

Autumn Term

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newsletter

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Headteacher's Welcome

Dear All,

What a fantastic end to the year it has been!!

The children have all worked extremely hard rehearsing for their Nativity plays which we hope you all enjoyed.

Many festive activities have taken place including a Xmas lunch, an afternoon of classroom decorating, making various wares to sell & games to play in preparation for the Xmas Fayre.

A huge thank you to FoTS who provided the crackers for the Xmas lunch, for treating the children to an online pantomime of Jack & the Beanstalk starring Hi de Hi's Su Pollard & The Chase's Beast – Mark Labbett and for organising the Xmas Fayre which was a resounding success, you all worked so hard to make it all come together!

As you know, we said a sad farewell to Mrs Mullineux this week who moves on to pastures new, we wish her all the best in her next venture & are excited for our new SEN team!

Hope you have a well earned rest over the festive period & enjoy time with your loved ones.

We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 4th January 2023 for the Spring term.

Best wishes for Xmas & the New Year from the Thakeham Family.

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Who Are We Celebrating This Fortnight?

Positive,
Persevering Perry



Co-operative
Caring Chloe



Headteacher
Award



Reflective,
Reviewing Rowan



Curious,
Questioning Cleo



Rose (Acorn)
Harley (Oak)

Florence (Acorn)
Miguel (Oak)
Dexter (Maple)
Austin (Elder)
Evelyn A (Elder)
Finlay (Elder)
Louie (Elder)
Lottie (Elder)

Callum (Elder)
Evelyn A (Elder)

Hall of Fame

Lily (Elder)
Lucas (Elder)
Rudee (Elder)

Elliott (Maple)
Callum (Elder)

Mary (Elder)

Attendance Figures

Thank you for your support in helping our pupils to see the value in each and every day at school. We track attendance because only a little missed can have a huge long-term impact on a child's progress. **Our target is 97%**. Current attendance percentages for the new academic year to date are:

Acorn Class: **98%**

Oak Class: **91%**

Maple Class: **97%**

Elder Class: **96%**

Our School Values

Care – Cooperation – Honesty – Responsibility – Perseverance – Curiosity – Reflection

These are the values that drive our school. They feed into how we learn, how we act with one another, how we teach, how we handle our pastoral elements; so much of what we do! So, it is important we remember them. Our Super Learning Heroes relate directly to these and are how we make our values child friendly. They all come under our new, 'Thakeham Way'.

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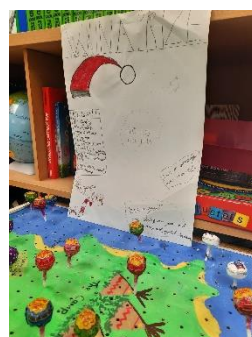
School Life

Some of the exciting activities some of our pupils have experienced over the last few weeks!

Some of our children's wonderful Xmas decorations around the school!



Elder Class Games Room at the FoTS Xmas Fayre – even our resident reindeer Miss Brown got a temporary tattoo!!



Xmas Fayre stalls and Reindeer food & Reindeer hot chocolate made by our children!



Nativity performances



Acorn Class



Oak Class



Maple Class



Elder Class



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Sixth form students in fancy dress from Steyning Grammar School visited us as part of their annual Jailbreak raising money for the NSPCC – many thanks to all that donated!

Thakeham Reporters

Thakeham Primary School - A Summary of the autumn term

This year (2022), we have welcomed new students to our school; new Acorn children; we have run our Christmas fair; had a performance from the choir; we have had some workshops with people like fizz pop science and assemblies from the Dog Trust and a Splash assembly. Our Elder Class Play Leaders, who are people who take charge of the equipment shed and play games, lead activities at lunchtime (for ages 4-11).

We have also had our Bookworms, who run a quiet reading club on Tuesday at lunch breaks, and Digital Leaders, who make sure that you are always safe online. School Council helps make some of the decisions with our Headteacher (Mr McDonald) for our school and us pupils. Green Force helps with our gardening allotments, with special support from Archie and George in year 6. The Thakeham reporters are typing wonderful messages for the news reports over this cold, winter wonderland. Elder and Maple class have travelled to Shooting Field for football tasters and tournaments.

