



MALCOLM SARGENT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Love To Learn

24 September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

DRAMA AND MUSIC TUITION 2026-2027

Last year, we continued to expand our music provision, and we are delighted to advise that provision has continued into this year.

Attached you will find a short biography for each music teacher, together with their contact information. Please contact your preferred teacher(s) direct for further information or to book lessons with them.

Please note that lessons are often at the same time each week as it is not possible for music teachers to rotate their lessons. Your child could therefore be missing the same lesson every week.

For information, the school has a few loan instruments available; please liaise with your preferred teacher for further information. Stamford Music Shop on St Mary's Hill also has a rental service available; please contact the shop direct for further information. If your child is interested in RockSteady, please visit their website at:

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>

Please contact the office if you require any further information.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sophie Ross
Headteacher

Chas McDevitt

Chas McDevitt is a musician and teacher based in the Peterborough area who combines performing, church music and instrumental teaching. He studied Music at the University of York and later completed a PGCE, gaining Qualified Teacher Status.

Alongside his teaching career, Chas has performed for more than twenty years with a jazz ensemble, developing a broad musical perspective which informs his teaching and ensemble work. He is also organist at All Saints, Tinwell, where he accompanies services and contributes to the musical life of the church.

Chas currently teaches in several schools across the region and has built a strong reputation for his engaging and supportive teaching style. He enjoys helping pupils of all abilities develop confidence, musical curiosity and a lasting enjoyment of music.

Chas offers weekly 20-minute lessons at the school, charged at £15 per lesson. Contact Chas for more information or to book lessons via his email at cmcdevitt1@gmail.com.



Kate Bidwell

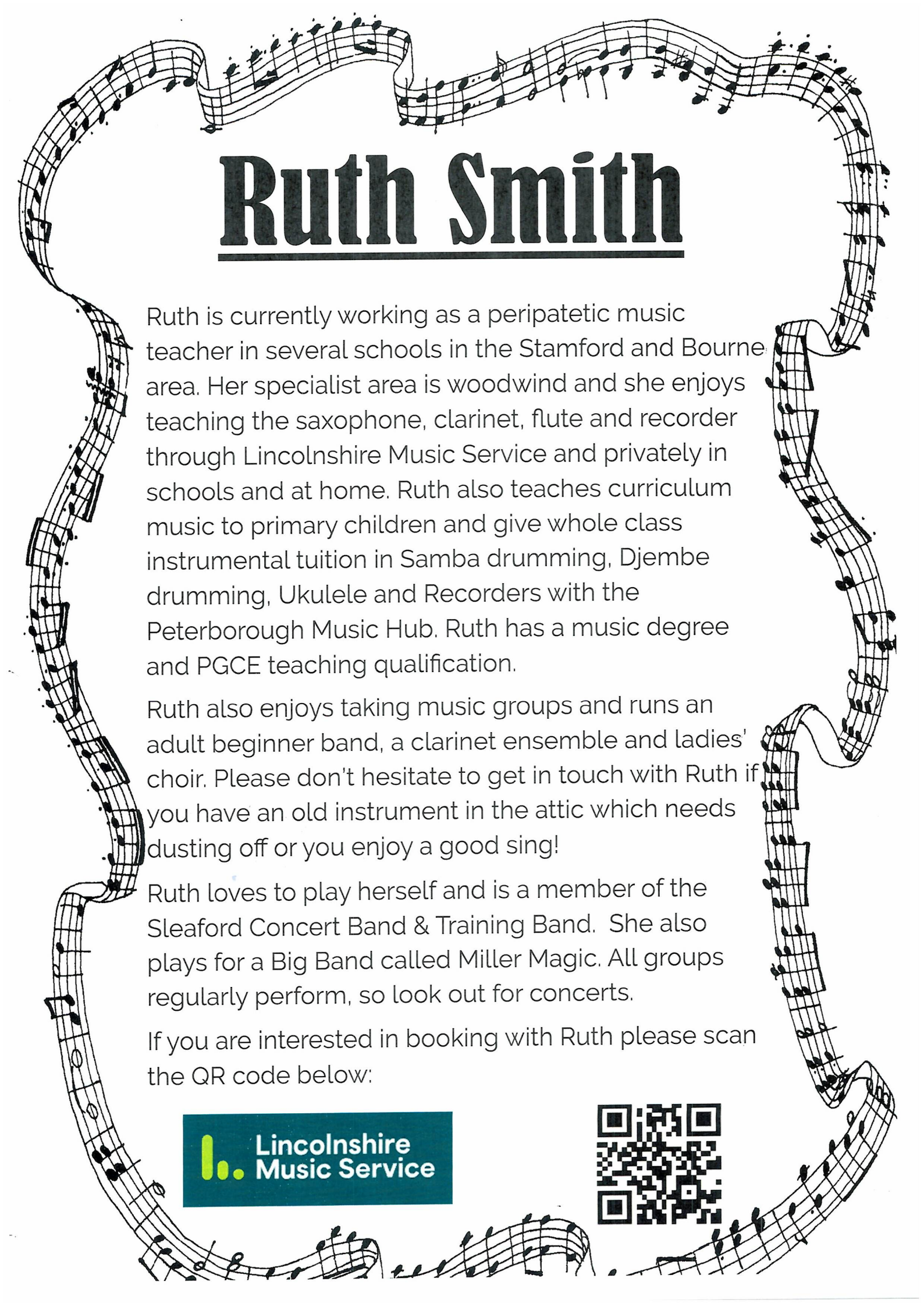
Kate Bidwell is a professionally qualified piano and music teacher who lives in Stamford.

