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Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to share some exciting news about music provision at both Bonneygrove and Millbrook. After three years of requesting, we are finally able to offer a full music curriculum delivered by Hertfordshire Music Service, alongside additional support from the Music Department at Haileybury Turnford.

This is a significant step forward for our schools and one about which I am excited. For the first time, children will now have the opportunity to learn and play musical instruments, including violins, recorders and percussion instruments.

Research consistently shows that learning a musical instrument brings wide-ranging benefits. These include:

- Cognitive development: strengthening memory, problem-solving, and attention.
- Social and emotional growth: encouraging discipline, teamwork, self-expression, and reducing stress.
- Practical skills: supporting fine motor skill development through playing instruments.

Thanks to careful financial planning, the cost of the Hertfordshire Music Service has been covered within our school budgets, meaning all tuition is fully paid for by the schools.

Year One: Coral Performance - singing with Herts Music Service.

Year Two: Violin Lessons (whole class) – Herts Music Service – **a donation would be appreciated.**

Year Three: Recorders – Herts Music Service – **a donation would be appreciated.**

Year Four: Percussion Instruments – Haileybury Turnford.

Year Five: Violin Lessons (whole class) – Herts Music Service – **a donation would be appreciated.**

Year Six: Percussion Instruments – Haileybury Turnford.

To help us maintain and look after the instruments, we kindly ask for a small voluntary contribution of 50p per week towards the rental and upkeep of the violins and recorders for Years Two, Three and Five. Payments can be made through Arbor within Activities / School Trips.

All instruments have now arrived in school, and we are thrilled to confirm that our new music sessions will begin from the week commencing Monday 29th September 2025.

We are grateful for your support in helping us provide this wonderful opportunity for the children. Music has the power to inspire, uplift, and develop young minds, and we are so proud to be bringing this to our schools.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig Hamilton', written in a cursive style.

Mr Craig Hamilton
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