By Evelyn and Chloe, Thakeham reporters

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Online Safety written by Thakeham Digital Leaders Huxley & Lottie

You can stay safe online this Christmas by making sure you have a secure password. It could be something your friends and family know but even sharing it with your friends can be dangerous. As hackers and scammers can get to you, most Chromebooks or laptops have virus protection but some people can trick you into letting viruses into your computer.

It doesn't do much, but some can hack passwords and some hackers look through your files. It can add files that have the name of the website in your drive this can be deleted by:

- Double-clicking on the files and deleting them
- Deleting all your history on the drive or can be done by double-clicking then swipe down to delete them all (only PC)

People all around the world have this happening but they don't really realize it as they stay in your device unless deleted. For example, one company is constantly tricking others as it just seems like an average website that is very much like chrome but is a website mostly used by adults which lets viruses into their laptop.

This can be avoided by just simply searching if it's a safe website; if it asks you for information check with a trusted adult; make a secure username and password. Even having your username as something like leo454658 can still be dangerous (if your name is Leo) and your password could be your pet's name to be safe.

Christmas time can be extremely busy and fun, but sometimes we need to remember about our own safety as well, sometimes people can get too caught up in the moment and not realise they are being attacked or in danger. Our top tips for online safety are:

- Have secure passwords
- Check your accounts
- If something seems wrong, tell a trusted adult
- Don't share passwords
- While shopping for gifts, make sure to use trusted websites, you can check if it is secure by looking in the link and seeing a small lock icon
- Always have permission from your adults before you buy items

Christmas is meant to be a fun time, but to have fun, we need to take care of our own safety.

I have been in the situation of someone having unwanted access to my account. As soon as I realised, I changed my password and after that, contacted the website's support, and it all ended well, hackers are not good people for the most part, so we should avoid them.

In conclusion, Christmas should be a fun time for all, not a time to be in danger online.



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SETTING UP APPS, GAMES AND SOFTWARE

Millions of new phones, tablets, laptops and games consoles will be nestling under Christmas trees this year. However, even if parents and carers have gone to the trouble of setting up these new devices and enabling the safety features, there are still potential hazards in the apps, games and software that children will want to install and use. Knowing what to look for and discussing those risks with your child may help avoid any nasty surprises this Christmas. Here are our top tips for ensuring that unwrapping this year's presents doesn't unleash any unexpected dangers.

TAKE NOTE OF AGE RATINGS

Back when most games were bought in shops, checking the age rating was easy: it was on the front of the box. Now that most games are downloaded, it's tougher – but not impossible. All reputable download stores show a game's age rating at the point of purchase, and you can check the suitability of a specific title your child wants to play at videostandards.org.uk/RatingBoard/games.

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'FREE' ISN'T ALWAYS FREE

The games market has changed radically in recent years. Many titles are free to download, but then tempt players to pay for cosmetic items (as in Fortnite), or to unlock additional content. There can be huge peer pressure for children to pay for these items. Agree a budget for in-game purchases before the game is downloaded, and make sure children can't authorise in-game purchases by themselves.

DISABLE IN-APP PURCHASING

It's not wise to leave children with devices that can make in-app purchases without your permission. Ideally, set up computers, consoles and phones so child accounts need an adult's authorisation to buy anything. On shared devices (like iPads, which don't allow user accounts), check the settings to ensure that in-app purchasing requires the account holder's password, fingerprint or face ID.

APPS ARE AGE RATED, TOO

Like games, apps in the major stores have age ratings, too – so you can see in advance whether an app's appropriate for your child. Additionally, phones' parental control settings allow you to set age limits, preventing young ones from downloading unsuitable apps themselves. These ratings aren't infallible, however: we've seen TV apps featuring adult shows with an age rating of 3, for example.

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LEGAL APPS THAT BREAK THE LAW

There are many apps that are perfectly legal but enable (illegal) activity – streaming apps which let people watch football matches, say, without paying for Sky or BT Sport. Prosecution for using such apps is rare, but they can lead to risky behaviour like viewing rogue streams on sites teeming with malicious links. Watch for children installing unusual apps with 'TV', 'stream' or 'sport' in the name.

CONSIDER STORAGE

Most apps and games will tell you in the online store how much space they need on a device. Check this carefully – especially with games, which can run into hundreds of megabytes and beyond. If you don't have enough free storage on a device to run the game or app, you won't get a refund from the store. You can normally check a device's available storage space through the settings menu.

IN-APP REGISTRATION

It's common for apps and games to ask users to register: entering personal details like email address, date of birth and other information you might not want your child to divulge. Ask them to get your permission before giving any personal info to an app – and consider using your details rather than the child's, so they're not targeted by marketing spam or put at risk of having their data stolen.

CHECK THE SPECS

To avoid let-downs, check a game's specs before buying – especially for PC or Mac, where games often need a particular graphics chip or processor to work. Sites like systemrequirementslab.com can scan your computer to see if it will run certain games properly. On consoles, make sure you're buying the right version: some newer Xbox or PlayStation games won't play on older consoles.

MONITOR IN-GAME COMMS

Voice chat with friends is part of the fun of modern gaming – but danger lurks here too. Many titles have open chat systems, meaning that children could speak to strangers or hear adult language and verbal abuse when games get particularly competitive. Using a shared family area (as opposed to alone in bedrooms) for online gaming is a good way to keep an occasional ear on what's being said.

BE WARY OF GIFTS

Titles like Roblox, Minecraft and Fortnite have in-game currencies, which can be earned through progress in the game – but can also be bought with real money. A common scam is for a young player to be offered currency if they click a link, visit a certain site or contact another user directly. Warn your child about such offers; they should show you if they're in any doubt over an in-game gift.

WATCH OUT FOR IMITATORS

Even in the official stores, untrustworthy rogue apps can slip through the net. Common tricks are apps or games that have a slightly different name to the genuine article (Fortnight rather than Fortnite, for instance) or use logos which deliberately look very similar to the official app. To avoid downloading these imitations, read the app's description and check who the publisher is listed as.

STAY UPDATED

Most games and apps are subject to regular updates, which not only offer new content and features but also provide critical security improvements. Children tend to ignore such updates – usually because they don't understand why they're important, or they simply want to get straight on with gaming. Check your child's devices periodically to make sure these updates are being installed.

Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the Sunday Times, Which?, PC Pro and Computeractive. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on Newsnight, Radio 5 Live and TV News at Ten. He has two children and has written regularly about internet safety issues.



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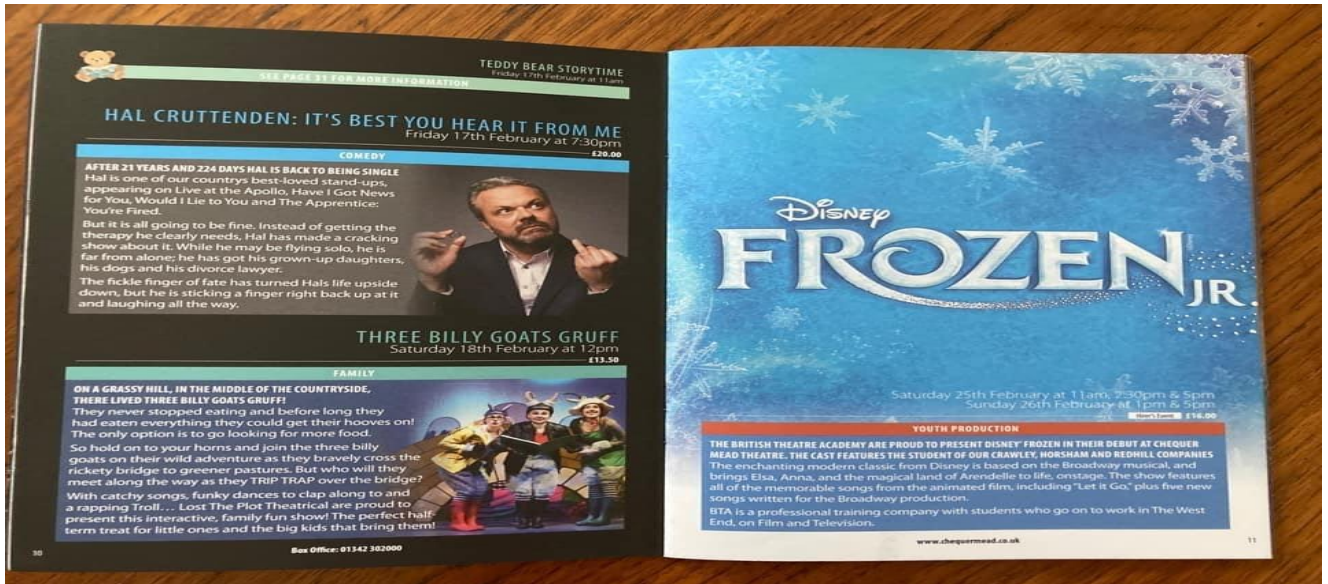
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Time to Shine!

Please see below for some exciting news from our community. We are so proud of everything our pupils do and want to share!

We are very proud of one of our pupils, Lucy from Maple class, who is taking part in a local theatre production of Disney Frozen Jr, details of how to book tickets can be found below:



The British Theatre Academy presents...

Disneys Frozen

Saturday 25th February to Sunday 26th February

The British Theatre Academy are proud to present Disneys Frozen in their debut at Chequer Mead Theatre.

The cast features the students from our Crawley, Horsham and Redhill companies.

The enchanting modern classic from Disney is based on the Broadway musical, and brings Elsa, Anna, and the magical land of...

This is a youth production.

For further information, click here.

Disney
FROZEN JR.



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today at the theatre...

Sorry, there are no more events today.
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coming soon...



Aladdin
Sat 10th December at 1.00pm. [More Info...](#)



André Rieu in Dublin
Sat 7th January at 2.30pm. [More Info...](#)



Paul Jones & Dave Kelly
Sat 21st January at 7.30pm. [More Info...](#)

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BTA is a professional training company with students who go on to work in The West End, on Film and Television.



Sat 25 Feb

11am Redhill Icy

2.30pm Crawley

5pm Horsham Blizzard

Sun 26 Feb

1pm Horsham Flurry

5pm Redhill Snowy

Ticket prices are inclusive of booking fees.

This is a youth production.

[Performances](#)

Saturday 25th February 2023 at 11:00am - [Buy Tickets](#)

Saturday 25th February 2023 at 2:30pm - [Buy Tickets](#)

Saturday 25th February 2023 at 5:00pm - [Buy Tickets](#)

Sunday 26th February 2023 at 1:00pm - [Buy Tickets](#)

Sunday 26th February 2023 at 5:00pm - [Buy Tickets](#)

[Ticket Prices](#)

Tickets: £16.00

Additional Information: Ticket prices are inclusive of booking fees.

To purchase tickets for this show, click "Buy Tickets" next to the performance you wish to purchase, alternatively you may call the Box Office on **01342 302000** and buy over the phone.

calendar of events...

December 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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Administration: 01342 325577
The Apron Bar & Coffee House: 01342 325577
tickets@chequermead.co.uk
More contact methods...



Please continue to share your child's achievements by sending pictures to Mrs Campbell on: office@thakehamps.co.uk

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Amaya took part in her first ever under 10s skateboarding competition & placed third on the day!! She won a brand new complete MEOW board set up and lots of other great prizes! Well done to our future Sky Brown!!





FoTS News

Thank you to everyone involved in the Christmas Fayre on Friday 9th December; those who helped put it together, those who donated prizes and everyone who attended and supported us. Without all of you it wouldn't have been possible 😊

We raised just over £1,200 which is an amazing amount of money, so thank you!

Our Xmas cards scheme also raised £144 so again, thank you for your support!

Upcoming Events:

Friday 6th January 2023 - pre-loved uniform sale at 3:00pm at the school gates.

In April there will be an Easter trail (further details available nearer the time)

In the summer we are looking at putting together an event (it's very exciting!) ... details will follow next year.

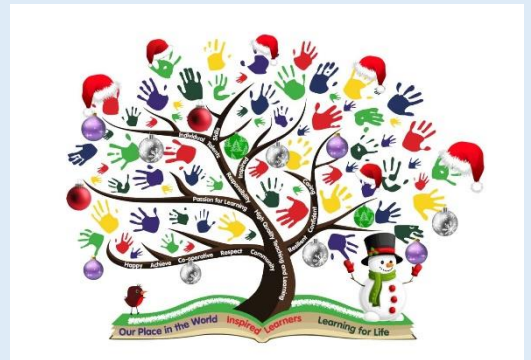
If anyone would like to be part of the FoTS team, our next committee meeting is on Thursday 12th January 2023 at the White Lion pub in Thakeham.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 🎄🎁🧑

Take care, from the FoTS team

Dates for Your Diary

- **16th December:** End of term
- **2nd January:** Public holiday
- **3rd January:** Inset Day
- **4th January:** Spring term - return to school
- **6th January:** FoTS Pre-loved Uniform Sale (from 3:00pm on the playground)
- **15th January:** Deadline for Sept 2023 Reception place applications (see WSCC flyer)
- **19th January:** Census Day (please see Chartwells lunch menu below)
- **20th January:** Oak class trip to Drusillas
- **23rd January:** Year 6 Community Coffee Morning (details to follow)
- **27th January:** Maple class trip to Worthing Symphony Orchestra (details to follow)
- **30th January:** ParentPay Go-Live to order school meals (details below in this Newsletter & more to follow in 2023)



A new school lunch ordering system, ParentPay, is coming to your school.



Book all meals, universal, free or paid, online, for all school lunches from Monday 30th January 2023.

Ordered meals will be served from Monday 6th March

It's easy, quick and safe.
Select your meal choices in advance.

DON'T FORGET!

SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE FOR ALL PUPILS IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2.

MEAL ORDERING WITH PARENTPAY

A new meal ordering system is coming to Thakeham Primary School!

This is for all Free school meals, Universal free meals, and paid meals.

WHEN?

Start booking from 30th January 2023 for lunches starting from 6th March 2023. All lunches up until Friday 3rd March 2023 will continue to be booked via Meal Selector (Paid Parents) or via the school office for KS1 children.

WHO?

Parents/Carers, you will see a new Payment Item in your ParentPay account. You must log in and order meals through this new Payment Item. You MUST order the exact meal in advance for your child on the days you require them to have a hot meal.

Medical diets and Lifestyle can be selected at the point of ordering, medical evidence is still required for allergies.

HOW?

Book your meals through ParentPay and the Chartwells kitchen teams will have the orders on a tablet known as Cypad. This will show the chosen meal along with your child's information on screen, and the meal you ordered to be served that day. All meals are subject to supplier availability.

FURTHER INFORMATION COMING SOON!

Lunch Menu

Thursday 19th January 2023

Choose a main

Cheese & Tomato Pizza

Vegetable Curry & Rice

Jacket Potato & Veggie Bolognese

on the side...

Rainbow Vegetables or Salad

for dessert...

****Chocolate Fudge Brownie****

for drink....

Milk or Water



A Free, Family Christmas Adventure comes to Storrington!

This Festive Season, families in Storrington will be able to have a great day out with this augmented reality storytrail.



As part of local Christmas celebrations, from 1st December until the New Year, Storrington & Sullington Parish Council has teamed up with High Street Safari to run a free family trail in Storrington.

