

## This week

- Wed 23 Jan: 5DH and 5RM trip to Hazard Alley
- Thurs 24 Jan: 5SW and 5HG trip to Hazard Alley

## Dates further ahead

- Thurs 31 Jan: Year 5 Young Voices
- Fri 1 Feb: Year 3 and 4 Disco

A full calendar is available on our website

## Notices and reminders

'Let us run with perseverance the race that lies before us.'  
*Hebrews 12.1-2*

This week, our whole school worships have been led by Mrs Cutler, Olivia and 6WT. Our theme this week has been 'running the race of life.' We have been reflecting on how we need to persevere with our goals, how our friends can support us and the sense of achievement we feel when we achieve our goal, even if it has taken a long time to do so. Olivia used the comparison of a postage stamp to encourage the children to stick to their goals.

Thank you to those parents who attended the eSafety workshop at Westfield School; we shall be sharing the resources with parents shortly on our website.

The Friends of Thomas Coram will be selling "Happy Circus" tickets for the 12 May from the week before half term, keep the date free! They are also holding a Disco on Friday 1 February for Years 3 and 4. They would also like to say "thank you" to everyone who bought a Christmas Tree using one of the flyers. Thomas Coram came third and won £50!

Thank you to all the parents who attended the English in Action workshop last Friday. The next one is Friday 22 March and covers writing.

The next instalment of £55 for the year 4 trip to Norfolk is due by Monday 4 February. Payment can be made via Wisepay (our preferred option), cheque or cash.

The next instalment of £80 for the Year 6 trip to Devon is due by Friday 8 February. Payment methods as above.

## Recent letters

Last week we sent out these letters, which are also available on our website:

- Young Voices arrangements – Yr5 only

## Today we're attaching:

- Be a Chorister afternoon
- Dacorum Music School
- Bikeability courses
- <https://www.tringpark.com/associate-courses>

## This week at St Peter's –

Children aged 7 and over are invited to come along to 'A Be a Chorister afternoon' at St Peter's church in Berkhamsted on Saturday 26 January between 1:30 and 6pm. The free event gives children from any background, any religion or none, the chance to find out what's it like to sing in a vibrant choir before performing choral evensong at 5pm to parents and other guests.

The afternoon will be very informal and is all about having fun, learning a new skill, meeting other children and understanding what it's like to sing in a choir – from learning to sing beautiful music to trying on cassocks, exploring the unseen parts of the church including the tower and enjoying the buzz of singing in harmony. No previous experience is required, just enthusiasm to try singing!

To find out more and to reserve a space, or to join St Peter's choir, please email [churchoffice@greatberkhamsted.org.uk](mailto:churchoffice@greatberkhamsted.org.uk) or call 01442 878227.



**St Peter's**  
Berkhamsted



## **Be a Chorister for the Afternoon!**

**St Peter's Church, Berkhamsted**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**1.30 till 6pm**

**Ever wondered what it's like to sing in a church choir?**

**Ever wondered what the view is like from the top of the tower of St Peter's?**

Children between the ages of 6 and 12 are invited to come and find out at the 'Be a Chorister for the Afternoon' event at St Peter's Church in Berkhamsted on Saturday 26 January.

The free event gives children from any background, any religion or none, the chance to find out what it's like to sing in a vibrant choir before joining the church's choir for a short service at 5pm. Parents and other guests are warmly invited.

The afternoon will be very informal, will include afternoon tea, and is all about having fun, learning a new skill, meeting other children, and understanding what it's like to sing in a choir - from learning to sing beautiful music to trying on choir robes, exploring the unseen parts of the church - including the tower - and enjoying the buzz of singing in harmony. No previous experience is required - just enthusiasm to try singing!

There is no obligation for children to join the choir of St Peter's but the established choir, which has been singing weekly in the historic church for well over a hundred years, is looking for new choristers to join its 40-strong ranks, which includes 10 children.

Children in St Peter's choir meet for rehearsals during term time for an hour twice a week on a Tuesday and Friday evening. The choir then sings at the 9:30am Sunday service, plus other occasional services.

Father Simon Vivian, the curate of St Peter's, commented, "Many kids love singing and there's not always the opportunity to join a choir at school. We want to give children from any background a taster of what singing in a choir is like, whilst having fun with other kids".

"Our choir is brilliant and the free musical education it offers for children is second to none. Many of our choristers have gone on to study music for GCSE or A-level or at university, and have developed a life-long love of music. Singing in the choir also helps children learn other musical instruments."

One particular young chorister said, "I like singing in church. Lots of my friends play sport at the weekend which I've never really enjoyed. So my mum suggested I try the choir. It's fun learning new pieces, and I like meeting up with my friends at rehearsals - and we get biscuits!". He added, "I've been singing in the choir for a number of years, having started when I was 8. At first I was quite shy. But now I look forward to coming each week, and am really confident about singing in public now. I even did my first solo last year and loved it!"

With a choir tour to Barcelona planned for May of this year, Adrian Davis, the Director of Music at St Peter's, concluded, "Singing in a choir gives you a huge list of transferable skills - everything from the ability to read music and an understanding of languages to the experience of working in a team, not least when we're making a CD or singing on tour. The church's team of professional musicians offers this musical experience for free, in return for a commitment to attend our regular practices and services. In so doing, we're keeping the English choral tradition alive at St Peter's as we sing many of the most famous classic choral pieces of all time."

To find out more about 'Be a Chorister for the Afternoon!' and to reserve a space, or to join St Peter's choir, please email [churchoffice@greatberkhamsted.org.uk](mailto:churchoffice@greatberkhamsted.org.uk) or call Hilary or Kate on 01442 878227.

