



Dates for the Diary

Summer Term

Monday 27th – Friday 31st May – Half Term Holidays
Monday 3rd June – INSET Day (no pupils)
Tuesday 4th June – First day back for children 8:30am
Friday 7th June – Nursery Number Day
Thursday 13th June – Class Photographs
Monday 17th – Friday 21st June – Sports Week & Sports Day (More details to follow)
Wednesday 26th June – 6D St Paul's visit
Tuesday 2nd July – 3G Greenwich visit
Wednesday 3rd July – 3R Greenwich visit
Thursday 4th July – 3Z Greenwich visit
Friday 5th July – 6E & 6AM St Paul's visit
Monday 15th July – Nursery Sing-a-Long 10:40am or 2:30pm
Tuesday 25th June – Choir Concerts
Friday 19th July – Nursery Last Day & Party Day
Friday 19th July – Reports out to parents/carers
Wednesday 24th July – Last day of term. **1pm finish.**

Attendance Matters

Congratulations to the classes in green 96%+:

Class	Attendance % Present
2CR	97
3R	97
4T	97
RH	96.9
4N	95.8
6E	95.7
1L	95.4
4G	95.4
6D	95
5A	94.6
AM NURSERY	94.2
2K	94
5H	93.9
1KS	93.3
6AM	93.3
1H	93.1
3Z	93.1
RR	91.1
2D	90.7
3G	90.4
RGM	89.8
5N	89.7
PM NURSERY	81.3
FT Nursery	73.5



Dear Parent/Carer,

Another half-term has been completed successfully, leaving just one-half left for this academic year. Next term will see mixed-emotions (including excitement) as the children will discover who their next teacher will be. We know that transition is extremely important so our staff will plan appropriate sessions to aid this transition for the children and for you as their parent/carer.

I would like to share a resource that I use with my son to ease the movement from one-year group to another and for dealing with the associate loss and change that occurs.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/transitions-and-times-of-change/>

As a Thrive School of Excellence, we would like to share our whole school Thrive target with you that is related to change.

Our Whole School Thrive Target

I can manage small changes :-

- in my routine
- staff who work with me and
- class or groups

when I am prepared.

We are using the Thrive Approach in school to help us to :-

- Understand and recognise feelings, emotions and sensations in our body.
- Understand what is happening in our brain when we have different feelings like being sad, happy, angry, or scared.
- When we understand what is happening in our body and our brain we can think of ways to calm down when we have strong emotions and sensations.

A transition that is happening today is that we are saying goodbye to Mrs Kaul, who has been a midday assistant at Hunters Hall for twelve years. In that time, Mrs Kaul has assisted many children during the lunchtime period.

Have you ever heard the old proverb: Sticks and Stones may break my bones? Here's a reminder –

“Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can also hurt me. Stones and sticks break only skin, while words are ghosts that haunt me. Slant and curved the word-swords fall, it pierces and sticks inside me. Bats and bricks may ache through bones, but words can mortify me. Pain from words has left its scar, on mind and hear that's tender. Cuts and bruises have now healed. It's words that I remember.”






But the truth is: words do hurt. Words can break hearts, ruin relationships, collapse confidence and self-esteem, and hamper hopes and dreams. Therefore, it is vital that we teach our children that there are people in the world who may choose to be unkind towards them, and to give them socially acceptable strategies to deal with this if and when it happens.

There is another famous quote by poet, author and civil-rights activist, Maya Angelou, “I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” Take a moment to ponder this.

Have a happy and harmonious half-term; see you on Tuesday 4th June at 8:30am. (Gates close at 8:45)

Michael Kaitell
Headteacher

Team Points

TEAM POINTS		
	Tigers	407
	Bears	630
	Wolves	602
	Sharks	576
	Komodo Dragon	497

Uniform Shop Dates

School uniform can be purchased from 3:00-4:00pm in the dining hall. The dates vary throughout the year.



HUNTERS HALL SCHOOL SHOP DATES 2024

~~Wednesday 27th April~~

~~Wednesday 2nd May~~

~~Wednesday 15th May~~

Wednesday 5th June

Wednesday 19th June

Wednesday 3rd July

Wednesday 17th July

Gold Award Debit Card Recipients

Each week we publish any recipients of the new Gold Award Debit Card.

