

Baden-Powell & St Peter's CE Junior School



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Dear Parent and Carers

Music lessons 2025-2026

Thank you for expressing an interest in your child learning an instrument next academic year and I am pleased that we have been able to offer your child a place.

Dates for Autumn term

Music Tuition will run for 9 or 10 weeks for the Autumn term and will commence the week of 29 September 2025. This is with the exception of Monday Drums which will start on Monday 6 October.

We aim to offer on average 30 lessons over the academic year.

Timetables

We will have advised you of the day of your child's music lesson by email. The timetables are displayed in the year 4 base and at the school office for your child to check their time.

This time generally stays the same each week and they will be notified if it changes. If your child is struggling with their lesson time for any reason please get in touch and we will do our best to change it at the next half term. Please note that organising the timetables is a huge and complex task with nearly 300 lessons taking place a week and where possible, we avoid core lessons. Lessons take place during lunch, breaktimes and will often be planned for Music, PE and ICT lessons.

It is the child's responsibility to remember to attend their lesson. Please stress the importance of this to your child as we regularly have children who do not turn up for their lesson and the teacher and office staff then spends a large amount of the lesson trying to find them. When it is during a break time, this can often prove impossible.

Instruments

Please ensure your child brings their instrument/drum sticks (with the exception of drums and keyboard) and music into school on the day of their lesson. They should store their instrument during the school day in the Y4 music room or their class teacher's cupboard to try to avoid accidental damage.

If your child forgets their instrument, they will still be offered to attend the lesson but we are unable to lend instruments.



"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart" Colossians 3:23

Bassoon players and brass players who have requested to hire an instrument, will be given their instrument in their first lesson.

Payment

Payment for lessons will have been raised on Arbor under 'Trips'. The deadline for payment is Friday 3 October 2025. If we do not receive payment by this date, we will offer the place to a child on the waiting list.

Missed and cancelled lessons

In the event of staff absence, the lesson may be cancelled. Where possible, the lesson will be made up at a later date. Alternatively, you will offered a refund at the end of term or a credit on next terms invoice.

No refunds are offered if the child is absent from school, forgets their lesson or if they choose to take part in another school activity such as a sporting event.

Communications

Any email communications with the Peripatetic teacher needs to come through the school office. It would be helpful if you could provide your child with a small note book for their first lesson, so any immediate information reaches you swiftly, including any books or materials your child might need.

Behaviour Expectations

We want every child to enjoy and benefit from their instrumental lessons, and a key part of that is creating a respectful and focused learning environment. Pupils are expected to follow our school values by showing kindness, responsibility, and respect—both to their teacher and their instrument. Good behaviour and a positive attitude are essential. If any issues arise that disrupt learning, it may result in lessons being paused or terminated. We appreciate your support in reinforcing these expectations at home.

Ensembles

At BPSP we offer lunchtime clubs for Wind band, Saxophone ensemble, Brass Ensembles and String ensemble. These are by invitation from Mrs Talbot and the Peripatetic teacher and we may contact you in October and throughout the academic year to join, at a cost of £10 per term.

Future lessons

Lessons will continue each term for this academic year, without you having to request them again. We will email you before the end of each term to remind you to contact us if your child **does not** wish to continue.

In June 2026 you will need to request lessons again for the following academic year.

Notice to stop lessons

If your child wishes to stop lessons at any point in the year, the following cancellation dates must be adhered to. You will be liable for payment for the next term, should the request be after these dates.

Request to stop Spring term lessons	Monday, 1 December 2026
Request to stop Summer term lessons	Monday, 16 March 2026

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me, through the school office.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Talbot

Music Lead