



Year 3 'TooT' Whole Class Instrumental Tuition (WCET)

Dear parents of children in Year 3,

I am writing to tell you about a very exciting new programme that will be happening with your children during next academic year. Thanks to donations from Lichfield Festival Friends/ Lichfield Festival Learning and Participation Scheme and a contribution from Entrust, our Year 3 pupils will receive a free weekly 60-minute woodwind lesson playing TooTs. (The "TooT" is a musical instrument designed as a beginner-friendly instrument that bridges the gap between recorder and flute. It is a woodwind instrument, specifically designed for young learners to develop foundational flute-playing skills.) Lessons will take place on Tuesday mornings (11-12am) starting in September. Mrs Bishop will learn alongside the children and there will be specialist woodwind teaching from Katie Edwards from Entrust (our local music hub).

There is no reply slip for you to return: this will take place in curriculum time and is fully funded, so all Year 3 pupils will be taking part. Class music lessons will continue as normal and those pupils who have signed up for small group instrumental tuition will still attend the lessons that have been booked.

Playing a musical instrument has so many benefits for children, particularly being part of a group. You may see this referred to as WCET – this means Whole Class Ensemble Tuition. Children will be taught general music skills as well as learning a woodwind instrument. This free tuition will continue until July 2026. There will be the opportunity to continue with paid tuition the following year should your child wish to.

This is an incredible opportunity for our children; we are very grateful that our school was nominated to receive this funding.

Mrs J Miles
Music Lead

