

STEPPING NOTES

MUSIC SCHOOL

presents

“Teaching musicianship through singing and movement”

A THREE-DAY COURSE FOR TEACHERS OF CHILDREN AGED 2 to 9

by Nikhil Dally

Fri. 24th July – Sun. 26th July 2026

(10.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. each day)

The Village Centre, 68 Victoria Street, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey TW20 0QX



Creativity... energy... joy... flow... incredibly well thought out approach, characterised by fun and laughter but built on strong foundations, skilfully planned and using a variety of pedagogical concepts.

- Davina Shore, Advisory Teacher (Voices Foundation) & former Head of Pre Prep Music (King's College School Cambridge)

Stepping Notes is a holistic, integrated, multi-sensory approach to music education, based upon the philosophies of Kodály, Jaques-Dalcroze and Géza Szilvay. The hallmarks of the Stepping Notes approach are:

- (1) **Movement** and **singing** as the prime conduits for musical learning.
- (2) Developing the **inner ear**.
- (3) **Feeling** and **understanding** the inner life of music.
- (4) Maintaining natural body **flexibility** and **sensitivity**.
- (5) The judicious and sensitive use of **high-quality musical instruments**.
- (6) The world of the **imagination**; this is where young children live.

Exceptional quality training and SO many inspirational take-aways...

Make the effort to come to this, folks, you won't regret it!

- Noeline Beesley, Early Years Associate (Wiltshire Music Connect)

This course is designed to help those who teach children aged 2 to 8 to develop their students' musicianship through the voice and the body. We will concentrate on the following areas:

- (1) using singing and movement to help children to feel and understand:
pulse & rhythm; metre, phrasing & structure, melody & scale, and harmony;
- (2) teaching musical literacy using singing and movement;
- (3) choosing and using children's instruments in such a way as to preserve and enhance their co-ordination and sense of rhythm.

Please come willing to remove your shoes and socks and work barefoot, on the floor, to sing, to play, to move, and to dance.

An absolute revelation... Joined up thinking and an amazing sequence of teaching steps...

A real eye opener... Genuinely not to be missed.

- Lewis Fisher, Head of Music (Mill Hill International School Thailand)

Course fee: £285.00

which may be paid by cheque or online (please enquire for bank details).

However, the following discounted rates are available:

£225.00 if the completed application form, signed by the applicant, is received simultaneously with payment in full, by 27th March 2026;

£255.00 if the completed application, signed by the applicant, is received simultaneously with payment in full, by 22nd May 2026.

(N.B. Applications are accepted strictly in order of receipt of **both** signed completed application form **and** payment in full.)

Nikhil Dally received first-class honours in music from Cambridge University and studied composition at the Guildhall School of Music. Nikhil founded the Stepping Notes Music School in 2000. He designed the Stepping Notes curriculum himself and teaches all classes, for children aged 2 to 8. Past teacher training engagements include courses or workshops for the Zoltán Kodály Pedagogical Institute in Kecskemét (Hungary), the Colourstrings International and British Kodály Academy Summer Schools, the Association of British Choral Directors, the Dalcroze Society, Bracknell Forest LEA, NYMAZ, the Association of Early Childhood Educators of Singapore, and the Young Choral Academy of Kuala Lumpur.

*... the **best trainer** I've experienced in this field so far...*

- Lily May, early-years music teacher (Hit the Ground Drumming & Margaret's Music), London

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Application Form

to: Nikhil Dally, 29 St. Nicholas Drive, Shepperton, Middx. TW17 9LD

Dear Nikhil,

I would like to attend your three-day course "Teaching musicianship through singing and movement" on 24th-26th July 2026.

I [please tick]:

___ enclose herewith a cheque for £ _____ made payable to N. Dally.

___ have transferred the sum of £ _____ to your bank account.

I understand and accept that the fee I have paid is 50% non-refundable; and, from 4th July 2026, 100% non-refundable; and that my place on this course may not be transferred to any other person.

Please send me full details.

My name:

My signature:

[NOT anyone else's!]

Date:

My home address:

[NOT school address!]

My postcode:

My personal home and/or mobile phone nos.:

[NOT school phone no.!]

My e-mail address:

[NOT school secretary's e-mail!]

I heard about this course from:

Brief summary of experience as a teacher or music teacher: