

Music Hub Update for Dorset schools- October 2024



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Welcome

There has been a huge amount of activity going on behind the scenes for the last 18 months, but the national re-organisation of music hubs is now just about complete. As we shared previously, Dorset Council is working with colleagues in Somerset Council, with the Octagon Theatre as the Hub Lead Organisation in a consortium partnership to develop this next stage of music hub evolution across the new geography.

From the start of October, I have officially taken on the role of Octagon Hub Manager as the two existing 'hub support systems' – including the Dorset Music Service and Somerset Music teams, alongside other colleagues – start to establish some new ways of working. We'll keep you updated on what you need to know as things evolve.

But for now:

- The annual data collection is important and we are grateful for your help in capturing as full a picture of activity as we can. The DMS team will be following up with schools to support school teams to complete it.
- Please give your suggestions for how we should invest the DfE's capital investment in instruments and musical learning resources.
- The second half of this term will see opportunities to have input into the development of the Local Plan for Music Education for the new hub – with groups focusing on the following areas of practice/activity:

School based musical learning & curriculum

Instrumental Learning & groups

Holistic musical practice

Youth led, informal learning & music technology

Early Years Music

Creative Education Network

There will also be a call out for representatives to support the governance of the new hub through the Octagon Music Hub's Board - so there are many ways to get involved and help shape the work the hub does. Please get involved if you feel able to.

Phew, that's enough for now. Very best wishes to you all – and thanks for all you do to support our children and young people to keep making music!

Clair McColl

Strategic Lead for Dorset Music Service & Octagon Hub Manager

Music Hub Data Survey - deadline approaching

Please remember that your school should complete the Music Hub Data Survey which Dorset Music Service is collecting on behalf of Arts Council England/DfE before the deadline of Monday 28th October 2024.

We are using a new platform through which to collect this information, by working with Hub partners Melded. We have already sent emails to your schools with details of how to log in to Dorset's Melded system. We're using this system as a more 'user-friendly' way to capture and collect this data – and we've set up further guidance on the music hub website: [Schools Data Return Guidance - Dorset Music Hub](#) for your reference.

If you haven't accessed Melded yet, the following link will take you to a log-in page where you can create/reset your password:

https://dorset.melled.io/login/organisation_locations/reset. To do this, you will need to enter the email address that we used to set up the accounts - in most cases this was the school's office or admin email address for your school. The initial log-in will only work for that email address. Please contact the DMS team on 01305 225770 or email dorsetmusicservice@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk if you have any difficulties.

We plan to use the Melded system more going forward to help support schools to enable more music-making across your setting and community, and using it to collect this data is the first step.

We ask for your support to help us capture the full picture of music-making in schools across Dorset.

Hub Membership 2024/25 - closing date for requests coming up soon

Thank you to all those schools who have taken out our Hub Membership for 2024/25!

For those that haven't, it's still possible to access our membership for this academic year as we have some limited availability left for some of our membership options - but don't delay as the [closing date for membership requests is Friday 25th October!](#)

Our 24/25 membership includes a range of music CPD and support targeted towards your school's specific needs as well as...

- Charanga Musical School subscription
- Locality Network Music Meetings
- Support with tuition subsidies through match funding for targeted cohorts of musical learners.
- Free access to Music Hub events
- Access to our *#DorsetMakingMusic* network to support tuition provision, connect with tutors and share music-making opportunities.
- ***Hub Members can also take up our 60%-subsidised Sing Up subscription offer!***

For more details, visit our website: [Music Hub School Membership](#)

Request membership here: [Music Hub Membership Request Form](#)

Tell us your school's instrument and resource needs!

With the new era of music hubs beginning, you may have heard that £25 million of capital funding is being invested nationally by DfE to enable us to purchase resources to support music making across the new hub geographies.

As key partners in delivering high-quality and relevant opportunities for all our children and young people to make music, we would really value your input to inform the decisions on how this investment is used. The intention is to invest in resources that will enable more young people to make music across a range of settings and contexts.