Further details may be found at: [www.stpetersberkhamsted.org.uk/music/choir](http://www.stpetersberkhamsted.org.uk/music/choir) or visit Facebook page: @StPetersBerkhamsted

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## **New Year - New Music!**

**We have some new music groups on offer at Dacorum Music School - Please take a look and see what's on offer**

- **FREE KS2 Choir** - We are launching a choir open to anyone in KS2. The choir runs on a Tuesday 4.30-5.30pm. The choir is called **Ace of Herts (Jr)** as it runs at the same time as the **Ace of Herts Senior** choir. **START DATE - FIRST TUESDAY AFTER HALF TERM**
- **FREE KS1 Singing Club** - 'Saturday Sing' is open to all children in KS1 to come and sing and have fun. This free group is on Saturdays from 9.15-9.45am - **START DATE - FIRST SATURDAY AFTER HALF TERM**
- **DIGITAR** - This new and exciting group on Fridays is an opportunity for budding guitarists to get the best of both worlds, by bringing their guitar and app on their phone /tablet to learn guitar in a way that suits them. Our teacher is there to guide you through the app, and add some extra teaching tips in along the way. **£51 PER TERM**  
**START DATE - FIRST FRIDAY AFTER HALF TERM**  
**(Cost £25.50 for the half term)**

**Please contact us at Dacorum Music School to secure your place,  
on 01442-214599.**



# Unisound String Day

Thursday 7th March 2019  
9.30AM - 3.00PM

FOR SCHOOL YEAR 3 (AGE 7+) AND ABOVE

at  
**St John's Church**  
Station Road  
Hemel Hempstead  
Hertfordshire  
HP1 1JY

**Cost: £22**  
PLEASE APPLY BY :  
THURSDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2019

Please turn over for details:

**Hertfordshire Music Service**  
**Dacorum Music School**  
Heath Barn  
St John's Road, Hemel Hempstead  
Hertfordshire, HP1 1NP  
Tel: 01442 214599  
email: [dacorummusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:dacorummusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk)  
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**Unisound String Day**  
**Thursday 7th March 2019**

Dacorum Music School is running a String Day for all string players at primary school in Year 3 and above. Please see the details below:

**Venue:** St John's Church, Station Road, Boxmoor, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. HP1 1JY  
**Phone Number:** 01442 214599   **Email:** dacorummusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk  
**Time:** 9.30am - 3.00pm  
**Registration:** from 9.10am  
**Cost:** £22.00

**Concert for family and friends:** 2.45pm

(Please either make cheques payable to '*Hertfordshire County Council*' and return, with form, to Dacorum Music School, Heath Barn, St John's Road, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 1NP, or sign up and pay via Eventbrite using the link below ).

**Closing Date for applications:** Thursday 28th February 2019

Places on the course are limited so please apply as soon as possible.

Please note that in cases of hardship, no child will be refused a place; remission of fees is possible if applications are made in good time.

Please assume that your application has been accepted **unless we contact you.**

Children will need a packed lunch and school uniform is not required.

It is difficult to park in the streets around the site. Please leave plenty of time for parking.

*Either return the reply slip and payment to Dacorum Music School (see above address)*

*Or apply for this event online by going to:*

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dacorum-music-school-unisound-string-day-2019-tickets-54832653944>

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**Dacorum Music School Unisound String Day**

I enclose a payment for £22.00 made payable to *Hertfordshire County Council* for the Dacorum Music School String Day on Thursday 7th March 2019.

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Year Group \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Time learning: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Contact No \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Headteacher Name \_\_\_\_\_ Headteacher's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(Applications will not be accepted without Headteacher's signature)

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please inform us if your child has any medical conditions we should know about \_\_\_\_\_

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## What is Bikeability?

Bikeability is 'cycling proficiency' for the 21st century, designed to give the next generation the skills and confidence to ride their bikes on today's roads.

There are three Bikeability levels, with each level designed to help improve their cycling skills, no matter what they know already. Levels 1, 2 and 3 take trainees on a journey from the basics of balance and control, all the way through to planning and making a journey by themselves on busier roads.

To start Bikeability children must be able to ride a bike without support.

**Level 1** will help new riders to control their bike before they move on to developing on-road skills at Level 2.

**Level 2** is tackled by children in Years 5 or 6 (aged 9+), before they leave primary school.

**Level 3** teaches trainees how to ride in different and more challenging traffic situations, and is usually completed by children of secondary school age.

**To register participants must have already successfully completed Level 2.**

Kids will enjoy learning the skills and developing the confidence to ride their bikes on today's roads.

Full details of all the upcoming Bikeability courses can be found and booked at <https://watfordcyclehub.org.uk/topics/courses/>

Upcoming Bikeability Courses... levels 1, 2, and 3  
(The Level 2 courses also covers Level 1)

- **Tuesday 19 Feb 2019** 09:30 AM to 11:30 AM [Bikeability Level 2 Stevenage February 2019](#) available spaces 10
- **Tuesday 19 Feb 2019** 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM [Bikeability Level 2 Leavesden February 2019](#) available spaces 9
- **Tuesday 19 Feb 2019** 01:00 PM to 03:00 PM [Bikeability Level 2 Dacorum February 2019](#) available spaces 10
- **Tuesday 19 Feb 2019** 01:00 PM to 03:00 PM [Bikeability Level 2 Watford February 2019](#) available spaces 8
- **Tuesday 9 Apr 2019** 09:30 AM to 11:30 AM [Bikeability Level 2 Stevenage Easter 2019](#) available spaces 10