Kate has almost 20 years of extensive teaching experience in Stamford and the surrounding area teaching as both a peripatetic and private piano teacher, as well as being a professional accompanist to various local amateur choirs, societies and music festivals. Kate is also the Musical Director of the Grantham Singers.

Kate offers lessons on Mondays. Her hourly rate for individual lessons is £40.00, pro-rated at £20.00 for each 30-minute lesson per pupil each week and £13.33 for each 20-minute lesson per pupil each week.

For further information or to book lessons with Kate, please email her at kate.bidwell88keys@gmail.com.





Ruth Smith

Ruth is currently working as a peripatetic music teacher in several schools in the Stamford and Bourne area. Her specialist area is woodwind and she enjoys teaching the saxophone, clarinet, flute and recorder through Lincolnshire Music Service and privately in schools and at home. Ruth also teaches curriculum music to primary children and give whole class instrumental tuition in Samba drumming, Djembe drumming, Ukulele and Recorders with the Peterborough Music Hub. Ruth has a music degree and PGCE teaching qualification.

Ruth also enjoys taking music groups and runs an adult beginner band, a clarinet ensemble and ladies' choir. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with Ruth if you have an old instrument in the attic which needs dusting off or you enjoy a good sing!

Ruth loves to play herself and is a member of the Sleaford Concert Band & Training Band. She also plays for a Big Band called Miller Magic. All groups regularly perform, so look out for concerts.

If you are interested in booking with Ruth please scan the QR code below:



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Scott McEwan

Scott has been teaching Guitar and Ukulele with us for over 13 years. Music has always been Scott's biggest passion and he has played guitar for over 25 years. Scott has also been a professional musician for many years and has released albums through several record labels in the UK, USA, Korea and Japan. He has toured extensively throughout the UK, USA, China and Spain both as a headline act and as support for well-known artists such as Badly Drawn Boy, David Gray and Darren Hayes. Scott's music has been featured in several publications, such as NME, The Independent, Q magazine, The Guardian and many others. He is also a published songwriter, with his songs being used in advertisements for Kia Motors, Childline and Hollister in Korea, UK and USA, and on TV shows such as Merli: Sapere Aude on Netflix.

Scott became interested in music as a young child and strongly believes that primary school is the best time to begin to learn to play a musical instrument. Music has brought Scott a huge amount of pleasure and he is always looking to pass on his knowledge and experience to pupils, and to give them the same opportunities he has himself had, to express himself through music.

