



Stentor Violins

The school is delighted to be able to offer families the chance to buy new Stentor violins at a competitive price using Parent Pay. Parents are also asked to make sure children bring their recorder and violin in labelled cases on their designated Music Workshop day and to ensure that children practise their musical instruments at home for 10 minutes several times each week.

Information

Questions about Music at LHPA should normally be addressed to Mr Halsey, who is our Head of Music at the school. He will be very happy to discuss your children's musical progress and put parents in touch with visiting music teachers or whoever is best placed to help. Mr Halsey attends some of the parents' evenings and would be happy to talk to you then.



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Music for All

Music is not only great fun; it's also great for children's learning and development. From Year One we provide all children with lots of opportunities to sing and play musical instruments and to perform.

Learning and Development

All the experts agree, music is not only great fun, it is also excellent for children's learning and development. Langley Hall Primary Academy gives all children lots of opportunities to sing and play musical instruments and to perform, individually and in groups, in assemblies, concerts and shows. Performance opportunities include productions for Reception, Lower School and Upper School and our Christmas assembly in Langley church. In the spring and summer terms we hold Lower and Upper School concerts. For Upper School 2 of their performances are in the evening and all children are expected to attend. The children also organise their very own talent show.



When it comes to moving on to secondary schools, aptitude and skill at music can sometimes help children gain a place at their preferred school. Once at secondary school, taking a place in a choir, band or orchestra can help children make friends and feel fully involved right from the start.



Music Workshop

At Langley Hall Primary Academy all children learn music through Music Workshop sessions. As part of Music Workshop all children learn to play the recorder from the start of Year 1, plus violin from the summer term. Both instruments continuing for all until the end of Year 3. From Year 4, opportunities to expand include learning to play the cello, flute, clarinet, cornet, keyboards and drums in addition to, or instead of, the violin and recorder.



All children sing regularly and learn to listen to and appreciate music during assemblies. Lower School children all do half an hour's singing as part of Music Workshop. Approximately half of Upper School children are selected to sing in choirs which rehearse for an additional half an hour per week. Additional singing clubs, plus clubs for African drums, percussion, violin and recorder operate after school.



Lessons

An increasing number of children take individual or small group lessons with visiting teachers, learning piano, violin, guitar, singing, flute, clarinet, saxophone and drums. Additional instruments are available on request. Financial support is available to help cover the costs of these extra lessons for children entitled to Pupil Premium.

We also have a limited-term offer to reimburse families for the cost of a first year's hire fee for woodwind instruments.

In order to maximise the benefits children receive from learning music at our school, parents are asked to provide children with a descant recorder and a violin which is the correct size for your child; the violin teachers at the school will advise you on the appropriate size of violin.