



Welcome to term two's 'Music Matters' newsletter, and the final one for 2025.

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Mixed Ensemble groups:



This term, we have been trialing two mixed ensemble groups: an 'advanced' and an 'inclusive' group. Both groups are led by Shaun Stewart (piano teacher from Kent Music). The aim of the 'advanced' group is to build a school orchestra, giving pupils that have been having instrumental lessons (for at least a year), such as: piano, guitar, drums, trumpet, flute, saxophone, cello, etc. the chance to work collaboratively towards an orchestral performance.

There is also an 'inclusive' ensemble, which provides pupils with opportunities to experience a variety of musical experiences, in a small group.

Both of these ensemble groups are held on Wednesday afternoons between 2-3pm. There is no cost involved.

If your child(ren) are interested in joining either of these groups, please contact Miss Feast via: music@brunswick-house.kent.sch.uk

MUSICAL THEATRE

Consider Yourself at Home! Consider Yourself One of the Family!

Brunswick's Musical Theatre club presents:



on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd January 2026 at 5.45pm

The streets of Victorian England will come to life when our Musical Theatre club presents the musical *Oliver! JR.* Based on the novel 'Oliver Twist' by Charles Dickens and adapted from the full-length musical by Lionel Bart who wrote the book, music and lyrics, the show follows a trusting young orphan named Oliver Twist who dreams of finding where he truly belongs.

"Please, sir, I want some more." Through these famous words asking for a bit more gruel, a malnourished orphan named Oliver Twist is cast out of the grim 19th century workhouse where he lives. The young boy eventually falls in with a friendly gang of pickpockets and their leader, Fagin. Oliver quickly discovers he is not fit for a life of crime, and discovers the life he was meant to live all along.

Brunswick House's Musical Theatre club presents *Oliver! JR.* on **Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd January 2026 at 5.45pm**. Tickets will be on general sale, via Parentmail on 8th January, priced: £5 adults, £3 children. For further details, please contact Miss Feast via: music@brunswick-house.kent.sch.uk

MUSIC LESSONS (Individual or small group)



Violin Teacher



In January, a Violin teacher (from Kent Music) will be available to teach on Tuesday afternoons.

The **violin**, is a stringed instrument which produces its sound through plucking the strings, but mainly by using a bow. A bow has a blade made of horse hair that rubs against the instrument's strings, setting off sound vibrations.

For details about how to register for violin lessons, or any of the instrumental lessons we currently have on offer (see list below), including lesson prices, possible subsidies and funding, please get in touch with Miss Feast via: music@brunswick-house.kent.sch.uk

DAY	INSTRUMENTS TAUGHT
Monday (pm)	Saxophone, Flute, Clarinet
Tuesday (am)	Piano & Cello
Tuesday (pm)	Violin
Wednesday (pm)	Piano
Thursday	Guitar (Acoustic) Bass Guitar

Alternatively, you can register their interest directly via **Kent Music**: <https://www.kent-music.com/music-lessons/>

Kent Music also offer some means-tested financial assistance for lessons and instrument hire, for up to 75% off per year.

For more information, please visit: www.kent-music.com

"Music is for everyone - everyone's a musician!"

MUSIC CLUBS AT BRUNSWICK

Please contact the school office to find out about opportunities to join the following clubs.

Choir Club

(led by Miss Ellis & Miss Hill)
Tuesdays 3.20 - 4.30pm

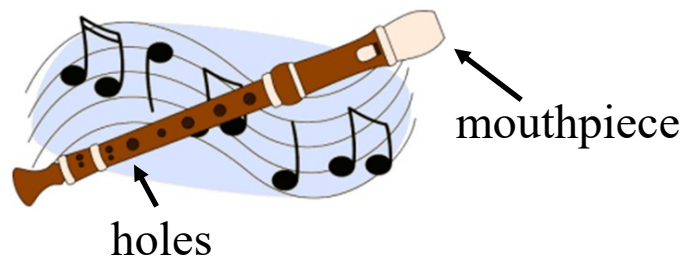
Singing Club

(led by Mrs Whitehead)
Wednesdays 3.20 - 4.20pm

Both the 'Choir Club' and the 'Singing Club' are led by enthusiastic staff that hope to give the children opportunities to sing as a group a variety of musical genres, including: pop, rock and jazz. Opportunities to perform are available for the children to sing at music assemblies, School Fairs, and other musical performances.

Recorder Club

(led by Mrs Hartley)
Fridays 3.20 - 4.20pm



A **recorder** is a Woodwind instrument. Sound is produced by blowing down a mouthpiece, where a small plug vibrates and makes a sound. Covering the holes in the recorder changes the **pitch** of the sound, which can produce lots of lovely tunes and songs.

MUSIC MATTERS NEWSLETTERS:

The next *Music Matters* newsletter will be published after the *Oliver!* production in January. If you have any music related articles that you would like included, please email them to Miss Feast by **Friday 16th January**, via: music@brunswick-house.kent.sch.uk



In the meantime, wishing you all a lovely Festive Season, and a Musical and a Theatrical New Year!