

Welcome to Music at Osbaldwick Primary where *'Music is for Everyone.'*

Parent information booklet



Osbaldwick Primary Academy has the Music Mark Award for its outstanding music provision which includes:

- A music specialist teacher delivering in every class using the 2021 model music curriculum and beyond.
 - Early Years (nursery & reception) weekly music enrichment session led by a community musician.
 - A choir (7 years plus).
 - An Orchestra (7 years plus - for children having one to one or small group lessons).
 - Visiting music teacher lessons on a whole range of instruments.
 - Whole class taster instrument lessons on three instruments (across upper and lower key stage 2).
 - Ongoing performance and concert opportunities in school and the wider community.
 - Access to world class musicians willing to voluntarily perform to the children.
 - A whole music team with a member of middle leadership as coordinator, Music Specialist & Curriculum lead, two other classroom music teachers and four perip staff.
 - Music technology available on each child's personal chrome book.
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Quick Summary of what's available and how to get your child enrolled:

- **Choir** – Tuesdays at 3.15pm till 4.15pm booked termly on Parent Pay at £2 per week. Currently Year 3 to 6. Year 2 able to join in the summer term. **See page 3**
- **Orchestra** – Thursday at 12.30pm till 1.15pm booked half termly on Parent Pay at £1.50 per week. Year 2 onwards and having individual/small group lessons. Not a beginner. **See page 3**
- **Violin/Viola/Ukulele/Classical Guitar** - Miss Hannah Crawford – Thursday hjcrawfordviolin1@gmail.com. Lessons are in school but are paid for by parents/carers. The arrangement is directly with the parent and teacher. **See page 4**
- **Flute, Piano, Recorder and Keyboard Lessons** - Mrs Joanna Gibbons - Tuesday joannagibbons8@talktalk.net. Lessons are in school but are paid for by parents/carers. The arrangement is directly with the parent and teacher. **See page 4 & 5**
- **Cornet, Trumpet, Trombone (all other brass), Clarinet and Saxophone** – Mr Wilton – Thursday - <https://www.musicinschoolsyork.org.uk/>. Click the enrol tab. You can also call 01904 215 071 or email: info@mischoolsyork.org.uk. Lessons are in school but are paid for by parents/carers. The arrangement is directly with the parent and the company 'Music in Schools' (York). **See page 5**

Message from Mrs Marshall, the music curriculum specialist & lead:

"The children at Osbaldwick Primary are a joy to teach, they are fantastic little musicians! It's a highlight of my week as their progress is so wonderful to see! I am happy to meet with any parent after school on Wednesday to talk about music lessons for your child or to discuss their progress, please email me at k.marshall@ebor.academy"

Message from Mr Brown, Headteacher

"Music is a rich entitlement for our children and we have an amazing choir and orchestra – we believe we are trail-blazing in the city when it comes to music and we have great plans to be a beacon of expertise. There are few schools who can say, as we can, that every child gets to learn ukulele, recorder and violin. We have performed in choirs at rugby matches, and at the Barbican – music can inspire children and spark a lifelong passion for them."

Do visit the school website to see the Classroom Music Curriculum in full detail

After school music clubs:

CHOIR - (Years 3 to 6) - Tuesday after school 3.15pm till 4.15pm - Mrs Marshall

Singing in a choir builds confidence, self-esteem, teamwork and is good for mental health. And most importantly it's huge fun. Using the very popular Sing Up resource with professional studio based backing tracks as well as Mrs Marshall (a highly experienced choir leader) accompanying on the piano. A whole range of songs are sung from the latest pop music, music theatre, folk and classical. The choir in the past has sung at the Barbican, at International Rugby events through CHANT, York Minster and at the annual school concert at the local church. This annual concert is especially for choir, orchestra and children having one to one or small group lessons.

If your child is in Years 3 to 6 then please do look at enrolling them into choir. Children in Year 2 can enrol in the summer term too. Booked termly on Parent Pay at £2 per week.

ORCHESTRA - Thursday Lunchtime in school – 12.30pm till 1.15pm – Miss Crawford

Playing in an orchestra is a special thing because you are making music as a team. Osbaldwick Opus Orchestra is in its 8th year, led by Miss Crawford, a highly experienced ensemble leader. The orchestra regularly performs in school, the community and at community events. They have previously performed on stage at York's Barbican. If your child is learning an instrument in a small group or one to one, do send them along. We take all instruments except piano/keyboard or electric guitar. Acoustic guitar and ukulele are welcome. Children mustn't be beginners; we advise having played their instrument for at least a year.

If your child is in Years 3 to 6 (or earlier if they are able enough on their instrument) then please do look at enrolling them into orchestra. Booked half termly on Parent Pay at £1.50 per week.

Instrumental lessons:

Information is provided here directly from each of our visiting music teacher team. ALL lessons are provided in school, but the arrangement is directly between the visiting teacher and the parent.

Violin, Viola, Ukulele, Classical Guitar

Miss Hannah Crawford – Thursday - hjcrawfordviolin1@gmail.com

Lessons will cover a range of genres and styles of playing. We will learn to play as soloists and as part of an ensemble. We learn to read music notation which will enable the children to join orchestras and bands when attaining Grade 1 level of performance. Lessons include the use of backing tracks and a wide range of books to keep learning fun and interactive. Children will be given the opportunity to take ABRSM exams and join extracurricular ensembles at York Music Centre. To gain the most out of your instrumental lessons, the children will be asked to practise at home.