Gold Award Recipients

Name	Class
Robin Redpath	6AM
Nadiyah Uddin	2D
Jessie Hewitt-Mills	RR

Reception Sharing Assembly

It was wonderful to welcome parents of our Reception children into school this week. We know the children thoroughly enjoyed performing and we are very proud of them all. We hope you enjoyed the chance to see some of the things your children experience in their music lessons as well as enjoying the performance.

Thank you so much for your generosity - we raised just over £150 which will buy instruments for the Reception garden for the children to use.

Many thanks

Mrs Bright and the Reception Team

School Uniform

School uniform can be purchased from 3:00-4:00pm in the dining hall. The dates vary throughout the year. Next dates are: **Wednesday 5th June, 19th June, 3rd July & 17th July.**

In a hope to reduce the cost of school uniform, from September, you will have the option to purchase iron-on badges for plain white polo shirts and plain red jumpers. Badges will cost £1.20 and should make uniform more affordable.

Uniform can also be purchased online:

www.schooluniformdirect.org.uk/schools/product-category/schools-and-clubs/hunters-hall-primary/

Or Telephone: 01992 763679 / Email: info@schooluniformdirect.org.uk



Parent Hub

We would like all parents/carers to join us on Parent Hub.

Parent Hub is a FREE app that helps keep you up to date with what's going on at school. You'll receive messages, pictures, documents and newsletters, all in one handy place.



1. Download the Parent Hub app from your app store (iPhone or Android).
2. Create yourself an account.
3. Choose "Add a School" and enter:

@HuntersHallIPS

How to translate messages in the Parent Hub app (guidance for schools)

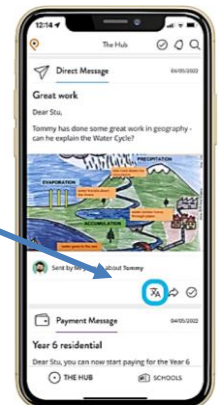
In the app, parents just tap the 'translate' button in the bottom right of a message.

This applies to old messages, as well as new ones.

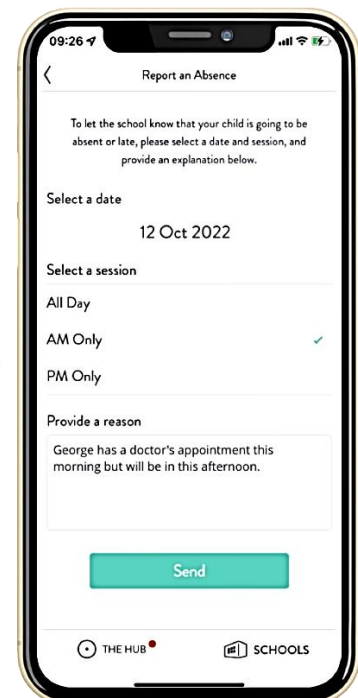
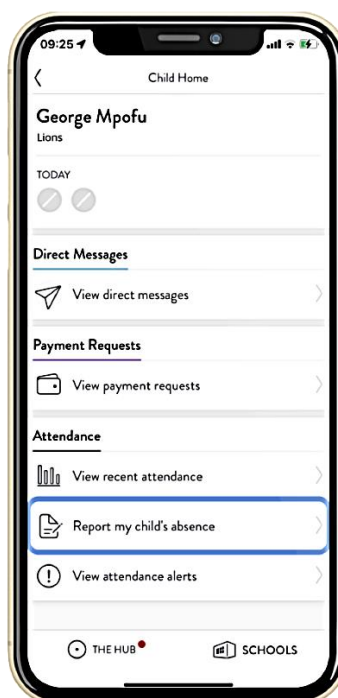
link below for a useful guide.

<https://support.parenthub.co.uk/hc/en-us/articles/6172951020689-How-to-translate-messages-in-the-Parent-Hub-app>

To find out more, click the



Reporting absence



Uniform Reminder & PE Days 2023-2024

During the course of this academic year, we are phasing out some of our school uniform in an effort to make it more affordable for our parent body.

