event, which takes place with other Oxfordshire schools and is hosted by the Oxfordshire County Music Service.

This popular annual event offers a unique and memorable opportunity; enabling our children to collaborate with other schools across the county to perform classic and contemporary pop songs, accompanied by a live band, backing singers and stage lighting.

Please read the information below. If your child is interested in taking part, we would be grateful if you would confirm interest by **Wednesday 11th March**. Unfortunately there are only 15 places available so names will be drawn out of a 'hat', to ensure fairness. This event is for years 4, 5 and 6 only.

We will be preparing the songs in an after school club on Tuesdays - 3:30 to 4:30 - in term 5. There will be 5 club sessions only, with the performance on the sixth week at the performance venue.

We will depart from school at approximately 1pm, travelling by coach to Oxford for a rehearsal with the other participating schools. Each child will need a disposable packed tea and a water bottle, which will be consumed between the rehearsal and the performance.

The children will be accompanied by myself and two other Fir Tree staff members. The participation fee is £5 per child, which will be covered by the school. However, we kindly request a contribution of £10.00 per child towards the cost of the coach.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide transport for the return journey; please arrange to collect your child from the Centre for Music at 6:20pm. The Centre for Music is located at Bayards Hill School, Waynflete Road, OX3 9NU, accessible via the out-of-hours gate in the school playground.

Schedule for the day:

- 2pm – Schools arrive at the Centre for Music
- 2:15-3:15 – Rehearsal with piano
- 3:15-3:30 – Short break
- 3:30-4:40 – Full run through with the band, instrumentalists and backing singers
- 4:40-5:20 – Break; eat a packed tea
- 5:30-6:20 - Concert

Once your child's place has been confirmed, payment can be made via the MCAS app.

Audience tickets are available for £6 each plus booking fee, with the Music Centre guaranteeing at least one ticket per family. We will send you the link to obtain tickets when it becomes available. One week before the performance, it may be possible to obtain further tickets when spares are released.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, or the Office Team, if you have any queries.

With best wishes

Amanda Giles

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I would like to register my child's interest in the Big Summer Sing 2026.

Child's name..... Child's class.....

By signing below, I am confirming that upon receiving confirmation of a place, I will:

- **Pay** £10.00 on the MCAS app for a contribution to the coach fare
- **Arrange** to collect my child from the Centre of Music at Bayards Hill School at 6:20pm
- **Ensure** my child attends the term 5 singing club each Tuesday from 3:30-4:30pm so they can rehearse the songs

Signed (parent/guardian)..... Date.....

Emergency contact number.....

Child's medical conditions/needs.....

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