

WELCOME TO MUSIC AT  
LAKESIDE PRIMARY

WHERE

*'MUSIC IS FOR EVERYONE.'*



Parent information booklet

## Lakeside Primary has the Music Mark Award for its outstanding music provision which includes:

- A music specialist teacher delivering in every key stage 1 & 2 class using the 2021 model music curriculum.
- Early Years (reception) weekly music enrichment using video and audio resource 'Sing Up' by the class teacher with additional support by the Music Specialist.
- A choir (7 years plus) weekly before school.
- Folk Music Ensemble – Weekly before school on Mondays for key stage 2.
- Rock and Pop Music Ensemble (Year 5 & 6 having one to one or small group lessons with Jonathan Hepworth) weekly Wednesday at lunchtime.
- Visiting music teacher lessons on a whole range of instruments.
- Whole class taster instrument lessons on three instruments (across upper and lower key stage 2) recorder, ukulele and violin.
- Ongoing performance and concert opportunities in school and the wider community.
- Access to world class musicians willing to voluntarily perform to the children.
- A whole music team with a member of senior leadership as coordinator, Music Specialist & Curriculum lead and peri staff.
- Music technology available on each child's personal chrome book.

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### Quick Summary of what's available and how to get your child enrolled:

- **Choir** – Mrs Marshall – Thursday at 8.00am till 8.45am visit the parent hub. Currently Year 3 to 6.
- **Folk Music Ensemble (Key stage 2 only)** – Miss Crawford – Monday 8.00am till 8.45am before school. Visit the parent hub and book them using parent pay at £2 per week.
- **Violin/Viola/Ukulele/Classical Guitar** – Miss Hannah Crawford – Thursday [hjcrawfordviolin1@gmail.com](mailto:hjcrawfordviolin1@gmail.com). Lessons are in school but are paid for by parents/carers. The arrangement is directly with the parent and teacher.
- **Flute, Piano, Recorder and Keyboard Lessons** – Tim Farnham – Friday. Lessons are in school but are paid for by parents/carers. The arrangement is directly with the parent and teacher.
- **Singing** – Rachel Collins – after school only – for Lakeside children and alumni (former students). Lessons are after school on the premises but are paid for by parents/carers. The arrangement is directly with the parent and teacher.
- **Rock and Pops Band** – Jonathan Hepworth – Wednesday lunchtime – For Year 5 & 6 only who are already having lessons with Jonathan.
- **Rock and Pop – drum kit/guitar/bass/vocals/keys** – Jonathan Hepworth – Wednesday during the school day. Lessons are in school but are paid for by parents/carers. The arrangement is directly with the parent and teacher.

**Message from Mrs Marshall**, the music curriculum specialist & lead: "The children at Lakeside primary are a joy to teach, they are fantastic little musicians! It's a highlight of my week to work with them!"

"Music has the power to make us laugh, cry and a whole host of emotions in between. Through Music it is amazing to see children's confidence grow as they learn new skills. That confidence and knowledge then enables them to thrive in their daily adventures"  
Mrs Helen Hayes Smith, Head Teacher

Do visit the school website to see the Classroom Music Curriculum in full detail

## Outside the school day music clubs:

**CHOIR** - Thursday before school 8.am till 8.45am (Years 3 to 6) - Mrs Marshall

Singing in a choir builds confidence, self-esteem, teamwork and is good for mental health. And most importantly it's huge fun. Using the very popular Sing Up resource with professional studio based backing tracks as well as Mrs Marshall (a highly experienced choir leader) accompanying on the piano. A whole range of songs are sung from the latest pop music, music theatre, folk and classical. The choir will have the opportunity to perform in school, at the local church but also outside the school in venues such as the local church, Joseph Rowntree's Theatre and Music Hub events when available. Past events have been at University of York and the Barbican. An annual event at the local church will take place where the choir will specifically have the opportunity to perform with other children doing peri lessons. Bookings will via Google Forms:

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**Music Folk Ensemble** - Monday morning 8.0am to 8.45am - Miss Crawford (£2 cost per week).

Playing in an Ensemble is a special thing because you are making music as a team. Miss Crawford 8 till 8.45am, a talented, experienced folk artist and community musician. We can celebrate all the different cultures within our school through this group as well as Samba drumming, bucking bashing and so much more! This is not for pop instruments (drum kit, electric guitar, or keyboard) but is for any orchestral/folk instruments (eg. Violin and Flute), recorder, ukulele, acoustic guitar or simply a willingness to play percussion. It's also no for voice. Parents need to book via Parent Pay the **cost is £2 per child** and numbers are restricted. If at all possible, children ideally should also be accessing small group/1:1 lessons but it's not essential. If your child is in Years 3 to 6 (or earlier if they are able enough on their instrument) then please do look at enrolling them into Music Ensemble. Visit the parent hub and pay on parent pay £2 per week.



## **Instrumental lessons:**

**Information is provided here directly from each of our visiting music teacher team. ALL lessons are provided in school, but the arrangement is directly between the visiting teacher and the parent. Parents should email the teachers with emails here. All are in the school day apart from the classical singing teacher.**

### **Violin, Viola, Ukulele (small group subject to availability)**

**Miss Hannah Crawford** – Thursday – [hjcrawfordviolin1@gmail.com](mailto:hjcrawfordviolin1@gmail.com) to enrol

Lessons will cover a range of genres and styles of playing. We will learn to play as soloists and as part of an ensemble. We learn to read music notation which will enable the children to join orchestras and bands when attaining Grade 1 level of performance. Lessons include the use of backing tracks and a wide range of books to keep learning fun and interactive. Children will be given the opportunity to take ABRSM exams and join extracurricular ensembles at York Music Centre. To gain the most out of your instrumental lessons, the children will be asked to practise at home.