Our school uniform provider now sells school badges for £1.20 so that you are able to purchase plain white polo shirts/ plain red jumpers/cardigans and iron on the badge. (Our current provider will continue to sell their stock of red and grey uniform items and staff has been informed that it is a gradual phase out)

We have reduced the number of days that children require their school uniform by allowing them to wear their PE kit on two days of the week. (You will be notified if there is a special day such as school photographs so that you can ensure that children are dressed appropriately.)

School Uniform

White Polo Shirt (with logo/ iron-on badge)

Red jumper/ Cardigan (with logo/ iron-on badge)

Grey school trousers/ skirt/ shorts

Summer Dress

Plain black shoes/ trainers



PE Kit

Plain white t-shirt

Red shorts

Red/ Grey jogging bottoms

Red fleece

Black plimsolls



PE Days 2023-2024

PE Days

Year Group	PE Day 1	PE Day 2
Reception		Thursday
Year 1	Monday	Tuesday
Year 2	Monday	Wednesday
Year 3	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 4	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 5	Tuesday	Friday
Year 6	Tuesday	Thursday

Swimming is part of the national curriculum. Children in Year 4 and 6 are offered swimming lessons. From time to time, other selected pupils are given the opportunity.

Children must have a suitable swimming costume, a towel and a swimming hat.

This year, we will be operating a mobile swimming pool on the school site during June and July. |

Why do you work at Hunters Hall?

I am very privileged to work for a school that sees the value in music education and employs me to teach and develop music throughout the school. I started my teaching career by moving from my hometown of Sheffield to Havering in 1991 as a classroom teacher. After 4 years I knew I wanted to specialise in music, and I have been fortunate enough to find music specialist jobs ever since. There are not many schools that have their own music specialist, so I feel very blessed to have my job at Hunters Hall as teaching music is something I am passionate about.



What's your role?

I teach classroom music throughout the school, and I support teachers in their own teaching of music. I run 4 choirs, 3 singing assemblies, 2 ukulele clubs and a band. We have regular performances including the highlight of the music calendar singing at the O2 as part of the Young Voices Choir. I enjoy exploring new ways looking to develop music at Hunters Hall. We are currently developing links with local care homes and will be taking children out to sing and play later this term.

Favourite things...

Spending time with family and friends, singing, leading worship at church, walking especially coastal paths, holidays in the sun.

Hopes & Dreams

To live closer to my children as they have flown the nest to other parts of the country, to have time to be part of a gospel choir, to enjoy more travelling and walking in beautiful places and to spend more time with family and friends.

How long have you been at Hunters Hall?

This is my 10th year! I started off teaching 2 days a week then 3 and now I teach 4 days a week.

Achievements to date (in order)

I have a BA (HONS) QTS degree. various Music Certificates in the flute, piano and theory, a qualification in teaching Young Voices, Thrive Licenced practitioner but I would say my greatest achievement in life and the one that has brought me the most joy would be bringing up my 3 children with my husband and seeing them develop into the wonderful adults that they are.

Year 2 London Visit

Year 2 visited London this week to see the sights and learn more about the Great fire of London. The children were very well behaved - great ambassadors for our school.





Year 1 ~ History Topic

Year One enjoyed drinking tea, eating sandwiches and learning the waltz at the Kings Tea Party. We have been learning about the royal family in History.



Swimming Achievement

Meda (4G) attended a swimming event last weekend and amazingly succeeded in her 200m butterfly race that she completed in just 3:25.78s! She is now officially ranked by Swim England, No1 swimmer in her age group in 200m butterfly.

Meda trains most evenings to achieve such amazing results



Mental Health Support Team

Women's focus group session with the MHST.



30 Days Wild begins on 1st June. This is a chance to spend a month carrying out nature-based activities. Each day a new task is added. The first three are:

The Wildlife Trusts

1

GO ON A SENSORY ADVENTURE

Make it a mission to find one thing in nature you can see, hear, touch and smell.

