

Music

Clubs and Ensembles

Begin your life with **music** and it will
reflect on your future like **golden sunshine**
Zoltán Kodály



Years 1 to 6
Autumn 2024

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Applying for Music Clubs and Ensembles

The opportunity to apply for clubs will be sent to parents by email at 6pm on Friday 8 September and this booklet will be given out to all girls in class in their first week of term.

Your interest in clubs can also be registered at any further time using the Firefly clubs consent form which is available throughout the year:

<https://notredame.fireflycloud.net/information-1/consent-forms/prep-clubs-and-activities---20242025/music-clubs-and-ensembles-application-form-2024-2025>

Clubs Terms and Conditions

Free School-Led Clubs

These groups are available free of charge. Girls may sign up for these groups at the start of the year and at the start of each term. Once girls have signed up, with parental permission, a letter from the parent is required to give notice. Girls learning instruments in school are expected to attend the group appropriate for their instrument.

Visiting Music Staff-Led Groups (fees may apply)

The contract to provide these clubs will be between yourselves and the club tutor concerned, who will also advise you of any cost. The notice period for the club, number of sessions per term and performance events will be determined by the club tutor. Payment of any fees for these clubs should be made directly to the club tutor.

Open to: Year 2
Club Director: Mrs Bryant
Time: Monday at 2:10pm
Place: Junior Hall

Infant Choir sings a varied and enjoyable repertoire and performs in the Summer Concert and the Infant Ensembles Soirée. Infant choir is also a great preparation for singing for anyone who would like to take up individual singing lessons in Year 4.

Infant Choir

Beginner Ensembles - Free Clubs



Autumn and Spring

Fledgling Strings

Open to:
Year 3 and 4
string players
Club Director:
Mrs Shaw
Time: Wednesday at 2:10
Place: Music Room

Fledgling Strings meets to rehearse enjoyable pieces and practise ensemble skills, and performs in the Carol Service and Spring Concert.

Bordeaux Choir

Autumn and Spring

Open to: Years 3 and 4
Club Director: Mrs Shaw and Mr Whiting
Time: Tuesday at 2:10
Place: Music Room

Bordeaux Choir sings an exciting and wide variety of songs in unison and in parts. The choir performs in the Christmas Carol Service and Spring Concert as well as at Feast Day Masses.



Intermediate and Advanced — Free Clubs

Open to: Years 5 and 6
Club Director: Mrs Shaw and Mr Whiting
Time: Wednesday 4pm to 5pm
Place: Music Room

Lestonnac Choir sings a varied repertoire of songs incorporating more advanced part singing. The choir performs in the Christmas Carol Service and the Spring Concert as well as at Feast Day Masses. The choir has been on tours and has sung with the Swingle Singers and in St John Smith's Square and for the opening of the Christian Resources Exhibition.

Lestonnac Choir

After
School!

Autumn and Spring

Concert Band

Autumn and Spring

Open to: Years 3 to 6
woodwind, brass and electric guitar players

Club Director: Mrs Shaw

Time: Monday at 2:10

Place: Music Room

Concert Band plays a variety of music from the jazz, classical, musical and movie repertoires. It is a great place to practise your ensemble skills.

The band performs in the Christmas Carol Service and Spring Concert.



Flying Strings

Autumn and Spring

Open to: Years 5 to 6
string and guitar players

Club Director:

Mrs Shaw

and Mr Whiting

Time: Thursday
at 2:10

Place: Music Room

Flying Strings is an enjoyable opportunity to fine-tune your string playing skills in a group and learn to play in a proper orchestra. The group plays in the Carol Service and the Spring Concert.



Year 6 Chamber Music - Free Clubs



Chamber Groups

Summer Only

Open to: Year 6 singers and instrumentalists

AUDITION ONLY

Club Director: Mrs Shaw

Time: TBA

Place: TBA

Year 6 Chamber places are awarded to auditioned advanced singers and players who will be given extra chamber music coaching for a performance in the Ceremony of Achievement. A chamber music place is a prestigious award for committed singers and instrumentalists who wish to hone their skills.

Open to: Year 6 singers **AUDITION ONLY**

Club Director: Mrs Shaw

Time: Wednesdays at 4pm

Place: Music Room

Chamber Choir

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Summer Only





Visiting Music Staff Clubs - Fees May Apply

Open to: Years 3 to 6
Club Director: Mrs Finnigan
Times: Tuesday at 2:10pm
Place: Meet by the Junior Stairs

Beginner Keyboard Club



Beginner Keyboard Club is for girls to try out keyboard skills in an informal group environment, to see whether they take to the instrument, with a view to starting individual piano lessons in due course if they find that they enjoy it and wish to study it further. This course is for complete beginners not already learning with a teacher.

After School!

