

# School Music Bulletin – Issue 09

## Top Tip: Create Enabling Environments

**Create Enabling Environments** – experiment with the use of levels (eg. instruments on tables or in a basket on the floor; instruments inside or outdoors as well as instruments that can be shaken, tapped or scraped). Creating an environment where children are doing great, joyful and creative things means even those who aren't doing that tend to rise and do better. Join **Sarah Todd & Tom Robinson** at:

## Early Years Music Network

**24 February | 4:00–5:00pm | Online**

Hosted by **Sarah Todd & Tom Robinson**

This session focuses on how music supports **language development, phonological awareness, memory, and early communication**, closely aligning with the Literacy & Music Research Programme.

🔗 Booking link: [Early Years Music Networking – Fill in form](#)

## Call for Contributions: School-Authored Music Newsletter

A new termly, school-authored music newsletter; **written by schools, for schools**.

**Thank you to everyone who has submitted pieces so far — they're fantastic. There is still plenty of space for more contributions, and we would love to feature your school too.**

We invite all Hertfordshire schools to contribute short articles, case studies, reflections, or examples of practice. Submissions might include:

- curriculum developments
- ensemble or extra-curricular projects
- cross-curricular work
- pupil-voice-led initiatives
- performances or events
- research-informed approaches
- anything that spotlights music-making in your school

**Submit your article for consideration in the first edition**

**Deadline: 2 March 2026**

We look forward to amplifying school voices and learning from one another through this new collaborative platform.

## Upcoming Events & Networks

### Secondary Music Network – Online Session

We are pleased to invite you to our next **Secondary Music Network** event — an exciting opportunity for music leads and classroom teachers to connect, share practice, and gain new insights.

**Date:** Tuesday 3 March 2026

**Time:** 4.00pm – 5.00pm

**Location:** Online

**Session Leads:** Tor Cooper, Francis Mullaby and Sam Chadwick

**Booking link:** [🔗 County Wide Secondary Music Network – Fill in form](#)

## **Primary Music Networking**

**Date:** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Time:** 4.00pm – 5.00pm

**Host:** Sally Nicholson

**Topic:** Practical session with rhythm work, notation and singing.

**Venue:** Haileybury Turnford School

**Booking link:** [🔗 East Primary Music Networking – Fill in form](#)



## **Other Opportunities:**

BBC Get Singing is a new resource to get 11-14 year olds singing together in and out of the classroom. Explore the newly filmed performances, activity films, scores, backing tracks and guidance notes. [BBC Get Singing](#)

## **Play with the London Philharmonic Orchestra:**

Applications are open for LPO Junior Artists Overture Days, free behind-the-scenes orchestral experiences for young players. [Apply here.](#)

## Year-long creator programme:

Year-long creator programme for ages 14–18 – In the Making offers mentoring, residencies and career support for young music creators in any genre. [Find out more.](#)

## Royal Ballet and Opera Schools

Immerse your classroom in the world of opera, ballet and stagecraft through free teacher CPD, interactive live lessons and curriculum-based resources for schools in singing, dance and design for primary and secondary teachers.

Info and sign-up are here:

[www.rbo.org.uk](http://www.rbo.org.uk)

<https://www.rbo.org.uk/schools/resource/primary-sing-hertfordshire-spring-26>



## Stay Connected

You can book time to meet with our **Head of Participation & School Music, Christina Luchies**, using Bookings or contact directly:

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Book a meeting: [https://outlook.office.com/bookwithme/...](https://outlook.office.com/bookwithme/)

## Lead Schools for Music – Support Available

Would you like to:

- Ask a question
- Arrange a face-to-face or online meeting
- Schedule a phone call
- Organise a school visit

You can connect with one of our **Lead Schools for Music** by completing the request form below. The Lead School will contact you directly to arrange next steps.

[Lead School Contact Form: https://forms.office.com/e/k3MsZFayS4](https://forms.office.com/e/k3MsZFayS4)

## Spring 2026 CPD & Networking Events

We warmly invite all music educators across Hertfordshire to take part in any of our sessions. You are welcome to attend as many sessions as you wish, and there is no limit on the number of staff members from your school who may join; everyone is encouraged to get involved.

Date	Time	Event	Venue	Topic	Booking Link
24 Feb	4:00 - 5:00 PM	<b>EYFS</b> Music Network	Online	Musical skills & language development	<a href="#">Early Years Music Network (2) – Fill in form</a>

3 Mar	4:00 - 5:00 PM	<b>Secondary</b> Music Network Mid, South and West	Online	GCSE and KS4/5 Composition and moderation The future of A-Level Music	<a href="#">County Wide Secondary Music Network – Fill in form</a>
17 Mar	4:00 - 5:00 PM	<b>Primary</b> Music Network East	Haileybury Turnford School	Practical session with rhythm work, notation and singing	<a href="#">East Primary Music Network (2) – Fill in form</a>
18 Mar	4:00 - 5:00 PM	<b>Primary</b> Music Network North	The Priory School	Baseline continuation & starting ensembles	<a href="#">North Primary Music Network (2) – Fill in form</a>
26 Mar	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	<b>SEND</b> Joint Music CPD	SouthField School	Music for Regulation in Mainstream and SEN settings	<a href="#">School Music CPD - SEND – Fill in form</a>

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