#30DaysWild

5

The Wildlife Trusts

2

LOOK FOR BUTTERFLIES

How many can you find?
Can you hear the fluttering of their wings?

#30DaysWild

The Wildlife Trusts

3

HUG A TREE

Enjoy the enticing earthy and floral aromas. Trees give us clean air and help us tackle climate change - we need to remember to love them back!

HOW DOES THE BARK FEEL AGAINST YOUR FINGERTIPS?

#30DaysWild

I would love to see any photos of any activities you try ~ Miss Ede.



Watch open as the winners of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships, England and France arrive in the Belgravia area in a private car (at the Belgravia area in a private car) on 1 July to 8 September

A Summer of Sport in Eccleston Yards



Visit for your favourite view of the neighbourhood.

With a view of a number of top sporting events, the area is perfect for watching the world's best athletes and watching the world's best athletes.

Get your floral fix at Belgravia in Bloom!

What's on

Our guide to the top 12 things to do during Belgravia in Bloom. Discover more at belgraviainbloom.com



Take in your favourite local football club at the Belgravia Football Club. The club will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2019.



Enjoy the view of the Belgravia area at the Belgravia Hotel. The hotel will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2019.



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Belgravia PLUS

Do you live or work in Belgravia? Sign up for Belgravia Plus to get insider only access to special offers, gifts and experiences in the neighbourhood.

Visit belgraviainbloom.com to find out more

Belgravia in Bloom

25 - 27 May



Belgravia LONDON



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Belgravia LONDON



Belgravia Road, Grosvenor Street, Eccleston Park and Eccleston Square are all part of the 12 routes making up the Belgravia in Bloom. The routes are all part of the 12 routes making up the Belgravia in Bloom. The routes are all part of the 12 routes making up the Belgravia in Bloom.

Here are the Belgravia brands taking part in Belgravia in Bloom with floral displays, special offers, events and more...

ECCLESTON SQUARE

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ECCLESTON STREET

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ELIZABETH STREET

Belgravia Hotel	Belgravia Hotel	Belgravia Hotel
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WINDSOR ROAD

Belgravia Hotel	Belgravia Hotel	Belgravia Hotel
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MICRODRUM STREET AREA

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE ROAD

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List of participating brands and their contact information.



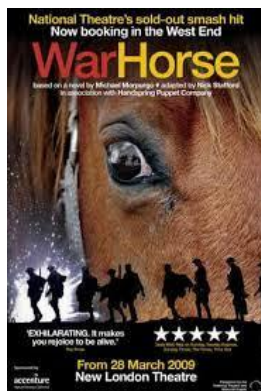
Reading for Pleasure Matters at Hunters Hall

Good friends are important. We need to have friends we can laugh and spend time with, friends we know will be there for us, always. Our new recommendations are about love and friendship. Here's our last set of recommendations. Remember, you can find them all in our library.



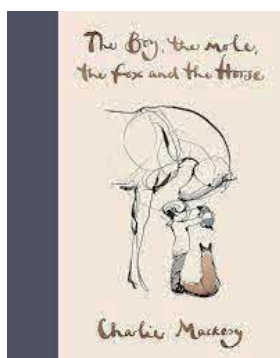
Reading interest: 4-8

In 'Meisha Makes Friends' by Tom Percival, Meesha loves making things but there's one thing she finds difficult to make - friends. She doesn't know quite what to do, what to say or when to say it. But one day she discovers that she has a special talent that might just help her make new friends. This is a warm and affectionate look at the joys and difficulties of making and keeping friends, relating to others, and finding your place in the world.



Reading interest: 8-12

In the chaos of the First World War, one horse witnesses the reality of battle from both sides of the trenches. Bombarded by artillery, and bullets. A horse named Joey tells a powerful story of the truest friendships surviving in terrible times. Read 'Warhorse' by Michael Morpurgo.



Reading interest: 10-adult

'The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse' by Charles Mackesy was named as the "book of the year" for 2019 by Waterstone's. It has been described as "a much-needed message of hope, both in our capacity to love and our ability to be kind - to ourselves and to each other".