Piano Master-class Club



Open to: girls who are already learning the piano

Postponed! Please look out for SchoolPost news later in the term.

Piano Masterclass is an opportunity for girls already learning the piano to play to each other in an informal performance environment, learn more about piano composers and play alongside girls of different abilities, receiving feedback from each other and from a Conservatoire trained specialist.

Visiting Music Staff Clubs — Fees May Apply

Open to: Years 1 to 6

Club Director: Mr Flaherty

Times: Juniors Monday

10:30am, and Infants Thursday 10:30am,

Place: Music Room

Come along and try out this enjoyable and inexpensive instrument. Learn to play songs right from the first session as you quickly pick up the chords.

Ukulele Clubs



Guitar Ensemble



Open to: invited pupils of

Mr Mitchell in Years 3-9

Club Tutor: Mr Mitchell

Time: Tuesday at 8:20am

Place: Music Room

Guitar Ensemble provides Notre Dame's guitarists an opportunity to enjoy playing with other musicians, in addition to giving them a fun and lively platform to further develop their musicianship skills



Infant Violin Club



Open to: Years 1 and 2
Club Tutor: Mrs Keeley
Time: Wednesdays at 3:50pm
Place: Finzi Room

Infant violin club provides a beginner's introduction to the violin, allowing pupils to learn the basics of Violin technique and begin to work towards taking up individual lessons in Year 2 or 3.

Beginner Flute Club



Open to: Years 3 to 6
Club Tutor: Mrs Jones
Time: Tuesdays at 2:10pm
Place: Elgar Room

Beginner Flute club provides a beginner's introduction to the flute, allowing pupils to learn the basics of flute technique and begin to work towards taking up individual lessons.

Open to: Years 1 and 2
Club Director: Mrs Shaw
Time: Thursday 3:50pm
Place: Prep Music Room

Recorder club provides a beginner's introduction to woodwind instruments, allowing pupils to graduate to instruments such as the flute, clarinet, oboe or saxophone. Girls can also choose to study the recorder as an instrument in its own right, going on to take individual lessons and ABRSM grades.

Infant Recorder Club



Visiting Music Staff Clubs — Fees May Apply

Open to: Years 1 and 2

Club Tutor: Miss Kwon

Time: Every other Friday at 2:10pm

Place: Finzi Room

Infant Cello club provides a beginner's introduction to the cello, allowing pupils to learn the basics of cello technique and begin to work towards taking up individual lessons in Year 2 or 3. Cellos can be sized according to the size of the child.

Infant Cello Club



Before
School!

Music Theory Clubs



Open to: Years 3-6

Club Tutor: Mrs Keeley

Time: Tuesday 2:10pm

Thursday 8:20am

Place: Elgar Teaching Room

At Music Theory Club pupils will learn music theory and work towards Associated Board Theory grades.

Music Theory is about how to write music down and a pass at Grade 5

Music Theory is required if your daughter is to take ABRSM practical grades 6-8. Music Theory supports all musical learning and is ideal to learn alongside instrumental lessons.



Percussion Clubs

Samba Band



Open to: Years 5 and 6
Club Tutor: Mr Sweeney
Time: Wednesday 2:10pm
Place: Summer House

Enjoy various styles of percussion playing together and try out new instruments. Girls will engage in different rhythm ensemble activities. All clubs for percussionists are free to Mr Sweeney's own pupils.

In Samba Band girls will learn Brazilian rhythms using traditional samba percussion instruments. In Djembe Club girls will learn specifics of African Drumming. Both of these clubs have limited places.

Open to: Years 3 and 4
Club Tutor: Mr Sweeney
Time: Wednesday 10:30am
Place: Music Room

Djembe Club





Starter Clubs

Would you like your child to try out an instrument?

Starter clubs are available for a number of different instruments, and are run, if demand is sufficient, on an ad hoc basis during the year. They are designed for *complete beginners* with no experience whatsoever on the instrument.

Most starter clubs will be advertised via a demonstration lesson in class to the appropriate age group and your daughter will bring a letter home inviting you to sign up for the club.

Starter clubs are sometimes free, or will be offered at a cut price, in order to allow your child to try the instrument with little obligation. They will run for a limited period, perhaps half a term or a term, to allow your child to discover whether the instrument is for them.

At the end of the club's duration there is no obligation, but you will be contacted to find out if you would like your child to start private lessons on the instrument.

Music Clubs Application Form Online

Applications open Friday 8 September at 6pm

To apply for Music clubs and ensembles, or to register your interest in a starter club, fill in the Firefly consent form which can be accessed by going to:

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If you need help to access Firefly, please contact the school office.

You will need to agree to your contact details being passed to the appropriate club tutor.

This form will remain open all year. The Music clubs consent form responses are downloaded twice a week and passed on to the relevant club tutor.