



Year 3 Brass Ensemble

Dear parents/carers of pupils in Year 3 (2026-2027),

I am writing to let you know that thanks to donations from Lichfield Festival Friends/ Lichfield Festival Learning and Participation Scheme and a contribution from Entrust, our Year 3 pupils next year will once again receive a free weekly 60-minute brass lesson. This will take place on Wednesday mornings from 10-11am. Mrs Bishop will learn alongside the children and there will be specialist brass teaching from Melanie Clews 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 brass instrument. We are expecting this to be mainly cornet as it is appropriately sized for younger players and there could be some trombones as well! This free tuition will continue until July 2027. 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. We are expecting that the children will have chance to perform on stage at Symphony Hall next summer alongside pupils from other schools. We will send further details of this nearer the time.

Mrs J Miles
Music Lead