Mental Health Support Team



Who are we?

We are four Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP), offering early intervention for young people with mild to moderate difficulties.

Our team work closely with young people, parents, and school staff to think together about ways to improve mental wellbeing within your school environment

Who do we work with?

Parents or Carers of pupils from reception to year 6 with mild-moderate levels of:

- **Anxiety** (e.g. fears, phobias, feeling panicky)
- **Challenging behaviour** (e.g. struggling to follow rules, temper tantrums, difficulty following requests)

Whole classes or year groups (delivering assemblies and workshops)



Aims of our Team

- Provide early psychological support
- Support the school's whole-school approach to wellbeing
- Signposting to specialist service

Barling and Dagenham Primary School Staff

For more information please speak to your mental health lead or get in touch MHST.BD@nelft.nhs.uk





VALENCE HOUSE

Shiver Me Timbers Sallywag Search!

Saturday 25th May, Tuesday 28th – Thursday 30th May
 10am – 4pm (Museum closed between 12pm and 1pm)
Join us for even more Pirate fun and Walk the Plank:
 Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd June 11am – 5pm



Look high, look low and have a swashbuckling time trying to find the mini band of pirates who have taken over Valence House.

Suitable for ages 3 and up. FREE. Drop in.

Valence House, Becontree Avenue, Dagenham, RM8 3HT
 020 8227 2934
www.valencehousecollections.co.uk
 @valencehouse @valencehouse @valencehousemuseum





VALENCE HOUSE

Make a Mini Circus

Wednesday 29th May 2024
 11am – 12.30pm & 2pm – 3.30pm



Discover more about the history of circuses visiting the borough and get creative making your own mini circus.

£5.50 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Recommended suitable ages 5-12 years.

Advanced booking is essential. Book online at Art Tickets:
<https://valence-house-museum.arttickets.org.uk/>

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VALENCE HOUSE

Walk the Plank at Valence House

Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd June 2024
 11am – 5pm



Ahoy there Matey! Get ready to swash your buckle at our Pirate themed re-enactment event. Meet pirates and find out what life really was like on the open waves. Take part in lots of different fun pirate activities.

Fun for all the family! FREE. Drop in.
All children must be accompanied by an adult.

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VALENCE HOUSE

Quiet Hour: Walk the Plank at Valence House

Sunday 2nd June 2024
 10am – 11am



SEND friendly session for children to enjoy with their families. This will be a reduced sensory session.

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<https://valence-house-museum.arttickets.org.uk/>

