

Delayed Office Opening for Employee Training

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Date 25 September 2025

To Parents/Guardians of
Central Groups Pupils

Dear Parent/Guardian

Central Groups 2025-26

Listed below are details regarding Central Group rehearsal dates and concert commitments.

Central Groups Term 1

Rehearsals start Monday 6 October 2025 then resume after the October holidays week beginning Monday 27 October to Wednesday 3 December 2025 inclusive (term time only).

4 December 2025 – ChildLine Concert, Perth Concert Hall

5 December 2025 – YMPA Concert, North Inch Community Campus, Perth

Further information regarding the above concerts are included in this letter.

Central Groups Term 2

Rehearsals resume Wednesday 7 January 2026 onwards finishing with Central Group Concerts on the following dates:

24 March 2026 Central Groups Concert 1, Perth Concert Hall, 7.30pm

Groups involved:

- Guitar Ensemble – Conducted by Mr Bathgate
- Concert Band – Conducted by Mrs Barker
- Pipe Band – Directed by Mr Mulholland
- Wind Orchestra – Conducted by Mrs Purcell

25 March 2026 Central Groups Concert 2, Perth Concert Hall, 7.30pm

Groups involved:

- Brass Band – Conducted by Mrs Blackwood
- Junior String Orchestra – Conducted by Ms Steele
- Choir – Conducted by Ms Perman
- Senior String Orchestra – Conducted by Mr Whiteman
- Percussion Ensemble – Conducted by Ms Paterson

To all Parents/Guardians of Central Groups pupils

25 September 2025

Tickets for the above concerts cost £7 per adult, no concessions. School children go free but still require a ticket for seating allocation. Tickets will be available to purchase shortly from Perth Concert Hall by contacting 01738 621031 or visiting [Perth Theatre and Concert Hall](#). For your information, our parent support body, Young Musicians' Parents' Association (YMPA), will be making a collection to allow them to continue their support for our young instrumentalists. Donations will be kindly received!

Further information, including when tickets are available, will be issued shortly to participating pupils.

Please note there are no rehearsals week beginning Monday 9 February 2026 due to In-Service day and Mid Term break.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

ChildLine Concert, 4 December 2025, Perth Concert Hall, 7.30pm

Groups involved:

- Pipe Band – Directed by Mr Mulholland
- Concert Band – Conducted by Mrs Barker
- Wind Orchestra – Conducted by Mrs Whiteman
- Junior String Orchestra – Conducted by Ms Steele
- Senior String Orchestra – Conducted by Mr Whiteman
- Perth Youth Orchestra – Conducted by Mrs McGovern

Tickets for the ChildLine Concert are available to purchase from Perth Concert Hall. Adults £18.00 (incl. booking fee per ticket); Under 16's £7.00. For further information and tickets, please contact the Perth Concert Hall Box Office on 01738 621031 or visit their website [Perth Theatre and Concert Hall](#) or [Childline](#) Advance booking recommended.

Further information will be issued shortly to participating pupils.

YMPA Mulled Wine and Mince Pie Evening, Friday 5 December 2025, North Inch Community Campus, Perth, 7.30pm

Groups involved:

- Brass Band – Conducted by Mrs Blackwood
- Choir – Conducted by Ms Perman
- Guitar Ensemble – Conducted by Mr Bathgate
- Percussion Ensemble – Conducted by Ms Paterson

Further information will be issued shortly to participating pupils.

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MUSIC CAMPS 2026

Senior Music Camp, Monday 6 – Thursday 9 April 2026, Dounan's Centre, Aberfoyle.
Concert arrangements will be confirmed shortly.

Groups invited:

- Senior Choir
- Perth Youth Orchestra
- Wind Orchestra
- Percussion Ensemble
- Pipe Band
- Senior String Orchestra

Invitations will be issued shortly to participating pupils and bands confirming costs and concert arrangements.

Junior Music Camp, May 2026 (Dates TBC)

Groups invited:

- Brass Band
- Concert Band
- Guitar Ensemble
- Junior String Orchestra

We are in the process of planning a Junior Music Camp to take place in May 2026. Once all our arrangements have been finalised, we will issue invitations to invited groups with further information including dates, costs and venue etc.

For easy reference, we have combined all the rehearsal and concert dates in a summary table enclosed for your information.

Many thanks for your continued support with these events.

Yours faithfully



Lynsey Paterson
Music Co-ordinator

Instrumental Music Service - Diary of Events

October 2025

Date	Event	Bands Involved
6 – 9 October 2025	Start of Central Groups (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday bands)	All bands - Perth Youth Orchestra Brass Band Concert Band Guitar Ensemble Wind Orchestra Choir Percussion Ensemble Pipe Band Junior String Orchestra Senior String Orchestra
w/b 13 October	No Central Groups taking place - October school holidays	n/a
w/b 20 October	No Central Groups taking place - October school holidays	n/a
w/b 27 October	Central Groups resume ((Monday, Wednesday & Thursday bands)	All bands

November 2025

November	Event	Bands Involved
w/b 3 November	Central Groups rehearsals (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday bands)	All bands
w/b 10 November	Central Groups rehearsals (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday bands)	All bands
w/b 17 November	Central Groups rehearsals (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday bands)	All bands
w/b 24 November	Central Groups rehearsals (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday bands)	All bands

December 2025

Date	Event	Bands Involved
Monday 1 December	Perth Youth Orchestra rehearsal	Perth Youth Orchestra only
Wednesday 3 December	Central Groups rehearsal (Wednesday evening bands only)	Brass Band Concert Band Guitar Ensemble Wind Orchestra
Thursday 4 December	ChildLine Concert, Perth Concert Hall, 7.30pm No Central Groups rehearsals in the North Inch Campus due to ChildLine Concert	Pipe Band Concert Band Wind Orchestra Junior String Orchestra Senior String Orchestra Perth Youth Orchestra
Friday 5 December	YMPA Mulled Wine & Mince Pie Evening, North Inch Community Campus, Perth, 7.30pm	Brass Band Choir Guitar Ensemble Percussion Ensemble
w/b 8 December	No Central Groups taking place	n/a
w/b 15 December	No Central Groups taking place	n/a
w/b 22 December	No Central Groups taking place	n/a
w/b 29 December	No Central Groups taking place	n/a

January 2026

Date	Event	Bands Involved
Monday 5 January	No Central Groups taking place	n/a
Wednesday 7 January	Central Groups rehearsals (Wednesday bands only)	Brass Band Concert Band Guitar Ensemble Wind Orchestra

Thursday 8 January	Central Groups rehearsals (Thursday bands only)	Choir Percussion Ensemble Pipe Band Junior String Orchestra Senior String Orchestra
w/b 12 January	Central Groups rehearsals (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday bands)	All bands
w/b 19 January	Central Groups rehearsals (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday bands)	All bands
w/b 26 January	Central Groups rehearsals (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday bands)	All bands

February 2026

Date	Event	Bands Involved
w/b 2 February	Central Groups rehearsals (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday bands)	All bands
w/b 9 February	No Central Groups taking place - February mid-term break	n/a
w/b 16 February	Central Groups rehearsals (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday bands)	All bands
w/b 23 February	Central Groups rehearsals (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday bands)	All bands

March 2026

Date	Event	Bands Involved
w/b 2 March	Central Groups rehearsals (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday bands)	All bands
w/b 9 March	Central Groups rehearsals (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday bands)	All bands
w/b 16 March	Central Groups rehearsals (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday bands)	All bands

Monday 23 March	Perth Youth Orchestra rehearsal	Perth Youth Orchestra only
Tuesday 24 March	Central Groups Concert 1, Perth Concert Hall, 7.30pm	Guitar Ensemble Concert Band Pipe Band Wind Orchestra
Wednesday 25 March	Central Groups Concert 2, Perth Concert Hall, 7.30pm	Brass Band Junior String Orchestra Choir Senior String Orchestra Percussion Ensemble

The Central Groups concerts on 24 & 25 March mark the end of Central Groups for 2025-26 although there will be additional rehearsals for Perth Youth Orchestra throughout May, June & August. Dates to be confirmed.

April 2026

Date	Event	Bands Involved
Monday 6 – Thursday 9 April	Senior Music Camp, Dounan's Centre, Aberfoyle	Senior Choir Perth Youth Orchestra Wind Orchestra Percussion Ensemble Pipe Band Senior String Orchestra
Date TBC	Senior Music Camp Concert – Date & venue to be confirmed	

May 2026

Date	Event	Bands Involved
Dates TBC	Junior Music Camp – Dates & venue to be confirmed	Brass Band Concert Band

		Guitar Ensemble Junior String Orchestra
Concert Date TBC	Junior Music Camp Concert – Date & venue to be confirmed	TBC

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