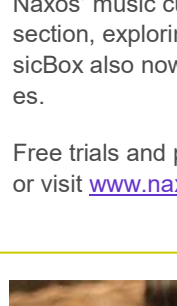




With Easter chocolate already a thing of the distant past, here are some things of interest in our music world that you might like to be aware of, including booking for the Primary Singing Festival and the Christmas vocal concert held in the Arena (you can never plan early enough!)

Happy Summer Term!

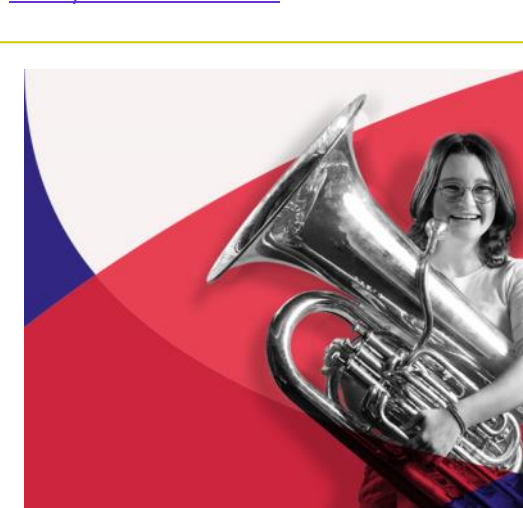


## MUSIC BOX

### Naxos MusicBox Major Upgrade!

Naxos' music curriculum resource for KS1-3 now comes with a comprehensive 'Ingredients' section, exploring the building blocks of music theory such as pitch, rhythm and notation. MusicBox also now contains playlists of all Model Music Curriculum chronological listening pieces.

Free trials and pricing info for hubs and individual schools are available from [Julian Edwards](#), or visit [www.naxosmusicbox.com/log-in](http://www.naxosmusicbox.com/log-in) to find out more.



### Applications now open for NYJC's 2023 Summer School!

Want to have what will probably be the best week ever? Join great improvising musicians, from a wide range of genres and styles, playing a host of different instruments – collectively

learning to be unique and creative at NYJC's Summer School 13-19 August 2023.

[Book your Audition now!](#)

### NYO Inspire Orchestra

The National Youth Orchestra exists to elevate teenagers of all backgrounds across the UK. Afor The National Youth Orchestra 2024 and NYO Inspire are now open. There are opportunities for hundreds of teenage musicians to join NYO's welcoming national community in 2024 and we'd love to get the message out.

[Click here for more](#)

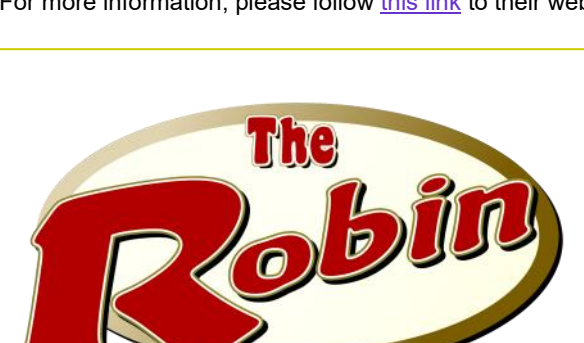


### Walsall Primary Singing Festival

Our annual Primary Singing Festival returns w/b 26th June 2023. This year at the helm is vocal education-  
alist Steve Cash

Thursday 29th June is given over to Infant entries only.

More info [here](#). To book, please click [here](#)



### Scholarships

Birmingham University is very keen to offer 15 scholarships to new undergraduates who are studying a subject other than Music, but wish to continue receiving tuition on their given instrument and get involved in University Music activity. These scholarships are offered in three key disciplines: vocal, instrumental, and jazz.

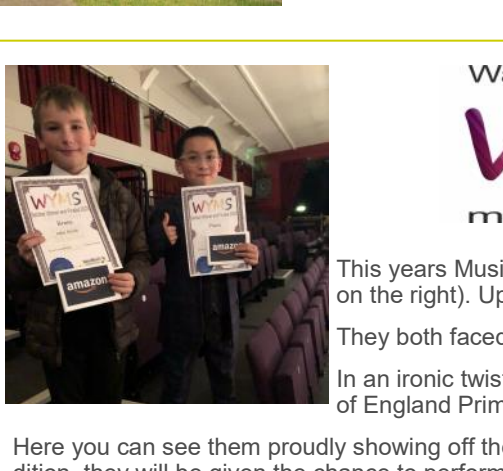
For more information, please follow [this link](#) to their website



### Rock n Pop on tour

Each year our young Rock 'n Poppers get the chance to perform at The Robin in Bilston - a prestigious venue supported by lots of top gigging bands and artists.

