



St John Henry Newman Catholic School Music Newsletter – Spring 2026

Firstly, thank you so much for your support during the Christmas period. It is always such a busy time for musicians, and our pupils worked so hard to get ready for our performances at the carol service and awards evening, as well as carol singing at Riverwell Beck.

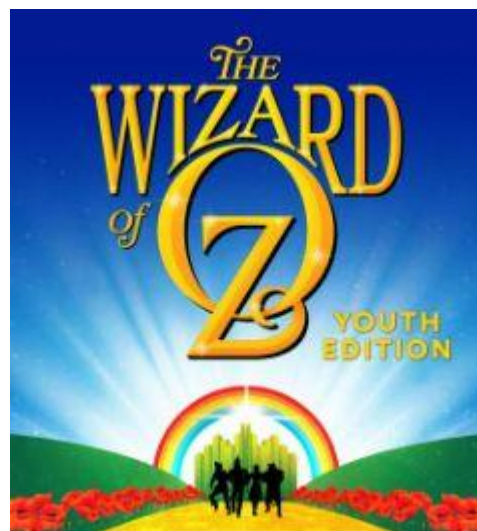
We have another busy term coming up and I wanted to write to you in advance with information about the events taking place this term.

I hope you will all be able to join us at our Spring Concert at the end of the term; to celebrate the amazing musicians we have in our school community.

Mrs Shirley

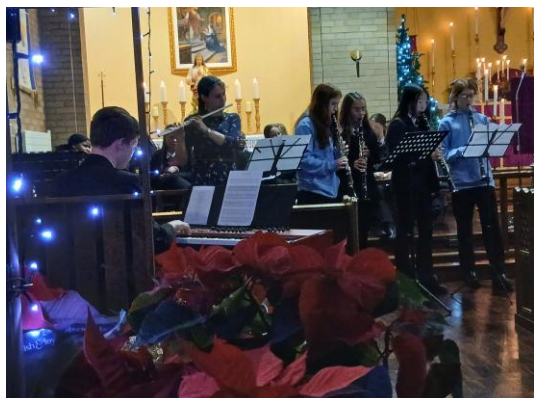
Weekly Activities:

Monday	Choir	3.10pm – 4.00pm
Tuesday	Band Night	3.10pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday	Music drop in	3.10pm – 4.00pm
Thursday	Choir	3.10pm – 4.00pm
Friday	Woodwind Ensemble	8.40am – 9.10am



Musical Production 2026

After the success of Matilda earlier this term, I am delighted to announce that our musical production for October 2026 will be The Wizard of Oz! Auditions will take place soon with rehearsals starting after February half term.



Woodwind ensemble and Year 7 Performing at the Carol Service

Spring Term Events

Friday 16th January	Y8 Mass	Choir	Lesson 1
Thursday 22nd January	Wicked Singalong	Choir	2.45pm – 3.30pm
Thursday 29th January	Trip – British Music Experience, Liverpool	Y9 and Y10	All day
Friday 6th February	School Choral Workshop	Choir	Morning
Friday 6th March	Y9 Mass	Choir	Lesson 1
Monday 10th – Friday 13th March	Carlisle Music Festival	Choir and soloists	Exact times/dates to be confirmed.
Tuesday 24th March	Cumbria Community Orchestra Day - Cockermouth School	Woodwind players	Morning
Wednesday 25th March	Spring Concert	All	7.00pm



The school choir performing at the Awards Evening and carol singing at Riverwell Beck

Instrumental and Vocal Lessons

New timetables for this half term have been shared with pupils. Please encourage them to remember when their lessons are and to attend on time, so they can make the most of their lesson time!

Wednesday drop in

This is for pupils from all year groups who want to spend extra time practising or working on their compositions. All welcome!

Year 11

This will be busy term for the year 11 GCSE music group as all coursework is due at the end of this half term. Some pupils may be required to attend on a Wednesday after school to complete their coursework.