

School Music Bulletin – Issue 11

We are pleased to present you with the latest edition of School Music Bulletin – Issue 11.

We welcome any feedback that you may have in terms of content and format, so that we may ensure this communication remains helpful and enlightening.

HMS 2026–27 Brochure Coming Soon

The new brochure, including full-service details and updated pricing, launches shortly.

Key change: First Access becomes **Classroom Instrumental Learning**. Schools currently using First Access will receive a DocuSign email this week as part of priority booking.

Key dates:

- **16 March:** DocuSign forms sent to schools with all other existing services to confirm continuation.
- **23 March:** Request form opens for new bookings and changes.

For support, please contact your regional HMS team.

Charge information for schools with users set up in SpeedAdmin

A new way to view current charges is now available in SpeedAdmin. The account statement continues to be available to check invoiced charges. Both include details of subsidised pupils for direct billed schools and pupil lessons for school billed schools.

A short guide for how to view charges is available in files section of the SpeedAdmin start page.

If you're not set-up as a user in SpeedAdmin and would like to be, please contact your Hertfordshire Music Service Regional Manager.

As a result of this change the reports available on the schools SpeedAdmin start pages have been streamlined.

Top Tip: Teach Through Listening First

Before introducing notation, technique or terminology, start every new musical concept with **active listening**. Ask pupils to *notice*, *describe* and *respond* to what they hear — patterns, moods, structure, timbre, pulse, dynamics, or anything that stands out.

Why it works for all ages:

- **EYFS & KS1:** Builds early musical awareness and vocabulary through exploration.
- **KS2:** Strengthens understanding of musical elements before applying them.
- **Secondary:** Deepens analytical listening, supports composition, and improves ensemble performance.

A simple structure you can use anytime:

Listen → **Notice** → **Describe** → **Try it** → **Create something using it**

This keeps learning musical, accessible and creative — no matter the age, ability, or topic.

Upcoming Events & Networks

Primary Music Networking (North)

Date: Tuesday 18th March 2026

Time: 4 -5 pm

Hosts: Lindsay Creak and Ally Chadwick

Topic: Baseline – Continue & How to set up/start an ensemble to include non-starters and grd3+

Venue: The Priory School

Booking link: [🔗 North Primary Music Network \(2\) – Fill in form](#)

Primary Music Networking (East)

Date: Tuesday 17th 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](#)



Haileybury Turnford
Primary School
Network Meeting
Tuesday 17th March
4.00pm to 5.00pm

This will be a practical session with rhythm work, notation and singing.
There will be a resource pack to take away and use in your classrooms straight away

To register please use this link:
<https://forms.office.com/e/LLcvADue2U>

Any questions please email Sally Nicholson, Faculty Leader
- Creative & Performing Arts
at: nicholson@haileyburyturnford.com

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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>

Stay Connected

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

 christina.luchies@hertfordshire.gov.uk

 Book a meeting: <https://outlook.office.com/bookwithme/...>

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
17 Mar	4:00 - 5:00 PM	Primary Music Network East	Haileybury Turnford School	Practical session with rhythm work, notation and singing	East Primary Music Network (2) – Fill in form
18 Mar	4:00 - 5:00 PM	Primary Music Network North	The Priory School	Baseline continuation & starting ensembles	North Primary Music Network (2) – Fill in form

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