Date for your diaries: 19th July. *Advance tickets on sale from mid May or pay on the door. Ticket info will be on our website very soon. See you there!*



### Annual concert at the Bandstand

Arboretum July the 8th

This is an all day event, showcasing every ensemble from Tuesday and Wednesday night Music Centres.

This years WYMS music competition winners will also be soloing.

Why not come and support our young musicians; it would be lovely to see you there. There will be food (burgers, baps, sweets), and soft drinks available to purchase.

The day kicks off at 11am with back to back music til 6pm



### Walsall Young Music Star



motivate - celebrate

This years Music competition winner was Isaac Lu (pictured here on the right). Up and Coming winner was Alfie Smith.

They both faced some stiff competition from the 14 strong final.

In an ironic twist, both winners are pupils at St Michaels Church of England Primary School in Pelsall.

Here you can see them proudly showing off their certificated and gift vouchers for £125. In addition, they will be given the chance to perform throughout the year at other Music Hub events (see the Arboretum gig above).

Well done to all the finalists and huge congratulations to [Alfie and Isaac](#).

## Christmas Cracker 23



Booking forms are now out in schools if you'd like to perform at this year's Christmas choral celebration event 'Christmas Cracker'.

This popular event is always over subscribed, so it's never too soon to get your schools name down and booked in.

Contact [Steph Dufty](#) for more or click [here to download the booking form](#)

### Next steps for cultural education in England

Content and place in the curriculum - the National Plan - implementation - developing partnerships - support for disadvantaged groups - post-16 pathways and careers

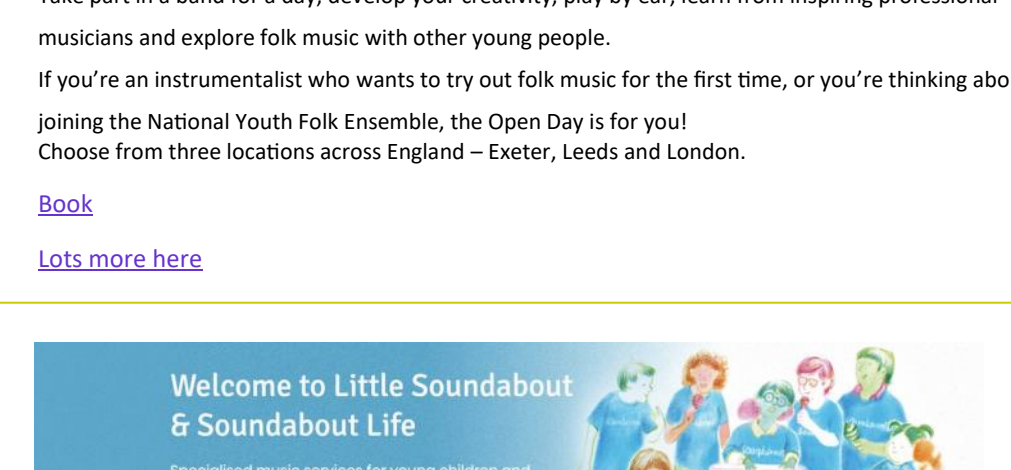
This conference will bring stakeholders and policymakers together to discuss the next steps for cultural education in England.

**WESTMINSTER EDUCATION FORUM** It comes as the Department for Education develops a new National Plan for Cultural Education, and with the appointment of the chair for its Expert Advisory Panel.

The conference will be an opportunity to consider the scope of the new National Plan, exploring how the sector and government might learn and incorporate the lessons from the Cultural Education Plan of 2013, and how to coordinate the new strategy with existing subject National Plans such as that for Music Education, published in 2022.