In order to manage expectations, and be crystal clear, any new equipment, instruments or software etc. will be owned/managed by the new combined Dorset & Somerset Hub, but will be loaned or hired for schools and partners to use for fixed periods of time. We also recognise what an opportunity this is to boost support for our young people's music-making – and that there is finite storage space at our HQ - so we will be interested in discussing long term loans and working with partners and venues to ensure all musical resources in the county are put to good use!

The key goals for funding include:

- Increase the range, relevance and accessibility of musical instruments, equipment and technology available to children and young people
- Ensure that the provision of instruments, equipment and technology is more equitable, specifically improving the supply of instruments, equipment and technology for those with SEND
- Maximise the impact of the investment through partnerships and connections with the broader music education infrastructure.

Musical resources may include, but are not limited to: musical instruments; digital technology (e.g. studio kits, DJ decks, turntables, software); accessible and adapted instruments such as...

- [The Clarion - accessible, digital musical instrument](#)
- [Cosmo Switch - Inclusive Technology Arcana Instruments](#)
- [Orba 2 by Artiphon | Portable, Handheld, Multi-Instrument](#)
- [ODD Ball – ODD. \(oddballism.com\)](#)
- [Soundbeam 6 — Soundbeam](#)

So, we have three simple questions for you;

- What do you *need* to enable all children and young people to access your provision fully?
- Which musical resources would you *like* to have access to?
- What would be your *top 3* requests for resources?

To submit an answer to these questions, please follow this link and we can then see what the overall needs are for Dorset and plan the grant accordingly:

<https://forms.office.com/e/5mvcUTsRtb>

We want young people's suggestions too! Please ask your students for their top 3 music resource requests either as a class activity (with a shared response) or as individual replies by accessing this form via <https://forms.office.com/e/r4XGbrCBKJ> or via *this QR code...*



The deadline for responses is 31/10/24. Your input is really valued so we'd be very grateful if you and your students could take some time to have your voice heard to inform these decisions.

The Dorset Youth Jazz Orchestra needs your help!

Please share this information with your visiting instrumental teachers and any of your students who might be interested...

A number of our Dorset Youth Jazz Orchestra (DYJO) members left at the end of last academic year to pursue their studies at universities and conservatoires across the country so the group is now looking for new members.

DYJO is open to all young musicians in full time education under the age of 21 of *approximately* Grade 4 standard and above.

The band's rhythm section is urgently in need of:

- **pianists**
- **electric guitarists**
- **bass guitarists/double-bassists.**

The band's brass section is in need of **trombonists**.

We would also be delighted to hear from any young saxophonists who would like to come along to play **tenor or baritone saxophone**. *It's no problem if they don't have a tenor or baritone of their own, DYJO has instruments they can use for free!*

We offer a **free taster session** for students before joining so that they can see if they like it – and also so that we can ensure that they are of a sufficient ability to get the most out of membership. A free taster session can be booked for any of our regular monthly rehearsals (the next rehearsal is on Sunday 10th November between 10:00am and 1:00pm). Rehearsals take place at [Charlton Marshall Village Hall](#) near Blandford Forum. To book a taster session, please contact the Dorset Music Service office: dorsetmusicservice@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk or 01305 225770.

More information about DYJO and the application form for parents can be found at: [Dorset Youth music groups - Dorset Council](#).

We would be very grateful if you could pass on this information to your visiting instrumental teachers and to the families of any of your pupils who you think would benefit from being part of this successful county-level group.

Music Subject Leader changes for 24/25

Please remember to tell us if your school's Music Subject Leader has changed for 2024-25 and also make sure that they know about us!

If you're not sure about the support and/or resources that your school is receiving from us and the other support we have available, please visit our hub website:

<https://www.dorsetmusichub.org.uk> or contact us at dorsetmusicsservice@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk.

Also, please make sure any new Music Subject Leaders know who our hub area leader is for your school - see the 'Locality Spotlight' below for our area leader email addresses.

Creative Musical Nurture Groups - book now for Spring '25

A Creative Musical Nurture Group is a one term programme of weekly creative, instrumental music sessions for a small group of pupils from Key Stage 2 and/or Key Stage 3 to support those at risk of poor outcomes due to mental health, behaviour, or general confidence difficulties.

If you'd like this provision in your school in the Spring Term, you need to book now!

