

Guitar Lessons

starting on Thursday 14th September 2023

Please text 07908 736247 if you want your child to start playing guitar, there are three spaces available with me for the Autumn Term.

My song-based guitar lessons at Paddock Wood Academy take place on Thursday lunch-times and during the school afternoon.

The half-hour solo classes cost £18.50 and are invoiced each five-weeks, so the fee is £92.50 which will cover up to the end of term one on 12th October.

It is usually best to wait until year three before starting to play the guitar as constant forceful finger-squeezing on the spaces between the frets is needed to achieve good notes and chords.

For the same reason, please don't buy a steel-string guitar for your child, they are harder to play than nylon-strung classical guitars (3/4 size is usually best).

There are usually spare school guitars to borrow for a few weeks before you buy your own, so don't spend any money until your charge is enjoying producing a good sound at home. This requires each child giving up what they usually do at home at least twice a week to work on the piece I send by e-mail or WhatsApp to the parents/carers, so that within a year the pupil wants to perform to others because their favourite song is flowing so well.

Parents are encouraged to pop in by arrangement, so they can learn how to best support music making at home, I suggest a minimum of two ten-minute practices each week; one to remember the homework and one for the joy you get from doing something challenging really well.

-Nick Stephens