



KIRBY MUXLOE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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KMPS Band 2026-2027: Years 3 - 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are excited to inform you about an opportunity for children in **Years 3 - 6** to join our school band for this academic year.

Our school band this year will be led by Sophie Gray, a highly experienced music teacher from the Leicestershire Music Service. I will also be providing support whenever possible.

To join our school band, children need to be able to play a musical instrument and to be able to read and play at least **five notes** on their instrument. Children who play drums need to be currently undertaking drum lessons.

Band sessions will take place **after school on Thursdays from 3.10 - 3.45p.m**

Children will need to bring their own instrument to band, with the exception of those who play **piano/keyboard or drums**.

Children who play piano/keyboard may sometimes be asked to play the glockenspiel if we do not have enough keyboards available. Where this is necessary, children will alternate between the instruments to ensure this is fair.

At this stage, we are inviting all children who meet the criteria and are interested in joining. To express your child's interest (and also give permission to be included), **please complete the Google Form by Wednesday 9th September**. <https://forms.gle/fMSAcRkDTQXWVZ1W7>

The children who express an interest will then meet as a group with **Ms Gray next Thursday afternoon during school time**. This will give her an opportunity to find out which instruments the children play and have a quick chat with them.

We will try our best to accommodate all children who would like to join. However, if we do not have enough instruments available, we may need to prioritise children who were members of the band last year, as well as older pupils.

At KMPS, we are proud to have a strong musical ethos and to be one of the few primary schools with our own band / orchestra. Playing in an ensemble is a fantastic opportunity for children as it develops their musical and performance skills, encourages team work and builds a great sense of achievement. Although playing in an ensemble can be quite challenging at first, we provide lots of support and encouragement and children quickly settle into the experience and gain confidence.

Following the initial meeting with Ms Gray, we will intend to start the after-school sessions within the following few weeks. If your child meets the criteria and is interested in joining, please complete the Google form by **Wednesday 9th September**. We will then confirm the date of the first after-school session following the initial meeting.

Kind regards,

Mrs Newbury



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