This innovative experience lets families choose what happens in the story as they hunt down missing Christmas presents along the route. Starting at Power Garage on Old Mill Drive, there are 10 stops around the shopping area, players can hunt down the lost toys and “release” the cheeky Christmas Imps and see them burst into life in augmented reality.

The trail takes about 45 minutes to complete. It’s free to take part and players can win a free digital fun pack at the end. There is no need to download or sign up to anything and works on any smart device. Just look out for the window stickers at the following businesses.

Power Service Station, Vintage Rose Café, Halcyon Days Café, Funnells Furnishing, The Village Hub, Stable Antiques, Stitch, Shampoo Hair and Beauty, Little Velvet Hare and The Card Shop.

For more information about the trail, visit www.highstreetsafari.com



CHRISTMAS FOOTBALL FUN DAYS

WHEN

9:30am-3pm Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st, Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd of December

AGE GROUPS

School years 1-7

WHERE

Durrington Infant and Junior School, BN13 2JD

PRICE

£20 a day or £80 for all 5 days
8:45am early drop off available for £3



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CHRISTMAS FOOTBALL FUN DAYS

Monday 19th December	9:30am-3pm
Tuesday 20th December	9:30am-3pm
Wednesday 21st December	9:30am-3pm
Thursday 22nd December	9:30am-3pm
Friday 23rd December	9:30am-3pm



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The perfect way
for girls aged 5-11
to get involved
with football



TIME AND DATE

Mondays 17:00-18:00



LOCATION

Storrington Leisure Centre RH20 4BG

WHO WE ARE

Ashington FC - Girls Football for Years 3 & 4



NEXT STEPS

head to www.Englandfootball.com/WeetabixWildcats or scan the QR code on the right to book your first session, or contact us to find out more sarahfosborne@hotmail.co.uk

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0800 756 9411



Online Music Lessons - Thakeham Primary School Discounted Christmas Holiday Lessons Available

Does your child wish to learn an instrument or sing? Try a free, no-commitment taster lesson!

SAM Music Service provide one-to-one online music lessons, both during term-time and over the school holidays at a discounted rate. Enquire at SAMMusicService.com to try a free taster lesson.

Click the link below to enquire and watch a video about SAM's online instrument lessons:

<https://sammusicservice.com/>

- Free, no-commitment taster lesson, try an instrument
- Discounted Christmas holiday lessons available
- Playback videos of your lessons, helpful for practice
- Progress through Grade exams, also available online
- Performance opportunities in school assemblies and concerts
- Online weekly 30 minute 1:1 lessons Mon-Fri up to 8pm, and Sats 9am-5pm
- Learn to play Guitar / Drum Kit / Piano (Keyboard) / Vocals from home
- Enquire by visiting www.sammusicservice.com or calling 0800 756 9411

"Both my daughters look forward to their individual weekly lessons. They are both making excellent progress and have a great rapport with their teachers. It's easy and straightforward to connect online for lessons! Highly recommended with 5 stars!! ★★★★★"

Mrs Wellman-Bailey

SAM Music Service provides **30 minute 1:1 online music lessons**, allowing your child the opportunity of learning to play the **guitar, drum kit, piano / keyboard or to sing** from home.

Lessons are weekly and affordable at £17.50 per lesson and £16 in the holidays, suitable for both children and adults, and the **first lesson is free!** SAM also offers **gift vouchers** to purchase here: <https://www.sammusicservice.com/gift-vouchers/> - the ideal musical gift!

To enquire, complete the short contact form on SAM's website (www.sammusicservice.com), and they'll be in touch soon, or you can email lessons@sammusicservice.com, or call **0800 756 9411** to speak to one of their friendly team. Or reach out on social media [@sammusicservice](https://www.instagram.com/sammusicservice)

Apply online at:
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Was your child born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019?

If so they are eligible to start school
in September 2023

Apply online!

It's simple, convenient and time-saving.
If your application is received after the deadline,
your chance of securing a place at one of your
preference schools could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from
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If you would like further advice or
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Deadline: Sunday 15 January 2023

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