Scott's lessons are on Tuesdays for children in Y3-6, to learn guitar or ukulele. The cost is £15 for a 30-minute session, £10 for 20 minutes and £8.50 for 15 minutes. Instruments can be provided for the children.

For further information or to book lessons with Scott, please email him at scott_mcewan@hotmail.co.uk.



Andy Thomas

Andy is a passionate and experienced music editor with a strong commitment to inspire individuals through the power of music. Andy has a track record of delivering engaging music and drumming lessons across a range of age groups, with a focus on creating inclusive, supportive and motivating learning environments. He is dedicated to nurturing pupils' musical talents whilst promoting an appreciation of music theory and history.

Andy is available for drum lessons on Thursdays between 11:30-15:30. Lessons are for 20 minutes which cost £10 or a 30 minute session for £15.

For more information or to book lessons with Andy, please email him at andydrummer62@yahoo.com.



Vikki Norton

Victoria Fallow-Norton (Miss Vikki as she is known at Welland School of Dancing) trained in Musical Theatre near her home town of Glasgow, graduating with a Higher National Diploma in 2005.

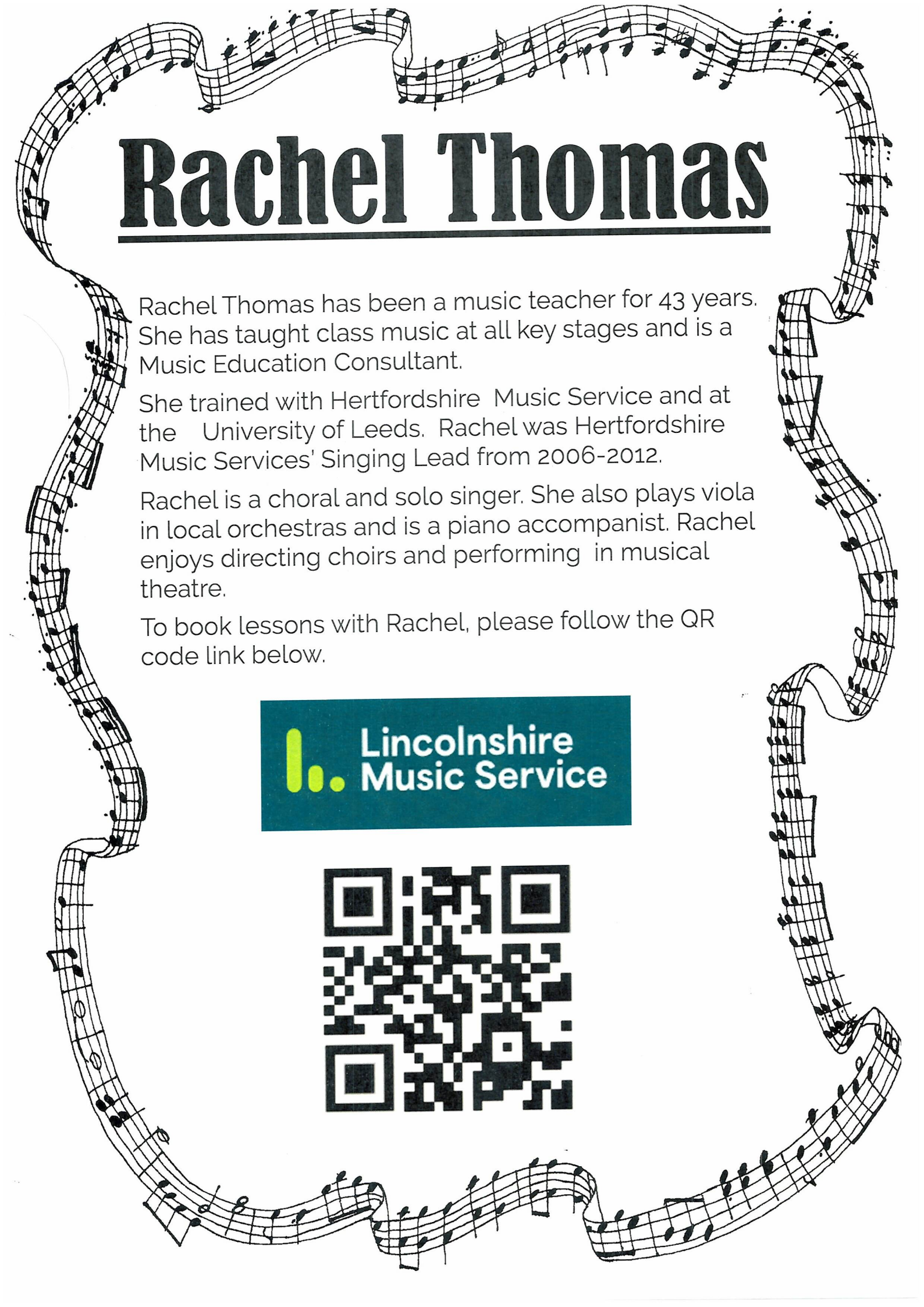
She immediately starting touring the UK in musicals and children's theatre before settling in beautiful Stamford. Vikki was keen to continue her training and so joined Welland School of Dancing as an adult student under the watchful eye of Miss Debbie. Vikki is now the Principal of Welland School of Dancing.

