Bridgewater Primary

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Dear Parents / Carers,

We are pleased to inform you that our extracurricular music provision will continue during the next academic year.

Lessons in guitar, drums, and violin will continue to be delivered by Hertfordshire Music Service (HMS), while piano, flute, and recorder lessons will be provided by our private music teacher, Mrs Rae Baker. Music lessons are available to pupils in Years 3–6.

Hertfordshire Music Service (HMS)

Guitar, Drums & Violin

Applications for HMS lessons must be made directly through Hertfordshire Music Service.

Please note that places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis and demand is always high, so we encourage families to apply as early as possible.

Register here: www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/register

Please be aware that submitting an application does not guarantee a place. If lessons are full, your child will be placed on a waiting list and offered a place when one becomes available.

Violin

We currently offer violin lessons for pupils in Year 3 and above. There are currently opportunities for additional pupils to join in September.

Drums

We will continue to offer both shared and individual tuition in drums. As the current Year 6 pupils leave at the end of this academic year, this will help to clear the current waiting list. Although you will not be offered a place immediately, we hope that further opportunities will arise later in the year as spaces become available.

Guitar

We will continue to offer both shared and individual tuition in Guitar. There are currently opportunities for additional pupils to join in September. If lessons become full quickly, further opportunities to join may arise later in the year as places become available.

Please note: if your child is already on the HMS waiting list for guitar or drums during the 2025/26 academic year, there is no need to apply again.

HMS Fees

Information about HMS lesson fees can be found on the HMS website here, until the 2026/27 tab.

Financial assistance may also be available through HMS. To check eligibility, please visit their "Help with music fees" page. Please note that full fees remain payable until any remission has been formally confirmed by HMS.

Piano Lessons

Piano lessons are taught by private instructor Mrs Rae Baker.

As piano is a particularly popular instrument, there are unlikely to be spaces available for the Autumn Term. To add your child to the waiting list, please complete the Google Form linked here.

If your child is not offered a place in September 2026, opportunities may still arise later in the academic year as current pupils leave.

Flute & Recorder Lessons

Mrs Baker also offers individual flute and recorder lessons during the school day for pupils in Year 3 and above.

There is currently availability for new pupils. If you would like your child to apply for flute or recorder lessons, please complete the application form linked here.

Piano / Flute / Recorder Fees

Lessons with Mrs Baker are charged termly, with invoices issued at the start of each term based on the number of teaching weeks.

20-minute individual lesson: £16 per lesson

Current Music Pupils

If your child already receives guitar, drums, violin, piano, flute, or recorder lessons at school, you do not need to apply again unless they wish to begin learning an additional instrument.

Existing lessons will automatically continue into the 2026/27 academic year unless notice is given.

Withdrawal from Music Lessons

Years 3–5

If your child currently receives guitar, drums, or violin lessons and you do not wish them to continue in the Autumn Term, please complete the HMS withdrawal form as soon as possible.

Please note that written notice for withdrawals or changes to HMS tuition must be received before the start of the preceding half-term break. For example, to withdraw for the Spring Term, notice must be submitted before the Autumn half-term break.

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