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Mr G Stanley, Headteacher

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Music at Bishop Wood

We are very lucky to have lots of music-making taking place here at Bishop Wood, and we love giving our pupils opportunities to sing, perform and share their musical talents.

Please see below for details of some of the musical opportunities available this year. Where indicated, please sign your child up via School Gateway if they would like to take part.

School Choir - sign up on School Gateway

Who: All pupils, from all year groups – the more the merrier!

When: Tuesdays, 8:05am, **beginning 29.9.2026**

Please bring children to the **Year 6 gate (Frogmore Street entrance) at 8:00am**, ready for an 8:05am start.

Children attending Breakfast Club should arrive there by **7:45am** to give them enough time to eat breakfast. They will then be sent directly to the hall in time for choir.

Choir is a commitment, and we have some exciting performance opportunities planned this year, including singing at local care homes at Christmas, a planned concert with a local orchestra and performances at Tring Together events. We therefore ask that children who sign up attend regularly and arrive in time for the beginning of each rehearsal. Arriving part-way through can be very disruptive to the rest of the choir.

For safeguarding reasons, please do not drop children off before 8:00am. Children must remain with a responsible adult until the gate by Year 6 is opened and they are able to enter the school site.

Singing Assembly – Pupil Musicians - sign up on School Gateway

Our singing assembly takes place every Tuesday at 12:00pm. We usually listen to recorded music as the children enter and leave the hall, but this year we would love to showcase more of our own talented musicians by having pupils provide the music instead!

If your child plays an instrument and would like to perform as pupils enter and/or leave assembly, please sign them up via School Gateway, including:
the instrument they play

the piece they would like to perform

the approximate length of the piece



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version of ourselves, enjoying life in all its
fullness.'



Pupils should prepare a short piece lasting approximately one minute. They are welcome to play the same piece at the beginning and end of assembly or two different pieces if they wish. Please sign up by 1st October – I will send a timetable home once I have a list of pupils. **NB: This is unfortunately not an event that parents are invited to attend. It is our school Collective Worship for pupils and staff only.**

Music Celebration Concerts - sign up on School Gateway

Throughout the year, we will hold a number of **Music Celebration Concerts**, giving children who learn an instrument either in or outside school the opportunity to perform and share their achievements with others.

Our first concert will take place on **Wednesday 11th November at 3:40pm**, and families of the children performing are warmly invited to attend.

If your child plays an instrument and would like to perform, please sign them up via School Gateway.

Please only sign your child up for the concert if they currently play an instrument and are happy and prepared to perform a piece. Last year, we had a few rather surprised children arrive expecting to attend a concert, only to discover that they had inadvertently been signed up to perform in one!

Instrumental Lessons

We offer instrumental music lessons in school through Herts Music Service. If your child would like to learn an instrument at Bishop Wood, please register directly with Herts Music Service using the link below, making sure that you select **Bishop Wood School** when registering.

<https://ukhertfordshire.speedadmin.dk/registration#/>

Rocksteady

Rocksteady gives children the opportunity to make music as part of their own band, learning and performing together with other pupils.

When spaces become available in our Rocksteady bands, Daz, our Rocksteady band leader, can offer children a **free trial session**, where they can try one of the available instruments or singing. To register your interest in Rocksteady, or to find out more about the programme, please visit:

<https://booking.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>

We are really looking forward to another musical year at Bishop Wood and to giving as many children as possible the opportunity to get involved, whether that is singing together, learning an instrument, performing as part of a band or simply enjoying and celebrating the music made by others.

Kind regards,

Katie Smart

Music Coordinator and Year 3 Teacher