Vikki offers LAMDA preparation lessons for children aged 5-11 years on Fridays. Her lessons are twenty minutes each and cost £10. If you would like to take up drama lessons, please visit the QR code below for further information or email Vikki at info@wellandschoolof dancing.co.uk.



Victoria Fallow-Norton

Principal And Head Of Performing Arts



Rachel Thomas

Rachel Thomas has been a music teacher for 43 years. She has taught class music at all key stages and is a Music Education Consultant.

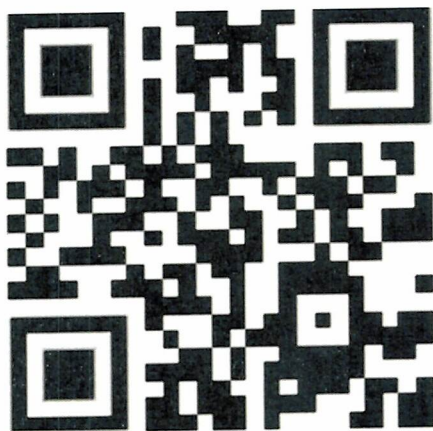
She trained with Hertfordshire Music Service and at the University of Leeds. Rachel was Hertfordshire Music Services' Singing Lead from 2006-2012.

Rachel is a choral and solo singer. She also plays viola in local orchestras and is a piano accompanist. Rachel enjoys directing choirs and performing in musical theatre.

To book lessons with Rachel, please follow the QR code link below.



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Jessica West

Jessica is a flute, piano and music theory teacher with over 30 years of musical experience and 10 years of teaching experience. She holds a Music degree and ABRSM qualifications, teaching pupils of all ages from young beginners through to adults.

Jessica's teaching approach focuses on developing a lifelong appreciation and enjoyment of music. She encourages a broad and engaging musical education which includes performance, aural, improvisation, composition and music theory. Lessons are tailored to each student's individual needs and interests, helping them build confidence, creativity and a genuine connection with their instrument. Jessica prepare students for graded examinations ensuring they have a secure and well-rounded understanding of each level before progressing.

Parents may also be interested to know that Miss West is ABRSM qualified and offers graded ABRSM Music Theory lessons. This is an excellent opportunity for children who are looking to take ABRSM Music Theory examinations.

Jessica is passionate about the positive impact music can have on emotional wellbeing, learning and personal development and her aim is to create a supportive, enjoyable learning environment where students can thrive, develop their musical skills and most importantly cultivate a lasting love of music.

For further information or to book lessons with Jessica, please email her on jessicawestmusic tutor@hotmail.com.

