



Whitchurch Church of England Primary School

INTERESTED IN LEARNING TO PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?

Dear Parents

I am preparing peripatetic music lessons for September 2026. In order to do this, I need to determine the number of pupils that would like to sign up to **start** to learn to play a musical instrument from next September or would like to **continue their lessons**. Places are limited and the peripatetic teachers will advise how many lessons they can accommodate, however, I will request to book enough hours of teaching to accommodate all those who wish to learn.

At this point, I would like to stress that **dedication and motivation** are basic requirements in order to learn an instrument and that **daily practice** is necessary in order to make progress. Your child will be required to have their own instrument for lessons and practice at home. Instruments can be hired from Hampshire Music Service. (Keyboard and drum students will have their lessons on school instruments but will still need their own instrument at home for regular practice.)

Your financial commitment will be for a full year, as the school have to commit to the service and pay for the whole year too, therefore it is very important that considerable thought is given to the decision.

Lessons are taught by qualified peripatetic teachers and usually take place during the school day, or at lunchtime. Children are taught in small groups and there are normally ten lessons in each term lasting between 20 and 30 minutes, dependent on instrument and group size. There will also be the option for individual tuition. Children will receive a minimum of 30 lessons per year.

There has been no change in prices this year, so from September 2026 group lessons (20 – 30 minutes) will cost **£100.00 per term** and individual lessons (15 – 20 minutes) **£140.00 per term**. Payment is due, in advance, at the beginning of each term and your commitment is for a whole year i.e. £300.00 for group lessons or £420.00 for individual lessons.

We are required to book peripatetic lessons with HMS for a full academic year by 13th May. After this deadline, it is not always possible to make changes to the timetable, therefore late replies may not be able to be accommodated. Although late applications will be added to a waiting list, it is often not possible for children to be added into lessons after September as groups have moved on and made progress and beginners can not then be added into a group. **Applications will not be accepted for September 2026 if you still have any outstanding instrumental tuition fees for the 2025/26 academic year, as 13th May 2026.**



Please be aware that we do not normally receive our timetable from Hampshire Music Service until sometime in August, therefore no lessons will be able to be confirmed until September. The receipt of the following form will mean that we have requested a lesson for your child.

Please tick the appropriate boxes on the form attached and return the form (or your request in the body of the email if you are unable to amend the form) to replies@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk by Friday 8th May. If you would like any more information please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We need the form if your child would like to stop lessons too please.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Lizzie Spencer
Music Manager



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INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS YEAR COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 2026

Please return the form to replies@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk by Friday 8th May
 (if you are unable to amend the form, please just put in the body of the email your request)

Child's name:

My child would like to start lessons:

Next academic year my child will be in Year 3 4 5 6 (please circle)

	Choice of instrument	Group tuition (£100.00 per term)	Individual tuition (£140.00 per term)
Woodwind			
Brass			
Guitar			
Violin			
Keyboard			
Drumming			

My child ***would like to continue with lessons / *would like to stop lessons** (*please delete as applicable):

Next academic year my child will be in Year 3 4 5 6 (please circle)

	Choice of instrument	Group tuition (£100.00 per term)	Individual tuition (£140.00 per term)
Woodwind			
Brass			
Guitar			
Violin			
Keyboard			
Drumming			

I understand that by signing this form I am making a commitment to pay for instrumental lessons for a minimum of three terms (£300.00 for group lessons/£420.00 for individual lessons).



I understand that my application for lessons will not be accepted if I have any outstanding instrumental tuition fees as at 13th May 2026.

I understand I will need to provide an instrument for my child, either purchasing or hiring. The peripatetic teacher will inform which size instrument is needed when they first assess the children. Hampshire Music Service hire out instruments. Detail can be found at

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hampshiremusic/instrumenthire>

Signed: (parent/carer)

Date: