

# CHILWELL SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

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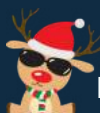
Download the Practice Pal App from the Play Store or App Store

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2023 - 2024

In the past few weeks music students have worked on a number of exciting projects. Read all about them on pages 5 and 6



I am hiding on each page. Can you find me?



# STAFF PROFILE



## Sarah Jones

### Vocals/Piano

Sarah is one of the music tutors at Chilwell, she has been singing and playing for as long as she can remember and is grateful to have had opportunities to use her skills for many different projects.

Sarah says that she has the absolute privilege of working with other fantastic musicians in her joint leadership of Torkard Ensemble, a community choir and orchestra, and as part of that, she sings soprano in the associated Quadrophonic- a four-piece acappella group. As one of the musical directors, she arranges music, and leads and conducts vocalists and orchestra.

Sarah also enjoys collaboration in other projects; most recently in a five-part gospel group at the Nottingham City Windrush 75 event, co-leader of a gospel performance at Nottingham Castle for the BBC, and soloist with the Mat Davis Orchestra and Torkard Ensemble.

Over the years, Sarah has enjoyed singing as the lead vocalist in a gigging rock band, as a classical soloist, in performances of show tunes, in recording projects and as a church music leader.

As a performing musician, she experiences great satisfaction from playing flute, piano and percussion in orchestra, accompanying, and playing for her own pleasure.



**Do you want lessons with Sarah?**

**Look at our Starting Instrumental Lessons page.**







# STARTING INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS



Here at Chilwell we offer a comprehensive set of instrumental lessons, all taught by qualified, experienced professional musicians/teachers.

Woodwind/Piano – Mat Davis  
Voice/Piano – Sarah Jones  
Drum/Percussion – John Schofield  
Brass – Tom Davis  
Guitar (All types) – Nick Clark  
Violin/Viola – Dawn Price

Starting lessons is easy. Fill the Google form in or email Mr Batley with your choices and contact details. These are then passed to the instrumental teacher who will discuss all the details with you

**CLICK**  
**HERE**





# Practice Pal

Practice Pal is a dedicated application for instrumental lessons.

Once you sign up for lessons, you will get an invitation to join Practice Pal. Once you register you receive emails when lessons are scheduled or changed and be able to view lesson notes made by the teacher. This will enable you to support your child as they practice at home.

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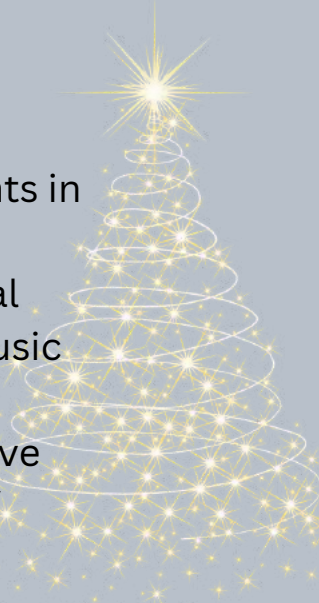


## MUSIC ICT

We continue to look for ways to engage all students in music making.

Currently we are evaluating a number of digital resources and some hardware from Novation Music called LaunchPad.

Launch Pad is designed to work with Ableton Live software and offers a totally different way of composing and creating.







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# CCITIES SONG PROJECT



The CCities Song Project is a collaborative project with MishMash Productions and Broxtowe Council. Schools and community groups have been invited to create a verse of a song, using just a given chord sequence and submit their entries.



The films will then be edited into a film/recording that follows each group in turn. The jazz ensembles did their stuff and we look forward to sharing the completed project in the near future.



# DISCOVERY DAY 1

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Discovery Day 1 saw Year 8 in sessions of Taiko drumming. Provided by Drew and Tommy from Inspire Music the students experienced Japanese percussion workshops



# TAIKO



# FAMILY OF SCHOOLS CHRISTINGLE

On the evening of 4th December, students from Drama and Music took part in our family of school's Christingle service. Each school had prepared a short performance for the event.

Chilwell Drama students performed "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" and "The 12 Days of Christmas : A Correspondence". Music students from Harmonix and Vox Pops came together for "Sparkle and Shine" whilst the community carols were ably led from the piano by Emily Jones (Y9).

It was a lovely event to be part of.

To Christians the Christingle symbolises the light that Christ brings to the world (the candle) with the orange representing the earth and the four sticks show the four points of the compass or the four seasons, showing that the love of God is all over the world and all through the year.







FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

# CHRISTINGLE



Merry Christmas



# CHRISTMAS MUSIC

# QUIZ

Can you identify the Christmas hit  
from a still of the video?



A - IT MUST BE SANTA - BOB DYLAN, B - ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS YOU - MARIAH CAREY, C - I WISH IT COULD BE CHRISTMAS EVERY DAY - WIZARD, D - WHITE CHRISTMAS - BOB DYLAN, E - STAY ANOTHER DAY - EAST 17, F - MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY - SLADE, G - MISTLETOE AND WINE - CLIFF RICHARD, H - WALKING IN THE AIR - ALED JONES, I - THE CHRISTMAS SONG - NAT KING COLE, I BELIEVE IN FATHER CHRISTMAS - GREG LAKE



# ACTIVITIES

**HARMONIX**

KS4/5 VOCAL  
GROUP

**TUESDAY**

**LUNCHTIME**

*Musical  
Theatre*

POP

ROCK



**NEW!**

**ENJOY SINGING?**

**VOX POPS**

Y7/8 VOCAL GROUP  
THURSDAY LUNCHTIME  
MUSIC ROOM



# Jazz

Y7/8 - Monday Lunchtime

Y9/10/11/12/13 - Friday lunchtime

For more information on anything musical at Chilwell.  
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# Merry Christmas



*From all of the Chilwell Music Dept.*