



Sound It Out!

If you've ever wondered what it would be like to play the trumpet, violin or clarinet, this is your chance to "sound out" all three. These fun classes are taught by professional instrumentalists/teachers. And the best part of all, you take your instrument home with you each week! The next course, which will be held in the Spring of 2016, is only €90, which includes instrument hire and tuition.



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MUSIC

@ WILLOW PARK SCHOOL



2015/2016



*Music gives
a soul to the universe,
wings to the mind,
flight to the imagination,
and life to everything.*

~ Plato ~

Life is a song, Love is the music!

Plato is quoted as saying, "I would teach children music, physics and philosophy; but most importantly music, for the patterns in music and all the arts are the keys to learning."
Willow Park School takes the joy of learning and making music very seriously.

Whether it's weekly singing classes for Second to Sixth form boys; or special recorder classes for Second and Third class boys; or fun rhythm and singing classes for the Junior & Senior Infants and First class boys; or an impromptu Trad Seisiún in The Hub; or the Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble rehearsing for a big concert; or special Junior Choir practices in the mornings; or before and after school music lessons; or preparing the Fifth Form musical; or singing and playing at liturgies; or rehearsing for the Spring concert, *Songs in the Park*; or performing at an assembly; or simply learning through music in the classroom... music is at the heart of Willow Park School and making music together is in our soul!

In addition to music as part of the curriculum, music lessons in nearly every orchestral instrument are offered. Registration forms can be found at the school Reception or online.

Willow Park School is very proud to be affiliated with the Royal Irish Academy of Music and is an examining centre for the Academy's Spring exams. Recognising that not everyone is cut out for exams, our highly trained music teaching staff tutors each individual boy, striving to bring out the best in each student and instill a love and appreciation of music.

It's all about the Joy of Music!

Without music, life would be a mistake. ~ Friedrich Nietzsche ~





MUSIC LESSONS

Learning to Play

One-to-one and small group music lessons are taught at Willow Park before and after school. Nearly every ensemble instrument is taught including guitar and, for the younger boys, ukulele. Due to the ever-increasing demand for lessons in orchestral instruments, piano and guitar lessons are available on a limited basis.

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LESSON FEES, 25-WEEK COURSE:

€660: 30-minute, One-to-One Classes

€690: 40-minute, Advanced Classes

€550: 40-minute, Small Group Classes

Early Payment - a reduction of 5% will be applied to anyone paying in full by 30 September; or families with a boy or boys enrolled in more than one class will also receive a 5% reduction in fees.

Learning Together

Ensemble music lessons on offer are:

GROUP VIOLIN

(Senior Infants, 1st & 2nd Class boys)

€500: mornings before school

GUITAR CLUBS

(3rd, 4th & 5th Class boys)

€440: mornings before school

UKULELE CLUBS

(1st & 2nd Class boys)

€440: mornings before school

CEOLTÓIRÍ PHÁIRC NA SAILÍ

(Trad fiddle, tin whistle & accordion)

€550: Mondays before school

TIN WHISTLE CLUB

(Senior Infants & 1st Class boys)

€440: Mondays before school

JAZZ ENSEMBLE

(advanced students, by invitation only)

€440: Mondays after school

(Note: Discounts cannot be applied to any of the Ensemble classes or clubs)



People who make music together cannot be enemies, at least while the music lasts.

~ Paul Hindemith~

Endangered Instruments



You could help save some of Willow's most endangered or "less popular" but very cool instruments by learning to play the French Horn, Baritone Horn, Tuba, Double Bass or Electric Bass at the special rate of only **€500!**

Playing Together

The Willow Park Orchestra is made up of talented boys who have achieved a certain level of proficiency. Featured at the Christmas Carol Service, the Christmas Concert, Songs in the Park, various liturgies and special occasions, the Orchestra plays a wide variety of music from classical to popular, Beethoven to Adele.

As well as the Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble, various choirs and the Trad Group, boys are encouraged to join or form groups that take in a large array of musical expressions in order to engage as many boys as possible in the joy of making music.

It's the music that brings us together!