

Welcome to music at Robert Wilkinson!



“Music is the great uniter. An incredible force. Something that people who differ on everything and anything else can have in common.”

Sarah Dessen

Robert Wilkinson is a school with a fantastic musical offer: we are so proud of the opportunities our pupils have to experience and participate in music. We believe that music is for every child, and at Robert Wilkinson, every child has access to high quality music teaching; opportunities to learn an instrument through peripatetic teaching and whole class instrumental lessons, as well as the chance to listen and appreciate different genres of music.

Our musical opportunities:

At Robert Wilkinson we are extremely proud of all the musical opportunities we have on offer. These include our fantastic class music lessons - led by specialists in KS2; our wide range of musical instrument lessons, as well as the many concerts we put on and take part in. Here are just some of the opportunities available to the children:

- A weekly choir led by a music specialist.
- Young Voices choir and concert performance.
- Joseph Rowntree York choral festival concert performance.
- Workshop days at the University of York.
- A weekly orchestra led by a specialist.
- Dedicated purpose-built music room – well stocked with instruments.
- Specialist music teachers teaching Y4, 5 and 6 weekly.
- A wide range of peripatetic music lessons available.
- Instruments including ocarina, recorder, glockenspiel and ukulele taught within whole class music lessons.
- Annual carol concerts with performances from choir.
- Annual Easter and Summer concert with performances from choir and orchestra.
- Regular opportunities for pupils learning instruments to play in informal concerts.
- Music technology available on each child's personal chromebook.

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

- **Choir** – Miss Lord and Mrs Oldfield – Mondays from 3:15 – 4:15. Visit the parent hub for details. Currently Year 4–6 in Autumn term for Young Voices and Year 3 – 6 in Spring and Summer term.
- **Signing choir** – Mrs Coverdale – Wednesdays from 3:15 – 4:15. Visit the parent hub for details. Currently Year 1 – 3.
- **Orchestra** (Key stage 2 only) – Miss Loughran and Mrs Wilson. A range of instruments can be played, including glockenspiels and percussion for new members. Visit the parent hub for details.
- **Rock and Pops Band** – Jonathan Hepworth. Thursday after school. For Year 5 & 6 only who are already having lessons with Jonathan. The arrangement is directly with the parent and teacher.
- **Woodwind Lessons** –Melanie Dvorak – Lessons on a Monday. Lessons are in school but are paid for by parents/carers. The arrangement is directly with the parent and teacher.
- **Violin/Viola/Ukulele Lessons** – Sarah Loughran. Lessons on a Tuesday and Thursday. Lessons are in school but are paid for by parents/carers. The arrangement is directly with the parent and teacher.
- **Woodwind Lessons** –Bronwen Tuffen – Lessons on a Wednesday. Lessons are in school but are paid for by parents/carers. The arrangement is directly with the parent and teacher.

- **Keyboard Lessons** – Tim Farnhill – Lessons on a Thursday. Lessons are in school but are paid for by parents/carers. The arrangement is directly with the parent and teacher.
- **Rock and Pop** – Jonathan Hepworth – Lessons on a Thursday. Lessons are in school but are paid for by parents/carers. The arrangement is directly with the parent and teacher.
- **Drums** – Tom Hudson – Lessons on a Friday. Lessons are in school but are paid for by parents/carers. The arrangement is directly with the parent and teacher.
- **Guitar** – John Marley – Lessons on a Friday. Lessons are in school but are paid for by parents/carers. The arrangement is directly with the parent and teacher.

Outside the school day music clubs:

Choir with Miss Lord and Mrs Oldfield:

Choir runs on Mondays after school until 4:15. It is open to Years 4, 5 and 6 in the Autumn term, as we learn the songs for Young Voices. In the Spring and Summer terms, choir is open to all of KS2, as we prepare for concerts including the Strensall Carnival and annual Summer Concert. We sing a range of music, while developing learning of pitch, and ensemble singing.

Orchestra with Miss Loughran and Mrs Wilson:

Orchestra runs on Tuesdays after school until 4:15pm. It is open to children in KS2 who play an instrument, and can play at least 4 notes. Miss Loughran is a skilled instrumental leader, and can adapt music to suit each child's ability. Orchestra is a fantastic opportunity for children to learn how to play with others, as well as playing with a conductor and being exposed to a wide range of music. The orchestra play a range of styles, from fun pieces to traditional songs.

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.

Please note that instrumental lessons are only available to KS2 children.

Woodwind - Melanie Dvorak

mellie.dvorak@gmail.com

Violin - Sarah Loughran

s.c.loughran@googlemail.com

Woodwind (recorder, flute, clarinet, saxophone) - Bronwen Tuffen

betuffenmusic@gmail.com

Keyboard - Tim Farnhill

tim@yorkkeyboardschool.com

Brass (trumpet, trombone, cornet) Richard Wilton

richardwilton@nesyork.org

Rock and pops (guitar, bass, drums, keyboard, singing) - Jonathan

Hepworth

jonathan.hepworth@live.co.uk

Ukulele - Sarah Loughran

s.c.loughran@googlemail.com

Drums - Tom Hudson

indybot@hotmail.co.uk

Guitar - John Marley

john@johnmarleymusic.com

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.

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. 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.

We also have some instruments available in school to borrow, including clarinets, violins, recorders and saxophones. These cost £10 per term to hire, which is payable to the office. Please let your child's music teacher know if you are interested in hiring one of these instruments.