

School Music Bulletin – Issue 12

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.

Top Tip: Teaching Gadget subscription - Checking for Understanding

Discovered during lockdown, Teaching Gadget provides an incredible amount of online short activities and exercises for many different areas of theory and listening, enabling you to check for understanding of a whole class as quickly as is possible.

You get records of each student in the class (as long as they claim their score), the games/activities are short and single focused and there is a whole range of activities to support KS3,4 and even 5 in some areas.

It also facilitates remedial and extension work on the spot. I have arranged the activities/games in element categories on slides which are shared with the students so that each student's learning pathway is customised and appropriate.

Elliott (the owner of Teaching Gadget) is adding to the site all the time including keyboard exercises connecting midi keyboards to your device.

I also use activities for homework (self-marking) and cover at times.

The price has gone up but I still think it is one of the most used, best use of department budget spends in recent years.

Philip Hobb at Hertswood Academy

Music Service – Confirmation of 2026/27 Provision

Schools currently receiving music provision in 2025/26 will shortly receive a DocuSign form summarising their existing services. Please **sign and return** the form if you wish to continue unchanged for 2026/27.

If you need to make changes or see anything unexpected, select *decline the form* and either complete the new Services Request Form (opening **23 March 2026**) or contact your Regional Manager.

Deadline: Friday 17 April 2026

This confirmation supports staffing, timetabling and resource planning ahead of next year's delivery.

Requesting New Services: 23 March 2026 – 1 May 2026

Upcoming Events & Networks

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](#)



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](#)

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

Key Stage 2 BrightSparks concert: The Big Enigma

Tuesday 9 June, 1.00pm, Congress Theatre, Eastbourne

Applications open!

There's still time to book your school in to join the **London Philharmonic Orchestra** in our **Key Stage 2 BrightSparks concert: The Big Enigma** at the Congress Theatre, Eastbourne, at 1pm on **Tuesday 9 June!**

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