

Hello,
We're utterly delighted to announce our involvement in World Music Day this year; you can find the details below
The closing date for our annual Singing Festival has now closed, but we are excited to welcome Rock Choir *Rock Stars* into our midst to run this years event - it promises to be a fabulous week of rehearsed school performances and workshops of contemporary music
The remainder of the bulletin is given over to info that I think you might find both useful and interesting
With best wishes

National Music Day June 21st

To celebrate this years World Music day, we are going to create a 'lockdown' style video of as many school groups, music centre ensembles and community groups as possible playing Bob Marley's *3 Little Birds*.
Backing tracks and music for a whole range of instruments and abilities are available on our website, and we hope you feel inspired to get involved. (If you are using Charangas version of the song, that's fine, just remember to only record your pupils and not the backing track!)

All recordings need to be in by end of May so there is time to create the final video presentation, which will be shared to all in time for June 21st
[Recordings and parts are here.](#)

Please get in touch if you are unsure about anything.

We're looking forward to receiving your recordings

Rock Choir 'Rock Stars' partnership

This years *Summer Singing Festival* (including the Primary Singing Festival) is a whole new ball-game. In partnership with Rock Choir *Rock Stars* (junior wing) this years singing festival is being led by leading vocal coach and expert Sonia Eyre, who will be listening to schools performing and offering feedback to students and teachers alike. Sonia will also be taking the workshop element of the day.

We are very excited about this new partnership and would love your students to be involved.

See [here](#) for more and to book

Labour Party Music Education pledge

Keir Starmer and Shadow Education Secretary Bridget Phillipson have been setting out how Labour will improve access to creative subjects to ensure that all children have the chance to benefit from subjects like music.

[Labour Party Music Education Pledge](#)

The National Academy

Oak National Academy is an organisation providing an online classroom and resource hub in the UK. It provides teachers with free lessons and resources for pupils aged from 4 to 16, from reception to year 11. Oak also includes a specialist curriculum for supporting pupils who normally attend specialist settings.

[Oak National Academy](#)

Breaking the Singing Barrier

Discover the barriers to singing that exist for children, young people and adults of all cultures and backgrounds. Explore solutions and learn tools to create a safe space for singing.

Breaking the Singing Barrier is a free digital resource for music teachers working in early years settings, primary and secondary schools. The resource is brought to you by the ISM Trust in partnership with Voices Foundation, and supported by the Schools Music Association (SMA).

[Breaking the singing barrier - ISM Trust](#)

Music Licensing in Education Q&A

[20th June \(4pm - 5pm\)](#)

With a focus on schools, this Q&A session will give you the chance to put questions to leading Music Licensing organisations Printed Music Licensing Ltd (PMLL), PRS for Music and Christian Copyright Licensing International (CCLI), and help you navigate the world of Music Licensing for your school or organisation.

[Sign up now.](#)

Have you visited the relaunched #CanDoMusic website yet?

#CanDoMusic is full of amazing resources and blogs to enhance your classroom teaching! Don't forget to explore #CanDoMusic's [Resources](#) page, where you'll find plenty of videos, toolkits, and more for all levels of teaching!

[Visit the site here](#)

I Can Compose

I Can Compose provides award-winning online composing courses for secondary teachers and students. Every course includes a model composition, exemplar listening and video content to get everyone composing with confidence! Educational licences available through the Classroom Access Plan and teacher resources provided through the Teacher Access Plan

[Visit the site](#)

AI in music

If you're concerned at the rapid rise of AI (Artificial Intelligence) and it's potential impact on music (and in music education), then head over to UK Music for lots of articles on the subject

[UKMusic.org](#)

What did the 2024 Spring Budget mean for the arts

The Chancellor announced welcome new tax measures and investments from central government – but local arts funding remains in crisis, and implied cuts to public spending could be disastrous.

[Campaign for the Arts](#)

Sources for some of this terms Newsletter include:

[Music Mark](#)

[Campaign for the Arts](#)

[Music Teacher](#)

[Walsall Music Education Hub](#)

[Classical Music](#)

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Dates for your diaries

- Monday 22nd April: 7.30pm Jazz Combo & Jazz @ 6 Big Band Concert at St Anne's Church, Burntwood
- Tuesday 23rd April: 8-9pm Senior Wind Band Spring Concert at Walsall Arena & Arts Centre
- Tuesday 23rd April: Music Companions Meetings
- Saturday 29th June: Bandstand Bonanza, Walsall Arboretum