

St. Peter's Church of England (VA) Primary School

Christian focus: Love

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God”
John 4:7



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Our School vision: One Family, Aiming High, Learning Together with God

Friday 19th June 2026,

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have had the pleasure of teaching your child the JSAX and DooD this year at school and the children have had a lot of fun learning these instruments and performing to their class and teachers. They will be performing in an assembly, to which you're all warmly welcome, on July 13th at 2pm and I look forward to seeing you all there.

These weekly sessions are an introduction to the world of music and learning an instrument and the hope is that your child will be inspired to learn one and continue their musical journey. Lessons will be available at school – either individual or group/shared depending on numbers.

The DooD and JSAX lead very nicely on to the clarinet and saxophone and this afternoon the children have had the opportunity to play the big version of the clarinet instead of the smaller instruments they normally play on.

I hope this has inspired them to learn the clarinet or one of the other lovely woodwind instruments! They are all great fun to learn.

Here is some more information about them for you:

The flute is one of the oldest instruments and the most popular of all the woodwind family, although it can be tricky to produce a sound initially, once mastered it has a beautiful tone and as it is small and light, perfect for little hands and fingers. It's traditionally found in orchestras but is also seen in wind bands, folk groups and pop bands. You can play all types of music on it, from classical through to pop and jazz and grade exams can be taken if desired.

The clarinet is a fun and versatile instrument, it's traditionally seen in orchestras where it's a member of the woodwind section but it's also equally at home in Wind Bands, Marching Bands and Jazz Bands. It has a warm and expressive tone meaning you can play a diverse range of music, such as classical, jazz, folk and rock and pop. It's easy for young beginners to make a sound on it and the skills learnt also make it easy to move onto the saxophone. Grade exams can be taken if desired.

The saxophone is one of the most well - known instruments being found in Jazz bands, Big Bands, Marching Bands, Pop Bands and even Orchestras. The saxophone comes in 4 different sizes and the one everyone starts on is the alto sax. The saxophone is a very versatile instrument which means you can play pieces and songs in a wide variety of styles. It's great fun to learn and although it's a big instrument, it does come in a smaller plastic version (JSAX) and a slightly smaller Alto Sax model (Alpha Sax) making it more accessible for young children. Grade exams can be taken if desired.



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If you have any questions about any of these instruments, then please don't hesitate to ask me. My email address is sarah.evans@hertsmusicservice.org.uk For more information about lessons then please visit the Herts Music Service website hertsmusicservice.org.uk, phone number 01438 844851.

Best wishes

Sarah Evans