What is the aim of the Creative Musical Nurture Group?

To provide a calm and nurturing environment where children can build their resilience and agency and develop a sense of belonging through music.

A single nurture group of 3-5 children has a cost of £400, based around 1 term's delivery, however Dorset Music Hub will subsidise 25% of the costs so, for the academic year 24/25, the costs to schools are:

- **1 group = £300**
- **2 groups = £400**

Please contact us or your local Education Challenge team for advice on how to fund the fee.

[Follow this link for more information about Creative Musical Nurture Groups.](#)

Hub partner news

Charanga

Our Music Hub partner [Charanga](#) is a multi-award-winning online music teaching and learning support platform with complete curricula, teaching resources, content-building and personalisation tools, music technology, online learning, and CPD and teacher training.

Charanga have an online training offer in their CPD centre with live webinars on Mondays to Thursdays which are also recorded so they can be watched later: [CPD & Training - Charanga](#). These are available to all Charanga users.

Upcoming online sessions:

- Progression and Planning and the Original Scheme - 16th October
- Progression and Planning and the MMC Scheme - 17th October
- Assessment and the Original Scheme - 21st October
- Assessment for the MMC Scheme - 22nd October
- Navigating Ofsted: The Ultimate Guide - 23rd October
- Student Access Ready Steady Go - 24th October
- You Can Play the Recorder Course - 5th November, 12th November, 19th November (This course is a series of three workshops – it is essential that you register for all three dates)
- Uncovering Hidden Gems: RSNO Units - 6th November
- You Can! Sing with 5–11 Year Olds -12th November
- Getting Started with Charanga - 13th November
- Working with Mixed Age Groups and the MMC Scheme - 21st November
- Working with Mixed Year Groups and the Original Scheme - 26th November
- Uncovering Hidden Gems: Song and Video Projects - 27th November
- Introducing the Scheme Builder - 28th November
- How Can We Teach Musically? - 2nd December

A Charanga subscription is included at no extra cost for our Music Hub Member schools who can also benefit from...

- 'Charanga Connect': a 20-minute online support session from the Charanga team for an individual member of staff or for a small group who want support. This is totally free for Hub member schools who will be contacted directly by Charanga with further details.

- The Charanga team are happy to attend our Music Hub network meetings and talk to individual staff members. If this would be useful, please contact your local Music Hub area leader (find their contact details in the locality sections below).

For non-Hub-member schools, you could try a [free Charanga 30-day trial](#) while you consider how this resource could benefit your school.

Sing Up

Our Music Hub partner [Sing Up](#) is a nationwide online teaching resource focused on how music and singing supports musical learning, as well as supporting personal and social development, promoting health and well-being benefits, and bonding communities.

Music Hub members in Dorset can benefit from a 60%-subsidised Sing Up subscription offer (see details above).

Alongside their teaching resources, Sing Up also offers a range of online training events and resources for its members: [Sing Up Training](#).

If your school doesn't subscribe to Sing Up, you can still access some of their resources and their online training by signing-up to be a Sing Up Friend: [Become a Sing Up Friend](#).

For Hub members who have accessed our subsidised Sing Up subscription...

- You can book free whole staff online twilights at no charge directly with Sing Up: [Get in touch | Sing Up](#)
- As an alternative to whole staff training, Sing Up are happy to attend our Music Hub network meetings and talk to individual staff members. If this would be useful, please contact your local Music Hub area leader (find their contact details in the locality sections below).

Changing Key Dorset – Richard Ely Bursary funding

Please share this information with your instrumentalists and their families...

Dorset Music Hub partner charity, [Changing Key Dorset](#), offers funding awards for up to £300 per year to young musicians facing challenging circumstances.

Applications for funding from Changing Key Dorset are welcomed from any young musician educated across Dorset, including the wider BCP area. The funding can be used to support a variety of musical activities provided by private or public providers for up to a year.

Applications can be made online at anytime.

Please note that the window for applications for grants beginning in the Spring Term closes on Monday 2nd December 2024.

For more details about funding awards please visit the [funding application page](#) on the Changing Key Dorset website.

To become a supporter of Changing Key Dorset and to receive all the latest communications, please sign-up to the [mailing list](#).