[More detail](#)

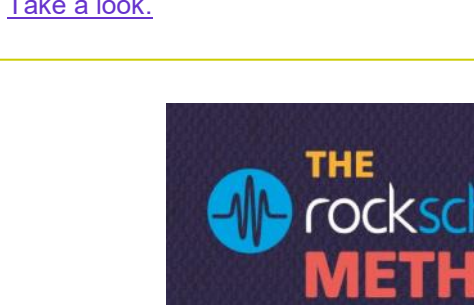
[Book](#)



### Youth Music Organisations to double

Arts Council England (ACE) and the Department for Education (DfE) have announced eight new National Youth Music Organisations (NYMOs), taking the total number from seven to 15. New NYMOs include Music Mark members Awards for Young Musicians, UD Music Foundation, and National Youth Folk Ensemble. All 15 NYMOs will receive funding as part of ACE's 2023-26 Investment Programme.

[More](#)



### National Youth Folk Music

Open days:

27 May | 31 May | 2 June 2023

Various locations

FREE

For musicians aged 12-18.

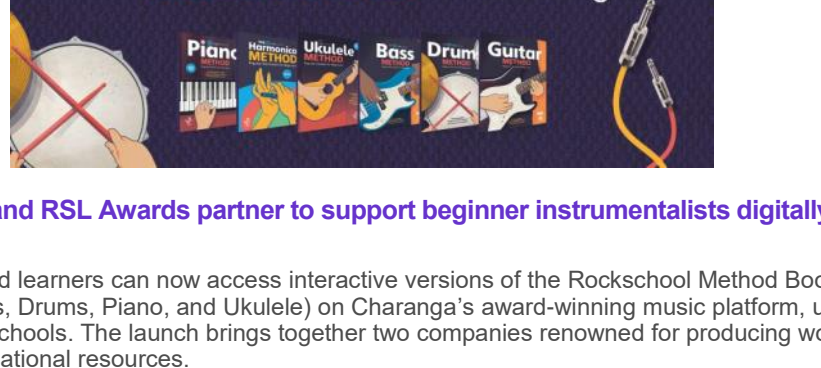
Take part in a band for a day, develop your creativity, play by ear, learn from inspiring professional musicians and explore folk music with other young people.

If you're an instrumentalist who wants to try out folk music for the first time, or you're thinking about joining the National Youth Folk Ensemble, the Open Day is for you!

Choose from three locations across England – Exeter, Leeds and London.

[Book](#)

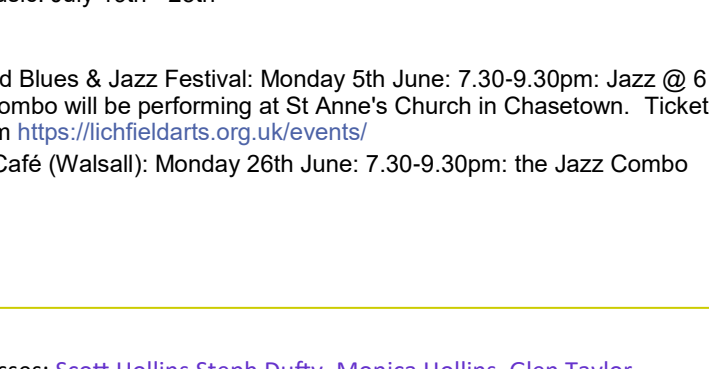
[Lots more here](#)



### Little Soundabout & Soundabout Life

These are a collection of free online musical resources for children and young adults with profound and multiple learning disabilities and their families, carers, and professionals.

[Take a look.](#)



### Charanga and RSL Awards partner to support beginner instrumentalists digitally

Teachers and learners can now access interactive versions of the Rockscool Method Books (Guitar, Bass, Drums, Piano, and Ukulele) on Charanga's award-winning music platform, used by 70% of UK schools. The launch brings together two companies renowned for producing world-leading educational resources.

[Find out more.](#)

### Dates for diaries

#### Summer Term

- Primary Singing Festival: June 27th, 28th, 29th
- Arboretum: 8th July
- Robin: July 19th
- ABRSM Exams: July 18th, 19th
- Live Music: July 19th - 25th

#### Jazz Events

- Lichfield Blues & Jazz Festival: Monday 5th June: 7.30-9.30pm: Jazz @ 6 Big Band & the Jazz Combo will be performing at St Anne's Church in Chasetown. Tickets £5 and available from <https://lichfieldarts.org.uk/events/>
- Table Café (Walsall): Monday 26th June: 7.30-9.30pm: the Jazz Combo

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