Parent of one of Miss Crawford's students: "My daughter love's lessons with Hannah, she is so enthusiastic, kind and fun, a wonderful music teacher who always brings out the best in her." Mrs M (daughter has had lessons with Hannah for nearly 3 years)

Group Violin & Viola lessons - £4.50

Group Ukulele lessons - £4

Beginner Classical Guitar group - £5

Individual 20 mins - £10 / 30 mins - £15

You will need your own instrument for lessons, here a few options available:

*York Music Centre offers a hire scheme, visit yorkartseducation.org.uk

* I offer a hire service for my pupils (Violin only)

*You can buy beginner instruments from Gear4Music, Caswells and Musicroom. I recommend Stentor Student Violins, please avoid violins that are Gear4Music own brand or violins that come in colours of the rainbow. For ukulele and guitar lessons, you will need a plectrum.

*For specialist Violin or Viola instruments and accessories, please visit Peter Hall in Beverly.

Flute, Piano, Recorder and Keyboard Lessons

Mrs Joanna Gibbons – Tuesday - joannagibbons8@talktalk.net

I am a highly experienced flute and piano teacher working at several schools in the city. I'm passionate about music and children and always aim to make lessons enjoyable. I am very flexible and adaptable in my teaching approach and tailor lessons to suit students' individual needs and musical interests alongside introducing them to new material. I am quick to create innovative and imaginative ideas to assist students. I have a degree in music and, in addition, successfully completed an MA in Instrumental Teaching and gained a distinction. As well as

being a qualified musician and music teacher, I am a qualified primary school teacher. I also teach recorder and keyboard and love playing her flute and piccolo in various orchestras in York. I am happy to enter students for exams if they wish or teach purely for enjoyment if this is their preference.

Please email: joannagibbons8@talktalk.net for more information.

Individual 20-minute lesson £10

Individual 15-minute lesson £7.50

Lesson in a pair for 20 minutes £5 each (subject to availability)

Lesson in a pair for 30 minutes £7.50 each (subject to availability)

Instruments: To hire an instrument, visit yorkartseducation.org.uk or the Arts Council offers an interest free credit scheme called 'Take it Away' so you can spread the cost. This is available at several stores including Just Flutes (www.justflutes.com) and Banks Music Room (York). Nuvo produce a range of plastic flutes from £27 - £159. Please do get in touch with me for additional advice.

Cornet, Trumpet, Trombone (all other brass), Clarinet and Saxophone

Mr Wilton – Thursday - <https://www.musicinschoolsyork.org.uk/> Click the enrol tab. You can also call 01904 215 071 or email:info@misYork.org.uk.

Teaching the full range of brass instruments plus Clarinet and Saxophone, I have been working at Osbaldwick now for over 20 years. My teaching is totally child focussed and aims to be engaging, creative and lots of fun. I have had considerable success with children taking music exams and lead the local band, Shepherds. Several children at Osbaldwick have joined Shepherds and have enjoyed a large community outside school where local performance opportunities are available plus an international tour. Previous ones include performing at Disney Land. I work for Music in Schools (York) here is some information from them. You need to book lessons with me directly through them.

Music in Schools (York) provides instrumental tuition in the City of York & throughout North Yorkshire. There are many benefits and advantages in learning a musical instrument, including heightened intelligence, achievement, and friendship. Taking up an instrument is a challenge, but one that is very rewarding. Our teaching scheme is specifically designed for primary school children (KS2), who learn in small groups at their school. Lessons are in school but are paid for by parents/carers. The arrangement is directly with the parent and the company 'Music in Schools' (York).

Prices are £75.00 per term when you enrol online using our e-invoice system (e-mail above).

Music in Schools (York) will invoice you on a termly basis for 10 lessons. Please note that you will be required to pay for your first terms lessons upon enrolment. You will also need to purchase the relevant Tutor book(s) for your instrument, details of which can be found at www.misyork.org.uk.

Instrument rental/ purchase: This can be done via the Music for Schools website. The cost is £15 per month for Cornet, trumpet, mini clarinet and clarinet (total cost to buy £300). A Saxophone is £25 per month (total cost to buy £396). **The first 8 months rental also goes towards the cost of purchasing the instrument.** You also get a £5 a month discount on lessons if you enrol on this scheme. Do check out the Music in Schools (York) website above for fuller details.

Other options for rental or purchase:

You can rent an instrument short term through York Music Centre offers a hire scheme at visit yorkartseducation.org.uk. Prices cost from £3. A **plastic trumpet (pCornet)** can be purchased at around £79. These are a good starter instruments and can be resold easily.

And finally

A word on instruments and practice:

To progress children do need to have an instrument to practice on at home. If possible, it's best to practice at least four times a week for 10 minutes. It's helpful if this is a good enough quality of instrument for your child to make progress. A poor instrument can make progress trickier; the instrument can be more difficult to play, not stay in tune, or reduce the pleasure your child has in playing it.

Practice – it's a good motto to try to be your child's greatest fan and let your child's teacher be the one to give the instruction. Don't worry if your child isn't regularly practicing, children can still make some progress from their lessons in school. Talk to your child's teacher and they can help you come up with a plan on how best to encourage your child to regularly practice. Little things like having a good space (not a cold room or with the television on) also help. Reward schemes like sticker charts also work well.

If you want to buy an instrument

Firstly, speak to your child's potential teacher for advice on what to purchase. They will be able to advise on the best instrument at the best price. Instruments can be purchased second hand as well as brand new. Many instruments can also be resold easily. Be careful about buying on eBay. Unless a reputable seller this can be a risky thing to do.

Again, Banks Music York are part of the Arts Councils 'Take it Away' scheme where instruments can be purchased on an interest free credit arrangement subject to the appropriate checks.

Hire to try the instrument before you buy

If you want to hire, then already mentioned in this document contact yorkartseducation.org.uk. Prices for keyboard, violin, trumpet and guitar is just £3 per month. This is a good way to see if your child enjoys the instrument before you invest in one.