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Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter only applies to children in Y4, 5 and 6 in September 2025. Children joining us in Y3 will be introduced to different instruments in class music lessons.

I am writing to you to share the exciting opportunities; we have on offer at school in the Music department from this September. We are very excited to already have planned in a busy concert programme next year to share the skills of our talented children.

In recent weeks, the children have enjoyed assemblies by those currently having lessons, which has given them an insight into what instruments we have on offer. It has been fantastic to see the children's enthusiasm and I look forward to seeing a new wave of talent coming through the school, in September.

We continue to offer a wide range of instruments, as well as ensemble opportunities for those learning an instrument.

Instrument	Teacher
Violin	Mrs Defilet
Cello	Mr Lockyer
Clarinet/Saxophone/Flute	Mrs Dales-Bull
Toots/Doods/Jsaxes	Mrs Dales-Bull
Guitar/Ukulele	Mr Palmer
Keyboard/Piano	Mr Simmons
Drums	Mr Evans
Trumpet/Trombone	Mr Smith
Singing	Mrs Dales-Bull
Bassoon (limited spaces) Year 5 and 6 only	Miss Phillips

Brass Hire:

We have a limited amount of school trumpets and trombones available for hire at £20 a term. Please indicate on the form if you would like to be considered for this option. Please note, priority will be given to new starters. Hires are also available directly from:

- <https://soundstorm-music.org.uk/schools-teachers/instrument-loans/>
- <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/dorset-music-service-instruments>



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

Starter Woodwind:

Some of you may be wondering what a Toot, Dood or JSax is! These instruments are a starter instrument for the clarinet, flute or saxophone, however, as an introduction to woodwind, they are much more cost effective! We have been using these instruments for the past few years with huge success. Many of the children have now progressed on to the 'real woodwind' option. They are brightly coloured and the children have loved choosing which one to purchase.

The children who are moving into Year 5, will now be ready to move on to a woodwind instrument so please let us know if you would like any advice on what to move on to. I know that the children have loved Mrs D-B's demonstrations in lessons! **Please note that Year 5 can continue with their starter woodwind, should they wish to.**

If your child chooses to start an instrument, the following guidance MUST be adhered to.

- Your child must have their own instrument. This includes drum sticks. We can not provide or share instruments at school. If purchasing a Toot/Dood/Jsax or woodwind instrument, I highly recommend <https://www.music-corner.co.uk/> They are a local shop who offer a discount to BPSP parents for sales and they also offer instrument hire.
- Play It Again UK (based at Absolute Music) are another reputable, local company, offering excellent deals on woodwind instruments.
- Children can only learn ONE instrument at school unless previously agreed. This is due to high number of pupils taking instrumental lessons. Lessons are held during the school day.
- We only offer group lessons with the exception of drums.
- Full payment MUST be made for lessons before Friday, September 12 or your child's place will be given to somebody else on the waiting list. This charge will appear on your child's Arbor account once the timetables have been agreed.
- Lessons can only be started at the beginning of a term. The instrumental timetable is a complex one so adjustments are not always easy to make.

Lessons are £7.50 for a 20-minute shared lesson with the exception of drums which are £10 for an individual 15 minute lesson.

Please note that final bassoon details will be sent individually, after the trials have taken place.

We plan to start lessons from the week beginning 29 September for 10 weeks.

To sign up to instrumental lessons, please use the following link: [Instrument Lesson Sign Up](#)

You will need to complete the above form if you wish to start a new instrument **and** if you wish to continue current lessons.

Please see attached the BPSP instrumental contract, which is also on the website <https://www.bpsjunior.co.uk/music/>. You will need to tick the box on the above form, to acknowledge you have read and agree to the terms and conditions.

All applications must be received by 9am Monday 14 July. Lessons are incredibly popular and we have limited places assigned to each teacher, so we are very unlikely to have spaces after this date.

If your child is successful in gaining a place, we will inform you by Wednesday 16 July. A deposit of £30.00 will then need to be made on Arbor by Friday 18 July to secure your child's place and the remaining balance will be requested in September.

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
Request to stop Summer term lessons	Monday, 16 March 2026

Ensembles

We have many opportunities for the children to be a part of different ensembles. Invitations to these groups will be sent out in September.

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

Kind regards,

Sarah Talbot

Music Leader