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Dear Parent/Guardian

Music Instrument lessons 2026-2027

As you will be aware, we offer a range of musical instrument lessons. These are available for children in Year 3 and upwards from September 2026, apart from singing, recorder and keyboard/piano lessons which will also be open to Year 2 children and upwards. **Please complete the agreement attached to take up a new instrument(s) or continue with your current one(s).**

This is an exciting opportunity for your child to learn a new skill which will enhance their academic progress and open doors for their future.

The instruments on offer (subject to at least 6 children wishing to take up each instrument) are:

Brass (Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Baritone), Flute, Clarinet, Bassoon, Recorder, Piano/Keyboard, Violin, Cello, Drums, Guitar and Singing.

Children can be loaned the above instruments apart from guitars, recorders, piano, keyboard and drums. If they take up the piano or keyboard, your child will need access to a piano or keyboard at home to practise regularly. Likewise, children will need access to drums, in order to practise and they will need their own guitar, drumsticks or recorder.

Music lessons cost £52.00 per half term (£312.00 per year) for all lessons.

If your child receives benefit based free school meals, we are able to offer lessons for £45.00 per half term for all instruments.

This money is payable at the beginning of each half term. Please pay promptly online using the Arbor app.

Lessons take place during school time and children are taught either individually or in groups. Children are made aware of the day and time of their lesson and are expected to turn up at the right time as the tutor is unable to stay longer than contracted for.

No refunds are given if a child misses their lesson due to illness or an organised school trip but if a tutor is absent this lesson will be made up at a later date. There are 33 lessons given throughout the academic year.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WHEN YOU SIGN UP FOR MUSIC LESSONS YOU ARE COMMITTING TO THIS FOR THE WHOLE ACADEMIC YEAR. THERE IS NO REDUCTION IF LESSONS ARE GIVEN UP DURING THE YEAR. THE FULL AMOUNT WILL STILL BE DUE, AS WE HAVE TO BOOK MUSIC SERVICE TEACHERS FOR A WHOLE YEAR IN ADVANCE. However, if you experience difficulty in paying for your child's music lessons then please speak with the school office, and we will do our best to support you.

Please complete the contract and return it to school by Friday 15th May 2026. You will not find out whether your child has been allocated a place until we come back to school in September.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any queries.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Archer & Mr Woods

Mr N Woods & Mrs D Archer
Joint Headteachers

Contract for Instrumental Tuition

Welcome to the many musical opportunities offered to our pupils at Ecton Brook Primary School.

It is our aim to allow every pupil the opportunity to learn an instrument and help them develop their skills to reach their full musical potential.

Listed below are the terms and conditions that apply to all pupils learning an instrument at the school.

For the pupil:

- Pupils must attend their lesson on time.
- Lessons will be in singles, pairs or groups, whatever the teacher decides is beneficial to the progress of the pupil.
- Pupils must return to their lesson once their musical lesson is over.
- Students must take their instrument home and agree to practice at home for the required time as suggested by the teacher.
- Pupils are responsible for the care of any musical instrument provided and look after it as if it were their own.

For parents and guardians:

- Promptly pay the fees for the academic year.
- To be responsible for the cost of consumables such as reeds, music books and examination fees.
- To make sure that regular practice takes place.
- If parents/guardians/pupils wish to cease instrumental lessons the school must be notified in writing. **Unless your child's place can be replaced by another child on the waiting list you will still be required to pay for the rest of the academic year.**

For the school:

- We will provide high quality tuition by qualified teachers on each instrument in school in-house or provided by Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust.
- Arrange replacement lessons for lessons cancelled by the Music Teacher.
- Recommend other activities and opportunities that may help your son/daughter's musical progress both in the school, local community and at county level.