Please visit the Changing Key Dorset website for more information:

<https://changingkeydorset.co.uk/>

Artsreach events- please signpost your students to these events:

Musician's Workshop with Tom Newell (violin) & Moss Freed (guitar) of Counter's Creek

- Learn some of the acoustic folk band's original music, inspired by the folk music of the British Isles and beyond, alongside various traditional tunes. Suitable for all ages and any instruments (some ability required).
- **Sunday 20th October:** Shillingstone Village Hall, 3pm-5pm. £10pp. Tel: 01258 860319
- <https://artsreach.co.uk/event/counters-creek-workshop>

Oskar's Amazing Adventure

- An original, heart-warming and entertaining play for young children and their families, full of good humour, adventure, music and song!
- **Monday 28th October:** Milborne St Andrew Village Hall
- **Tuesday 29th October:** Hinton Martell Village Hall
- **Wednesday 30th October:** Powerstock Hut
- <https://artsreach.co.uk/event/theatre-fideri-fidera>

Brazilian Rhythms & Songs with Alvorada

- Join members of this award-winning quintet for a vibrant workshop learning some catchy Brazilian songs, with accompanying rhythms that can be played using body percussion. No previous experience required. Suitable for all ages.
- **Saturday 30th November:** The Mowlem, Swanage 10.30am-12pm. £10 ad, £5 u18's. Tel: 01929 422239
- <https://artsreach.co.uk/event/alvorada-workshop>

The Snowman (interactive)

- Imagine going to the cinema and becoming part of a pop-up orchestra who create every single sound FX and the musical score!
- **Saturday 30th November:** Child Okeford Village Hall
- <https://artsreach.co.uk/event/enchanted-cinema>

Understanding The Pathways Into Music

The *Pathways Into Music Foundation*, supported by Arts Council England and BIMM University, is running a professional development programme for music educators. It consists of a two-day in-person event in Bristol on Saturday 30th November and Sunday 1st December, plus two accompanying webinars.

The programme will...

- map the different career pathways in music, for both those making music and for those working in the industry
- explain what early-career music-makers need to know about music rights and fanbase building in order to embark on a frontline artist career
- run through the latest music business trends and sign-post you to the best resources available.

For more information, go to: [Education Pathways: Bristol 2024 | Pathways Into Music](#)

New Beginners' Brass Class at Youth Music Wessex

Please share this information with your students and their families...

This beginners' brass class has been created in memory of Dorset-born army musician Robbie Bowering. It incorporates group learning, instrument loan, additional to one-to-one lessons with the pros to support progression. Bursary support is available for eligible candidates, ensuring that musical study and group music-making can be accessible to all!

- Saturday mornings between 9:00am and 9:30am at Lytchett Minster School

For further information on the class, signing-up and bursaries, or to read Robbie's story, please visit: www.youthmusicwessex.org/robbie-bowering-brass-class.html or email info@youthmusicwessex.org.

British Army Music - Bursary Auditions 2024

Please share this with sixth-form pupils

Auditions are now open for the British Army Music Bursary offer 2024.

This bursary is for those currently at university studying music, or those in Year 13/Upper Sixth who are applying for university this year. The bursary is open to anyone intending to study music at university for academic year 2025/2026 and will pay £9,250 a year for up to three years. Further information can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/e/xK19EhYLTv>

ABRSM - big ukulele giveaway

The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) is running a competition where schools can win a class set of ukuleles... *and all you need to do to enter is follow them and 'like' a Facebook post!*

PRIZES – 3 schools will each win:

- A pack of 30 ukuleles (pre-fitted with Aquila quality strings, supplied with individual bags and one teacher's resource book)
- One set of the new 'Ukulele Pieces' books for Music Medals (Copper, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, Options Practice Book).

TO ENTER

- Head over to ABRSM's Facebook account and like the post from 3rd October: <https://www.facebook.com/abrsmmusic>
- **Follow** ABRSM
- **Complete** [this](#) short form

Enter by midnight on 31 October GMT. The winner will be chosen after the closing deadline. [Terms and Conditions](#) apply. Good luck!

