

# School Music Bulletin – Issue 15

We are pleased to present you with the latest edition of School Music Bulletin – Issue 15  
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. [School Music Bulletin](#)

## Top Tip: Make sure everyone knows that *Music Matters*

Schools are navigating an increasingly complex educational landscape. Growing needs around executive functioning, increased demand for early intervention, and ongoing pressures with behaviour, attendance and engagement mean that classrooms need strong, evidence-informed approaches that build secure foundations for learning. At the same time, stretched budgets make it essential to invest in provision that is both high impact and cost effective.

Ensure senior leaders, governors, parents and staff understand that **music is one of the most powerful tools schools have to meet these challenges**. High-quality musical participation strengthens the cognitive processes pupils rely on for reading, writing, maths and social interaction. It supports attention, working memory, self-regulation and language development, directly aligning with whole-school priorities.

High-quality music education builds musical skills, improves learning readiness and behaviour, and boosts confidence, engagement and wellbeing. **Use every opportunity to champion music as an essential part of a strong, inclusive and effective curriculum.**

## Have Your Say surveys

Have Your Say surveys are now **LIVE!** Help shape the future of music education in Hertfordshire.

[www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/HMS-youth-feedback](http://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/HMS-youth-feedback)

[www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/HMS-parent-feedback](http://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/HMS-parent-feedback)

[www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/HMS-school-feedback](http://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/HMS-school-feedback)

## Hertfordshire Music Service requests for 2026/27

Use the [online request form](#) to book new services or change existing provision you have from HMS for next academic year.

Complete your request by **Friday 01 May 2026** for services starting from September 2026.

[New HMS Requests for Services 2026/27](#)

## 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>

## Celebrating our Early Years Lead School

We're proud to share that our Early Years Lead School, Woolenwick Infants and Nursery School in Stevenage, featured on the cover of *Primary Music Magazine – Music Hubs & Services*, Issue 4 (Spring 2026). The article highlights innovative Early Years practice and showcases high-quality, inclusive musical experiences for our youngest learners. A fantastic recognition of leadership and impact.

[Music Hubs & Services Magazine Issue 4 Spring 2026 by Primary Music Magazine - Issuu](#)

## Upcoming Networking and CPD events

Date	Time	Event	Venue	Topic	Booking Link
12 May	4:00 - 5:00 PM	<b>EYFS</b> Music Network	Woolenwick primary School	Creating inclusive & inspiring music environments	<a href="#">Early Years Music Network – Fill in form</a>
14 May	3:45 - 4:45 PM	<b>SEND</b> Music Network	Online	Cross-curricular links with music, concert updates	<a href="#">SEND Music Network – Fill in form</a>
2 Jun	4:00 - 5:00 PM	Mid, South & West <b>Joint</b> Primary & Secondary Music Network	Watford Boys School	Transition	<a href="#">Mid South &amp; West Joint Primary &amp; Secondary Music Network – Fill in form</a>
4 Jun	4:00 - 5:00 PM	East <b>Joint</b> Primary & Secondary Music Network	Richard Hale School	Transition	<a href="#">East Joint Primary &amp; Secondary Music Network – Fill in form</a>
11 Jun	4:00 - 5:00 PM	North <b>Joint</b> Primary & Secondary Music Network	The Priory School	Transition and Local community engagement	<a href="#">North Joint Primary &amp; Secondary Music Network – Fill in form</a>

**Authored by Schools Newsletter Launch**

We're pleased to introduce the new Authored by Schools newsletter; your central hub for sharing news, ideas, and best practice in music education across Hertfordshire.

This first Spring Issue 2026 includes contributions from:

**Haileybury Turnford, St Albans Girls School, The Sele School, The Valley School, Brookland Junior School and Woolenwick Infant and Nursery School.**

Read the full newsletter [here](#).

## Wider Opportunities

**Sensory CPD Trailers - Teacher CPD for Sensory (PMLD) Learners - RBO Schools: Create & Dance - YouTube**

Teacher CPD for Sensory (PMLD) Learners - RBO Schools

**Sing, Dance & Design CPD Trailers -**

RBO Schools - A window into ...Create & Design teacher CPD - YouTube

RBO Schools - A window into ...Create & Dance teacher CPD - YouTube

RBO Schools - A window into ...Create & Sing teacher CPD - YouTube

**Summer Dance For Rights Event - RBO Schools: Dance for Rights — Every Child. Every Move. - YouTube**

## 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.

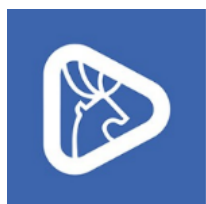
To find out more about Cultural Champions, please use the QR code below or email [cultural.champions@roh.org.uk](mailto:cultural.champions@roh.org.uk)



Here is a short video trailer about the programme - [RBO Cultural Champions Trailer - YouTube](#)

Here is a link to the website where colleagues can sign up to the programme - [Royal Ballet and Opera Schools](#)

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

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