



# Twyford St Mary's

## Church of England Primary School

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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

The school can provide peripatetic music tuition through Hampshire Music Service. Children are taught mostly in small groups, promoting ensemble skills which can prepare them for joining a band or orchestra should they wish. We offer music lessons to children in Years 3 - 6.

Lessons can be provided in brass, woodwind, strings, guitar and drums. Instruments are available to hire through Hampshire Music Service, so there is no need to purchase any instruments if you do not wish to.

We are currently reviewing the school's peripatetic music requirements for the next academic year, as we need to submit our request for music tuition as soon as possible. Naturally, we would want to give all those children who want to learn an instrument the opportunity to do so. With that in mind, if your child is interested in having peripatetic music lessons starting in September, please email the school office by **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April** to confirm the following:

- Whether your child wishes to continue, or not, with their existing peripatetic music lessons. (Please state clearly which instrument, if your child learns more than one)
- Whether your child wishes to begin lessons in any of the following instruments: violin, viola, cello, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, cornet, guitar and drums.

### **Very important information to be aware of:**

- **Parents and pupils need to commit to the full cost of music lessons for the whole of the academic year.** The school must sign up and pay for the full years cost at the beginning of the academic year. Therefore, we will require parents to pay for the full year by the end of the autumn 2026 term. This can be done in instalments or as a one-off payment.
- There is an annual charge for the lessons. The fees have increased again this year and based on last year's numbers the cost could be in the region of £330 for the year, however, the costs for lessons next year will depend on how many children take up lessons. Parents who sign up for lessons will be notified of the final cost by the beginning of September.
- The lesson timetable is given to us by Hampshire Music Service. Lessons can take place any time during the school day (During lesson time, break or lunchtimes)
- Should your child decide that they do not want to continue with their instrument during the year, you would still be liable for the cost of the tuition for the remainder of the academic year, unless the place can be filled by another child.

Please do get in touch if you have any questions about peripatetic music tuition.

Kind Regards,

Neil Tunncliffe  
Headteacher