Babigloo - music for 0-5s

Babigloo Music is a Dorset-based Early Years Music organisation.

[Babigloo](#) is contributing to outcomes for the Children, Young People and Families' Plan 2023 to 2033 in ensuring that children and families have the *Best Start in Life* and the *Best Place to Live*.

Thanks to funding from the national *Youth Music* charity and grant providers in Dorset, including Dorset Council and Dorset Community Foundation, they have been able to 'grow' their delivery from their roots in East Dorset back in 2018-19 to pilot programmes in four other Dorset Localities (Chesil, West, Purbeck and North) during 2022-23, and then across the whole of the county for 2024-25. This will include programmes in Bovington, Bridport, Dorchester and Herston.

Babigloo is aiming to be part of the new 'Transformation Programme' in the Early Years as it rolls out through Family Hubs.

How is Babigloo different?

A Babigloo session is a music and theatre class unlike any other parent and babies music session. Each class is structured and led purely by the use of music and vocal sounds,

rhythms and patterns. There is no adult talking during a session and so it is truly child-led even by the youngest baby - 3.5 weeks is their youngest! Each class is led by a musician and a music-theatre facilitator and introduces new instruments, a wide repertoire of music - including classical and a variety of sounds. Practitioners listen to babies' vocal sounds and create music and patterns with them, thereby starting a musical 'conversation'. After a few sessions, other local professional musicians are introduced. They play to the babies using violin, harp, accordion, clarinet and other instruments.

“Babigloo is just so special and feels like a treat for the babies with all the rich sensory input they get from the music, instruments, props and your fabulous outfits. Each week we look forward to something new and are never disappointed!”

For more details, visit the Babigloo website: [Babigloo Music for Babies - music for children 0 to 12 months](#)

Spotlight on localities

This is a regular feature where we highlight examples of exciting events and opportunities, and share inspiring stories from our localities.

If you have something to share from your school please tell us or you could...

- ***Ask your pupils to write something for us***
- ***Send us an 'embed code' so we can include something from your website or social media***

Please email content to dorsetmusicservice@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

West Dorset & Dorchester

West Dorset & Dorchester Area Leader for the Music Hub - Hannah Reeves:

hannah.reeves@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

West Dorset & Dorchester Area Music Network Meeting with Hannah Reeves

- *Thursday 17th October at 3.45pm*
 - *Online via Teams : [Join the meeting here](#); Meeting ID: 395 223 164 332 / Passcode: DRfrE7*
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Sunninghill Community Orchestra

This is a brand new term time orchestra for instrumentalists of any age who are around grade 3 or above. Rehearsals take place on Tuesdays 6-7pm in Sunninghill School Hall and

places can be booked via Lesley Nolan-Stone, the Director for Music: lnolanstone@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk. Please share this new orchestral opportunity with your students!

Djembe drumming in Bridport

A djembe drumming workshop is taking place at Bridport Youth and Community Centre on 23rd November, 14.00-15.30. This event is led by Drum Devon and open to all ages for a small charge. You can book your place and find out more information about the session here: [Events | Bridport Youth and Community Centre \(bridportycc.com\)](#)

Babigloo sessions in Bridport and Dorchester

[Babigloo](#) are returning to Bridport and Dorchester this term to deliver their highly successful music programme. These sessions focus on 1-3 year olds and deliver high quality music and sensory experiences for young children. The sessions for this term are now fully booked, but they will be running their baby course in Spring term so keep an eye on their website if this is of interest: [Babigloo Music for Babies - music for children 0 to 12 months](#)

B Sharp - please share with your students

Lyme Regis based charity [B Sharp](#) is passionate about building a sound future for young people through music. They offer a broad, inclusive programme of music, singing, participation, creation, performance and development from early years to adulthood, and to young people from a wide variety of backgrounds across West Dorset, East Devon and South Somerset.

B Sharp are running a weekly Music Production club called ‘Beats Collective’ which takes place online on a Monday 6.00-7.00pm. This group is open to 13-19 year olds who are interested in making beats, digital music and music production.

You can sign-up here: [Online Youth Centre \(Discord\) — Space Youth Services | Online Youth Work | Digital Youth Work](#)

B sharp run a range of weekly activities so check out their website for further information on what’s available - [Weekly Music - B Sharp](#)

B Sharp offers...

