

Performing Arts Newsletter

Autumn 1 2026

Welcome back! I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer break. We are delighted to begin a new school year and look forward to another exciting term of music-making at Lauriston. As part of Lauriston's continued commitment to the performing arts, we are proud to offer a wide range of opportunities for pupils to sing, perform, and develop their musical skills. Taking part in music helps children build confidence, creativity, teamwork, and a sense of achievement. This year, we will continue our established programme while also introducing some exciting new initiatives. We look forward to another successful year of performances and musical experiences for all our pupils

Owain Jones
Performing Arts Lead.

Curriculum, Autumn 1

Reception: Faces and Feelings

Children explore emotions through voice, facial expressions and instruments, enjoying creative music-making while inventing their own verses and expressive sounds.

Year 1: The Castle

Children explore the world of storybook castles through song, using voices and instruments to create characters, respond to music and develop listening skills.

Year 2: Tony Chestnut

Children will enjoy a lively action song, using voices, actions and instruments to explore rhythm, wordplay, listening skills and musical creativity.

Year 3: I've Been to Harlem

Children journey around the world through song, using singing, rhythm games and instruments to explore different musical traditions and create their own patterns.

Year 4: This Little Light of Mine

Children explore a joyful Gospel song through singing, improvisation and instrumental playing, developing confidence, creativity and teamwork while creating their own musical arrangements.

Year 5: Drunken Sailor

Children explore maritime history and traditional sea shanties through energetic singing, rhythm challenges and creative music-making, while developing listening, coordination and ensemble skills.

Year 6: Hey, Mr Miller

Children discover the vibrant world of jazz and swing through singing, improvisation and rhythm activities, developing creativity, confidence and polished performance skills.

Music & Performance



Lauriston Choir

We would like to encourage any children who are interested in singing to join Lauriston Choir this year. Everyone is welcome, and no previous experience is required. All that is needed is enthusiasm for singing! New members, as well as children who have sung in the choir before, are warmly invited to take part.

Singing in a choir helps children develop confidence and teamwork skills, while also providing the joy of making music together and performing for others.

KS1 Choir (Years 1-3) will focus on singing games, developing vocal skills, and learning simple, enjoyable repertoire.

KS2 Choir (Years 4-6) will work on a wider range of music and prepare for performances throughout the year.

Children who would like to join should let Mr Jones know by Wednesday 24th September. Parents are also welcome to email the school office to register their child's interest. Rehearsals will take place on Thursday afternoons. We look forward to another fantastic year of singing together!

Meet the Musician: The BBC Singers

Back in June, members of our Choir and Band were lucky enough to take part in a Meet the Musician workshop with all 18 members of the BBC Singers. The BBC Singers are the BBC's professional chamber choir and are recognised as one of the world's leading vocal ensembles.

The children were inspired to hear such an outstanding choir perform and to learn about the life and career of a professional classical singer. They also enjoyed singing alongside the BBC Singers, working on music by Hildegard of Bingen, a 12th-century composer whose music is among the earliest surviving works written by a named composer.

An unforgettable experience that left everyone singing with even greater enthusiasm and ambition!

Performance Opportunities

Following the success of last summer term's Singing Assemblies, we are delighted to continue celebrating children's musical achievements this year. Each week, a different class from Years 2 to 6 will perform a song they have prepared with their class teacher. We are looking forward to hearing the wide variety of music and seeing the confidence and enthusiasm our children bring to these performances.

We are also introducing In the Spotlight, a new sharing assembly in which a small group from each class will have the opportunity to perform for the school. This initiative will celebrate the many different areas of the performing arts and give children a chance to showcase their talents throughout the year.

Each half term will have a different focus:

- Autumn 1: Spoken Word / Rap
- Autumn 2: Dance
- Spring 1: Instruments
- Spring 2: Drama
- Summer 1: Singing
- Summer 2: Storytelling

Further information about each half term's focus will be shared with children by their class teachers. We can't wait to see the creativity, skill and imagination on display as our young performers take centre stage!