Group Violin & Viola lessons (30 mins) – £4.50

Group Ukulele lessons (20 mins) – £4

Beginner Classical Guitar group – £5

Individual 20 mins – £10 / 30 mins – £15

You will need your own instrument for lessons, here a few options available:

\*York Music Centre offers a hire scheme, visit [yorkartseducation.org.uk](http://yorkartseducation.org.uk)

\* I offer a hire service for my pupils (Violin only)

\*You can buy beginner instruments from Gear4Music, Caswells and Musicroom. I recommend Stentor Student Violins, please avoid violins that are Gear4Music own brand or violins that come in colours of the rainbow. For ukulele and guitar lessons, you will need a plectrum.

\*For specialist Violin or Viola instruments and accessories, please visit Peter Hall in Beverly.

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## Flute, Piano, Recorder and Keyboard Lessons

**Tim Farnhill** – Flute, Keyboard and Piano – Folk, Classical, Jazz and Music Theatre – Friday morning [tim@yorkkeyboardschool.com](mailto:tim@yorkkeyboardschool.com) to enrol

A highly experienced pianist, accompanist, flautist and music educationalist (a former Director of Music in a school). Tim teaches across York and Privately with excellent results for exams. Lessons are appropriate for children from Year 1 upwards (keyboard/piano) classical, jazz and light music. Tim asks for younger children that parent's factor in time to support their child with practise at home. Flute is Year 3 minimum.

**Keyboard/Piano Costs: Group lessons** – Lessons are in groups of 2-3 pupils and last half an hour a week. Lessons from September work out at £10/lesson/pupil. All learning material is provided up to ABRSM Prep Test level.

**1:1 lessons:** Lessons are 30 minutes in length, charged at £18.50/lesson. All learning materials to be purchased by parents. The course of study encourages students to learn piano playing skills on the keyboard – reading both treble and bass clefs rather than the more limited 'one finger' approaches of some keyboard courses.

**Flute lessons (Year 3 onwards) Costs** Group lessons – groups of 2-3 pupils and last half an hour a week. Lessons work out at £10/lesson/pupil. 1:1 lessons are offered as follows: 20 minutes 1:1 at £12.33/lesson, or 30 minutes 1:1 at £18.50/lesson.

Instruments: To hire try visit [yorkartseducation.org.uk](http://yorkartseducation.org.uk) or the Arts Council offers an interest free credit scheme called 'Take it Away' so you can spread the cost. This is available at several stores including Banks Music Room (York). Please do get in touch for additional advice via the school office.

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## Rock and Pops

**Jonathan Hepworth** – Rock n Pops – Electric Guitar, Bass Guitar, Drum kit, Keys (keyboard), Pop Vocals – Wednesdays - [jonathan.hepworth@live.co.uk](mailto:jonathan.hepworth@live.co.uk) to enrol (from Year 1)

A passionate gigging Rock n Pops musician, Jonathan studied at Leeds College of Music and is also a music graduate who incorporates music theory into his lessons, so children understand what they are playing. Doing Rock School exams in Electric Guitar, Bass Guitar, Drum kit and keys (keyboard) his students enjoy stunning results! He also teaches Pop vocals, singing for fun songs that are covered in band. He provides lots of performance opportunities as well as building children's confidence to love pop music when performing. Children working in younger years will have the opportunity to join Jonny's very popular Pop Band in Year 5/6 (details previous page).

**Costs:** £9 – Tuition only is in groups of 2 children for 30 minutes or if there's odd numbers 20 minutes one to one.

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## Singing

**Rachel Collins** – Voice (Folk, Classical, Jazz and Music Theatre) & Music Theory – after school only including alumni students [rachelcollinsyork@gmail.com](mailto:rachelcollinsyork@gmail.com) to enrol

Rachel is passionate about outstanding singing teaching and is trained and qualified to teach it. If you want your child to learn how to use their voice as an actual instrument with strong technique, breathing and be able to read music this is the singing class for you. Rachel has an excellent track record with ABRSM music exams and also teaches music theory. Alumni students are also welcome.

**Costs & Timings** Lessons are only available from 3.45pm onwards.  
Costs: £12 for 30 mins and £10 for 20 mins.

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**And finally .....**

### **A word on instruments and practice:**

To progress children do need to have an instrument to practice on at home. If possible, it's best to practice at least four times a week for 10 minutes. It's helpful if this is a good enough quality of instrument for your child to make progress. A poor instrument can make progress trickier; the instrument can be more difficult to play, not stay in tune, or reduce the pleasure your child has in playing it.

Practice – it's a good motto to try to be your child's greatest fan and let your child's teacher be the one to give the instruction. Don't worry if your child isn't regularly practising, children can still make some progress from their lessons in school. Talk to your child's teacher and they can help you come up with a plan on how best to encourage your child to regularly practise. Little things like having a good space (not a cold room or with the television on) also help. Reward schemes like sticker charts also work well.

### **If you want to buy an instrument**

Firstly, speak to your child's potential teacher for advice on what to purchase. They will be able to advise on the best instrument at the best price. Instruments can be purchased second hand as well as brand new. Many instruments can be also resold easily. Be careful about buying on eBay. Unless a reputable seller this can be a risky thing to do.

Again, Banks Music York are part of the Arts Councils 'Take it Away' scheme where instruments can be purchased on an interest free credit arrangement subject to the appropriate checks.

### **Hire to try the instrument before you buy**

If you want to hire, you can rent an instrument short term through York Music Centre. They offer a hire scheme at visit [yorkartseducation.org.uk](http://yorkartseducation.org.uk). Prices for keyboard, violin, trumpet and guitar is just £3 per month. This is a good way to see if your child enjoys the instrument before you invest in one.