- [Inclusive music making groups](#) for children aged 8-18 years (weekly).
- [Music groups for parents with babies and toddlers](#) (weekly).
- [1-to-1 sessions](#) to help young people explore their emotions, express themselves and connect.
- [Training and development opportunities](#) for young people aged 16-25.

- And much more!

Bridport St Swithun's Brass Band are looking for a new conductor

The band has recently been involved in local community events such as the Melplash Show and the Bridport Hat Festival. If you are interested, or know anyone who might be, please could you ask them to email secretary@stswithunsband.co.uk.

Purbeck and Lytchett

- **Purbeck Area Leader for the Music Hub - Pete Whitmarsh:**
peter.whitmarsh@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk
- **Lytchett Area Leader for the Music Hub - Dianne Ely:**
dianne.ely@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Purbeck Area Music Network Meeting with Pete Whitmarsh

- *Monday 21st October at 4:00pm*
 - *Online via Teams: Invite: [Join the meeting here](#); Meeting ID: 316 588 001 774 / Passcode: zeuPLB*
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Lytchett Area Music Network Meeting with Dianne Ely

- *Monday 11th November at 4:00pm*
 - *Online via Teams: [Join the meeting here](#); Meeting ID: 355 938 903 806 / Passcode: hVHQ7*
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Please share these local opportunities with your students...

Open Mic Mondays with the Remix team

- Emmanuel Baptist Church, Victoria Road, Swanage, BH19 1AZ
- School years 7-13 from 19:00-21:00

With 32 Channels mixed to front of house, a complete backline and foldback system there is no better place to come and Kick Out The Jams!

Whether you've been honing your craft for years, have just mastered your first song, are on your own, or come with a band: all musicians, singers, DJs or spectators are welcome to come and meet the rest of the music scene and enjoy a night of live music.

Sessions cost just 50p (first time free)

For more details, visit: <http://www.thewaveyouth.co.uk/remix.html>

Purbeck Youth Music

Local charity [Purbeck Youth Music](#) (PYM) exists to inspire, encourage and develop young people in Purbeck through an extensive network of professional musicians and instrumental teachers, providing lessons and instruments and a programme of interactive presentations, workshops and ensembles.

PYM offers...

- **Instrument loans** from as little as £23 per annum
- **Instrumental tuition:** 1:1 lessons, small group tuition and beginner taster groups (from as little as £10 for a series of sessions)
- **Ensembles:** brass, woodwind and strings - providing regular opportunities to play and perform together.

For more details about these offers and more, visit [PYM: Instruments and Lessons](#)

PYM: "Inspire and enthuse a new generation of young musicians."

Babigloo sessions in Wareham and Swanage

[Babigloo](#) are delivering their highly successful music programme in Wareham and Swanage this term. The sessions focus on 1-3 year olds and deliver high quality music and sensory experiences for young children. The sessions for this term are now fully booked, but they will be running their baby course in the Spring Term so keep an eye on their website if this is of interest: [Babigloo Music for Babies - music for children 0 to 12 months](#).

Chesil

Chesil Area Leader for the Music Hub - Pili Lopez:

maria.araujolopez@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Chesil Area Music Network Meeting with Pili Lopez

- *Thursday 17th October at 3:45pm*
 - *Online via Teams: [Join the meeting here](#); Meeting ID: 380 601 972 250 / Passcode: oiZUaT*
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Sarah de Warren song writing workshops

3 secondary schools in the Chesil area and Steps Youth Club were very fortunate to welcome local-international singer and songwriter Sarah de Warren who led song-writing and music production workshops at the end of the Summer Term. These workshops were very well received by the young people taking part - here's some of the feedback which was received:

- *"It's not as difficult as I thought it was to make music. It is very accessible."*
- *"Thank you for the opportunity to do this amazing session. I loved it!"*

Chesil Autumn Term Singing Picnic - postponed until Summer '25

Thursday 26th September was the date set for 120 children from St. George's Primary, Bincombe Valley Primary, Wyke Regis Junior and Holy Trinity Primary to come together to sing, play and picnic together... But, guess what?... like so many days in 2024... it rained and rained and rained, so we had to cancel. Everyone is still keen for this event to go ahead so - watch this space - there'll be a Summer Term date decided soon!

Music Recording at The Drop In

[The Drop In](#) on Portland have acquired music recording software as part of the Youth Voice Network Programme funded by Youth Music and led DMS's Youth Voice Engagement Worker (and local drummer and band leader) Ross Broughton-South (aka *Rossc*). Young people at the Drop In have now started recording and producing their own music and there is no doubt you will soon hear them. Drop In Music sessions are Wednesdays from 18:00 to 20:00 and you don't need to play an instrument to take part!

Poetry and Music event at Weymouth Pavilion

On Wednesday 30th April 2025, 10 schools from the Chesil area will work with the DMS team to create a musical piece inspired by their poetry and spoken words. DMS is teaming up with the Chesil Education Challenge Lead team from Dorset Council to make this event possible.

All the pupils and staff in the Year 5 cohorts from the 10 schools taking part will play an important role in making this collaborative composition and event a big success!

Babigloo sessions in the Chesil area

[Babigloo](#) are delivering their highly successful music programme this term at Tops Club in Bincombe and at Outlooks in Portland. The sessions focus on 1-3 year olds and deliver high quality music and sensory experiences for young children. The sessions for this term are now fully booked, but they will be running their baby course in the Spring Term so keep an eye on their website if this is of interest: [Babigloo Music for Babies - music for children 0 to 12 months](#).

East Dorset

East Dorset Area Leader for the Music Hub - Pete Whitmarsh:

peter.whitmarsh@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

East Dorset Area Music Network Meeting with Pete Whitmarsh

- *Tuesday 22nd October at 4:00pm*
 - *In-person at Henbury View First School, Corfe Mullen, BH21 3TR*
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Broadstone Music Series (Poole Society for Young Musicians)

[Broadstone Music Series](#) (Poole Society for Young Musicians (registered charity no 1171893)) and their groups and events are open to students from across Dorset.

Please signpost your pupils to www.broadstonemusicseries.info to find out more or send an email to poolsym@gmail.com

North Dorset

North Dorset Area Leader for the Music Hub - Dianne Ely:

dianne.ely@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

North Dorset Area Music Network Meeting with Dianne Ely

- *Tuesday 12th November at 4.00pm*
 - *Online via Teams: [Join the meeting here](#); Meeting ID: 358 116 731 337 / Passcode: eTrmKe*
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Signpost your pupils to these upcoming events at the Exchange in Sturminster Newton...

- **BSO Curious Creatures:** an ensemble of fourteen musicians from across the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra invite you to join them on a musical journey through the natural world, in a programme presented especially for families. For more details, go to: [BSO Curious Creatures - The Exchange \(stur-exchange.co.uk\)](https://www.stur-exchange.co.uk)
- **Amazing Animals:** a heart-warming show packed full of music, comedy and amazing animal effects is suited to all ages from toddlers to grown-ups. For more details, go to: [Amazing Animals - The Exchange \(stur-exchange.co.uk\)](https://www.stur-exchange.co.uk)

Dorset Rural Music School

[Dorset Rural Music School \(DRMS\)](#), based in Blandford Forum, reaches out across the county of Dorset, engaging young musicians and school pupils from Early Years through to Sixth Form offering instrumental music lessons, as well as courses and groups, schools and community projects, bespoke events and concerts.

DRMS enjoys developing themed cross-curricular projects for schools, providing musicians to work with pupils on all kinds of topics that support classroom learning. They provide strong, well-coordinated timelines complete with ready-made resources.

Go to [DRMS: Schools](#) to find out more about what DRMS can offer you.

Babigloo sessions Shaftesbury

[Babigloo](#) are delivering their highly successful music programme this term at Shaftesbury Arts Centre. The sessions focus on 1-3 year olds and deliver high quality music and sensory experiences for young children. The sessions for this term are now fully booked, but they will be running their baby course in the Spring Term so keep an eye on their website if this is of interest: [Babigloo Music for Babies - music for children 0 to 12 months](#).

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