



# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR PRIMARY EDUCATION *Oxfordshire Branch*

invites you to take part in the

## thirty ninth annual OXFORDSHIRE FESTIVAL OF VOICES 2024

Dear Colleagues,

NAPE's thirty ninth Festival of Voices will be held in Dorchester Abbey from Monday 17th to Friday 21st June 2024 and is open to any Oxfordshire KS2 child. It is a chance for children from all over the county to come together in a fantastic setting and enjoy quality massed singing. Kevin Stannard and Peter Hunt will be sharing the conducting once more this year.

Schools can choose which children take part: you may have a choir you wish to bring or a particular class teacher may bring a whole class. Whoever you bring, it is essential that all the children have a very thorough knowledge of the songs before they come to the Festival – we and the conductors really want them all to sing from memory, without scripts – they sing so much better and we know that it is possible!

The festival format will be as in previous years: each day there will be a rehearsal at 3.15pm lasting until approximately 5.15pm. The children will then have a picnic tea in the Abbey grounds (weather permitting) and return to the Abbey for the concert to start at 6.30pm, finishing by around 8pm. There will be an early afternoon concert again this year, on Wednesday 19th June, with the rehearsal at 9.55am lasting until 11.45am, then the concert from 12.45pm – 2.15pm.

We recommend you reply quickly as the festival is always very popular. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis in order of receipt of application. Schools can email or post their application forms but if payment is not then received either by cheque or BACS by **February 2nd**, their application will not receive priority. **Schools who are NAPE members or have a member of staff/parent/governor who is an individual member of NAPE pay a lower registration rate than non-NAPE schools; members also have priority booking/payment until January 26th.**

If you are not sure whether your membership is currently paid up, e-mail [NAPEnationaloffice@gmail.com](mailto:NAPEnationaloffice@gmail.com). or phone **44 (0) 7734 772 521**. You must put your membership number on the application form. You can join NAPE online - see: [nape.org.uk/how-to-join/](http://nape.org.uk/how-to-join/)

Places are restricted to **30 per school**. Full details of the music, tickets for the audience (adults £8, children £4) and arrangements for the day will be sent to you later.

Unfortunately, the event made a considerable loss last year so we have had to increase the costs of participation. There is a charge of **£3.50 each** for children of NAPE member schools to take part, **£7 each** if your school is not a member of NAPE, to contribute to the substantial event costs (*music copyright, the Abbey, staging, the band and conductors, insurance*).

With your registration form, please send the £3.50/£7 per participating child, by cheque payable to 'NAPE Oxfordshire', through the IBC, or by BACS.

The IBC Vendor ID for NAPE (Oxon) is 1187805.

NAPE's bank account details are as follows –

**Metro Bank account name:** NAPE (Oxfordshire)

**account type: business account number: 42988609 Sort Code: 23-05-80**

**Please give the reference 'school name (abbreviated as necessary) FoV 2024 reg'**, so our Treasurer, can identify the payments. **PLEASE** ask your bursar to be careful **not** to pay National NAPE! Let me know quickly if your school requires an invoice in order to pay for registration &/or audience tickets and I will supply one.

Please indicate as much choice of days as possible on the form. If your school wishes to take part with other members of your **local partnership**, all the schools involved should return individual forms and cheques or on line payment details, but **indicate clearly that they wish to attend on the same day as the other named schools.**

Schools will **not** get a refund if, for example, they initially book 30 places then reduce it to 20 or if they withdraw, if notification is after 1 April. Please give us the email address of the teacher involved *and* the school office so that both of you know what is happening. All subsequent letters will come via email.

I am hoping to send out the music packs at the start of **February**. **Note:** *you must return your music book to me during the week of the concerts in order to comply with our copyright agreements.*

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me, ideally by email at [susanbaker24@gmail.com](mailto:susanbaker24@gmail.com) or otherwise by phone on **01865 351 449**, or send a text to **07599 467 764**. (There is minimal connectivity where we live so best to use our landline or email!)

Yours sincerely,

**Sue Baker**

**Oxfordshire NAPE Festival of Voices Coordinator**

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**OXFORDSHIRE FESTIVAL OF VOICES 2024: Registration form**

Please return this form to: Sue Baker, 4 Silver Birches, Stanton St John, OXFORD OX33 1HH  
or: susanjbaker24@gmail.com

as soon as possible **PRIORITY UNTIL JANUARY 26th FOR NAPE MEMBER SCHOOLS WHO  
HAVE REGISTERED AND PAID**

Name of School ..... Contact name.....

Address of School .....

..... School phone no .....

Home or mobile phone no.....

No of children taking part: ..... Year group(s) of children taking part: Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 ( delete as applicable)

I enclose a cheque payable to NAPE Oxon for £ .....

**OR** I have paid £..... by BACS/SAP ( please give details of payment date)

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**OR** Please email an invoice to .....

Email address (1) teacher in charge of FoV singers .....

Email address (2) school office .....

NAPE school membership number .....

or name of individual NAPE member at the school .....

membership number .....

Please show your **preference of dates** by marking 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 – give as many choices as you can.

**(NOTE that giving only one choice does not necessarily mean you will get it!)**

evening: Mon 17 ... Tues 18..... Wed 19..... Thurs 20..... Fri 21 .....

afternoon: Wed 19 .....

My school has a safeguarding policy that covers out of school activities Yes No (circle as applicable)

Signed .....

Print name .....

Date.....