

School Music Bulletin – Issue 13

We are pleased to present you with the latest edition of School Music Bulletin – Issue 13

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: Singing Assemblies

Use songs with actions and body percussion

Incorporate simple actions, claps, stamps or body percussion patterns to keep pupils actively engaged. This supports musical learning, helps steady beat development, and makes singing feel fun and inclusive for all children.

Create a no-judgement singing culture

Reinforce the message that *everyone* has a singing voice. Encourage participation over perfection and model positive vocal confidence. When children feel safe to experiment with their voices, their musical skills grow naturally.

Let children lead

Build pupil ownership by inviting children to take on small leadership roles—such as leading actions, conducting a section, or singing a short solo phrase. These moments empower pupils, build confidence, and help develop young leaders within your school's musical community.

Grace Hawksbee

I began teaching in Hertfordshire in September 2024 and at this point, took on the role of Music Co-ordinator at Cuffley school. My personal experience doesn't include playing a musical instrument, but I do love to attend concerts and festivals across the country!

I am committed to cultivating a love of music across the county, empowering teachers to deliver inspiring lessons, and ensuring that every child can explore their musical potential.

[Lead School Contact Form – Fill in form](#)

Music Service – Confirmation of 2026/27 Provision

Requesting New Services are now open.

To request new services for 2026/27 or to request changes to your current services, please complete the form here: [New HMS Requests for Services 2026/27 – Fill in form](#)

Upcoming Networking and CPD events

Date	Time	Event	Venue	Topic	Booking Link
12 May	4:00 - 5:00 PM	EYFS Music Network	Woolenwick primary School	Creating inclusive & inspiring music environments	Early Years Music Network – Fill in form
14 May	3:45 - 4:45 PM	SEND Music Network	Online	Cross-curricular links with music, concert updates	SEND Music Network – Fill in form
2 Jun	4:00 - 5:00 PM	Mid, South & West Joint Primary & Secondary Music Network	Watford Boys School	Transition	Mid South & West Joint Primary & Secondary Music

					Network – Fill in form
4 Jun	4:00 - 5:00 PM	East Joint Primary & Secondary Music Network	Richard Hale School	Transition	East Joint Primary & Secondary Music Network – Fill in form
11 Jun	4:00 - 5:00 PM	North Joint Primary & Secondary Music Network	The Priory School	Transition and Local community engagement	North Joint Primary & Secondary Music Network – Fill in form

Wider Opportunities



RBO 'Create & Sing' Free Teacher CPD - Hertfordshire

Thursday 23rd April 2026, 9.00 - 15:00

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

Location: Woolenwick Infant & Nursery School, Bridge Road West, Stevenage, Hertfordshire, SG1 2NU

This funded CPD is part of Royal Ballet & Opera's award-winning [Create & Sing](#) programme, a curriculum-led teacher development programme designed for teachers (KS1, 2,3 & SEND), music leads, artist facilitators, recent graduates - all who wish to build their confidence in teaching singing - everyone is welcome.



Our team will take you through techniques for teaching singing and drama to build your students' self-expression, creative collaboration, performance confidence, voice, movement, and memory skills.

"The best CPD I've ever had. I had such a lovely day, and we are so inspired to go and create in our school."

During this CPD training, you will:

- Learn practical, easy-to-implement, warm-up and engagement activities.
- Explore the building blocks of dramatic singing and learn how to use them to meet Music curriculum outcomes.
- Discover different creative techniques for using singing across the curriculum e.g. literacy.
- Be introduced to the Create & Sing classroom resources.

Book your place [here](#)

The day is led by a team of Royal Ballet & Opera artists and is suitable for:

- Class teachers or subject leads, artist facilitators, recent graduates
- Those who are new to teaching singing
- Those who are looking to brush up their skills
- No prior knowledge of opera is required!

Watch a video about the CPD [here](#).

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RBO Cultural Champions

Are you a teacher in **Hertfordshire**,
looking to enhance the arts, creativity and culture in your school?



Registration is now open for Cultural Champions 26/27.

Cultural Champions is RBO's **FREE**, accredited programme for teachers, supporting them to gain leadership skills, confidence, and strategies to implement **creative and cultural learning** in their classroom, with substantial evidence of impact from over 1,000 educators who have already participated nationally.

The year-long programme is delivered via a range of creative facilitation techniques that deepen reflective practice and incorporates a personalised research initiative that enables Cultural Champions to apply their leadership skills to their current school priorities straight away.

Why become a Cultural Champion?

1. Increased confidence and leadership skills, through an enquiry-led approach.
2. Increased understanding of creative project planning and evaluation to influence whole school change.
3. Access to **FREE** CPD in Dance, Design and Sing which supports Cultural Champions to develop their curriculum through accessing award-winning plans, resources and live lessons.
4. Opportunity to attend our annual Cultural Champions Symposium and Schools Matinees, providing a regular opportunity to connect with Cultural Champions across the country.

To find out more about Cultural Champions, please use the QR code below or email cultural.champions@roh.org.uk



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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:

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

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