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THAMES CHASE MAY HALF TERM

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

May 28th: Decorate A Windchime
10.30am-12pm

May 29th: Crafty Wednesday
Multiple times from 10.15am

May 30th: Meet The Owls
12pm-2pm

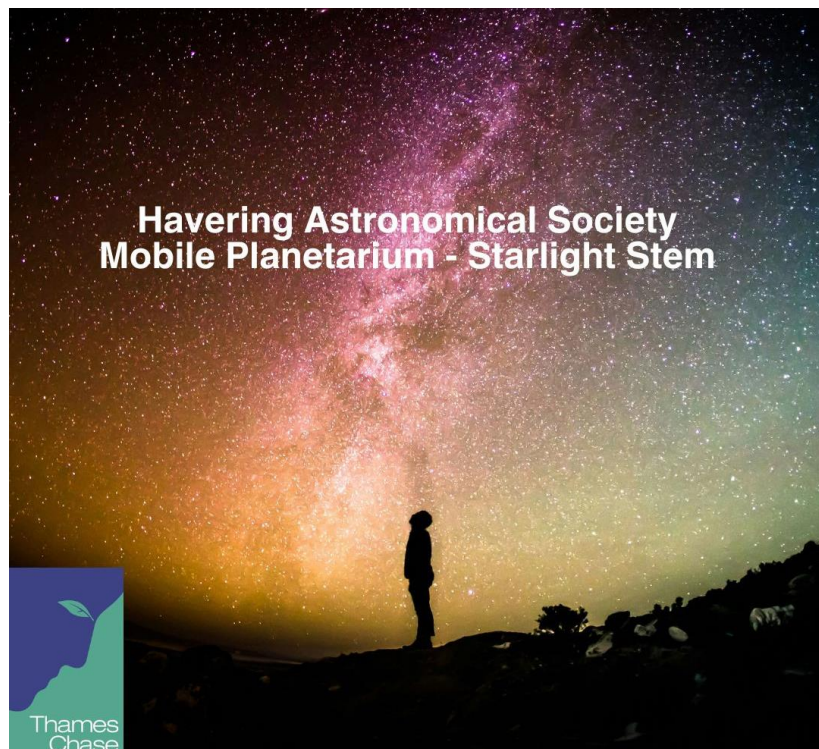


All activities can be booked online via Ticket Tailor:

[tickettailor.com/events/thameschase](https://www.tickettailor.com/events/thameschase)



Thames
Chase



Havering Astronomical Society Mobile Planetarium - Starlight Stem



You can call on 01708 642970 to book, or book online following this link to all of our events:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/thameschase>

BREAKFAST CLUB



Our breakfast club is open term time only Monday to Friday, 7:45 to 8:30am.

No booking is required, you can turn up on the day and pay.

The charge is **£3** per day, you are required to accompany your child into our breakfast club and stay with them until they have been marked in on our daily register.

You are required to have the correct money for payment.

Please note that payments in advance are non-refundable and non-transferable therefore if you choose to pay in advance and your child does not attend you lose that money.



WANTED

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

DONATIONS NEEDED

A big thank you to everyone who has previously donated. We always need more good quality pre-loved uniform items. Has your child grown out of theirs? Please donate to the school and come along to one of our sales for bargain replacements!

Winter coats and shoes also welcome.

Please bring any donations in a bag to the school office.



Thank you



DHP Scheme

Are you struggling to afford your rent payments?



Do you have rent arrears?

Do you need help with a deposit?

Help is available through the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham's Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) scheme

Visit <https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/discretionary-hardship-support/discretionary-housing-payments-dhp>

To find out more and apply online

You must be in receipt of Housing Benefit or Universal Credit housing costs to qualify for a DHP



Barking & Dagenham

Household Support Fund

Are you struggling with the rising cost of living?



Do you have utility debts?

Help is available to support the rising cost of living for energy & utility costs, food and other emergency need through the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham's Hardship schemes

Visit <https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/discretionary-hardship-support/hardship-payment-schemes/household-support-fund> to find out more and apply online



Barking & Dagenham



MINI ROCKERS

FOR RECEPTION TO YEAR 2

Fun and inclusive in-school rock and pop band lessons, for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. No experience or instrument required.



ROCK HEROES

FOR YEARS 3 AND 4

Fun and inclusive in-school rock and pop band lessons, for Years 3 and 4. No experience or instrument required.



ROCK ICONS

FOR YEARS 5 AND 6

Fun and inclusive in-school rock and pop band lessons, for Years 5 and 6. No experience or instrument required.

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/info-for-parents>

- ✓ **Learn to play in a band**
Learning an instrument should be fun. Your child can choose from the electric guitar, keyboard, drums or vocals and enjoy playing in a happy, supportive environment with their friends.
- ✓ **Lead by real musicians**
Your child's music teacher should also be their role model. Which is why all Rocksteady Band Leaders are carefully chosen, extensively trained musicians who know how to inspire a life-long love of playing music.
- ✓ **In school time**
Lessons are 30 minutes long and take place in school time with all instruments provided, making it hassle-free for parents.
- ✓ **From first notes to favourite songs**
The Rocksteady Programme is for all children aged 4-11 and is proven to progress musicianship, confidence and teamwork skills with no prior experience necessary.
- ✓ **With regular live performances**
Playing on stage is a huge confidence booster. With termly concerts at school assemblies, your child will be able to show off their progress to friends, teachers and parents with the rest of their band.
- ✓ **And happily affordable**
Rocksteady is one of the most hassle-free ways to learn an instrument on a rolling subscription that you can cancel at any time. It's risk free too – cancel in the first month and you'll get a full refund.

Call 0330 113 0330