

**Delayed Office Opening
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To Parents/Guardians of Central
Groups pupils

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Your ref

Date 2 March 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian

Central Groups Concerts 24 & 25 March 2026, Perth Concert Hall, 7.30pm

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

Groups involved:

- Guitar Ensemble
- Concert Band
- Pipe Band
- Wind Orchestra
- Big Band

Conductor: Mr Bathgate
Conductor: Mrs Barker
Director: Mr Mulholland
Conductor: Mrs Purcell
Conductor: Ms Crosby

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

Groups involved:

- Brass Band
- Choir
- Junior String Orchestra
- Senior String Orchestra
- Percussion Ensemble

Conductor: Mrs Blackwood
Conductor: Ms Perman
Conductor: Ms Steele
Conductor: Mr Whiteman
Conductor: Ms Paterson

Thank you for your support throughout this session allowing your child to participate once more in the Perth & Kinross Central Groups.

As we approach the showcase concerts, I would like to formally invite you to these concerts to enjoy the final results of the hard work all the groups have carried out throughout the session.

Please see following details regarding the above Central Group concerts.

2 March 2026

To all Parents/Guardians of Central Groups Pupils

Pupils who use the Central Groups transport to rehearsals will be picked up at their usual pick-up point but **one hour earlier than normal**. Please see transport timetable included in this letter.

Please wait at the bus stop in case buses are slightly delayed. They will arrive!

Please note there will be no return transport as it is hoped parents will attend the concert.

It is important that pupils who do not normally travel on the buses` provided do not use the transport for the concerts as this will affect available seating numbers per coach.

All pupils not using the transport provided are asked to arrive at Perth Concert Hall either at 5.00pm or at least 20 minutes prior to their rehearsal time for registration. Please continue reading for registration and signing out procedures.

Upon arrival, all pupils should report to their registration station in the Concert Hall Foyer, outside Norie Miller Studio where they will be asked to sign in and then directed to the main auditorium where they will be seated until they are called for rehearsal. **All pupils are asked to bring a packed tea with them which they will have the opportunity to eat in the auditorium before/after rehearsals.**

In line with health & safety procedures, we ask all pupils to remain in the hall after registration.

The concert is anticipated to be shorter than usual, so the intention is to have no interval but short breaks to reset for the next ensemble. It is hoped that pupils and parents will stay to support the musicians playing in the rest of concert.

All Primary pupils and any Secondary pupils whose parents specifically ask that their child/children are signed out to them, will be signed out at the registration stations outside the Norie Miller Studio at the end of the concert.

We are aware that the vast majority of parents will be in attendance and therefore will be able to pick up their child/children after the concert. However, there may be a few circumstances where parents will not be in a position to personally collect their children and have made alternative arrangements for their child/children to go home. In this case, we ask parents to please contact the Music Service Admin Team on 01738 477878 or email MusicService@pkc.gov.uk to clarify how your child/children will be going home i.e. with a friend, relative, independently.

Please note, all Primary pupils must be signed over to parents or guardians.

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2 March 2026

To all Parents/Guardians of Central Groups Pupils

Pupils should wear their Central Groups tie, white shirt, black trousers/skirt and black shoes. Central Groups ties will be provided to pupils who do not have one. Pupils who are performing with Central Groups for the last time i.e. not attending Music Camps, should return their Central Groups tie for new members to use. Anyone who wishes to keep their tie is asked to make a donation to the Young Musicians' Parents' Association (YMPA).

Tickets for the above concerts cost £7 per adult, no concessions. School children go free but still require a ticket for seating allocation. Tickets are available to purchase from Perth Concert Hall by contacting 01738 621031 or visiting their website via the following link [Central Groups Concerts](#). **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!**

Please note these concerts mark the end of Central Groups for this term (with the exception of Perth Youth Orchestra). Rehearsals will resume September/October 2026.

Many thanks for your continued support with these events.

Yours faithfully



Lynsey Paterson
Music Co-ordinator

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Central Groups Concerts, 24 & 25 March 2026

Registration & Signing out Procedures

Registration

Arrival – Outside Norie Miller Studio

All pupils must be registered upon arrival at designated registration stations located outside the Norie Miller Studio (signs will be posted directing pupils to sign in sheets alphabetical by surname (e.g. A-L, M-Z))

Departure – Outside Norie Miller Studio

Primary Pupils

All primary pupils must be signed over to parents or guardians at their designated registration stations where they signed in (as stated above).

Secondary Pupils

All secondary pupils must sign themselves out with their group leader before leaving the concert venue. Any parents of secondary pupils who specifically wish their children to be signed out/over to them should contact the Instrumental Music Service Admin Team on 01738 477878 or Musicservice@pkc.gov.uk. Please see information below for designated signing out areas.

Central Groups Concert 1, Tuesday 24 March 2026

Rehearsal Schedule

Big Band

Wind Orchestra

Pipe Band

Concert Band

Guitar Ensemble

5.15pm	Big Band, Conductor: Ms Crosby
5.40pm	Wind Orchestra, Conductor: Mrs Purcell
6.05pm	Pipe Band, Pipe Major: Mr Mulholland
6.25pm	Concert Band, Conductor: Mrs Barker
6.45pm	Guitar Ensemble, Conductor: Mr Bathgate

Performance Schedule

Guitar Ensemble

Conductor: Mr Bathgate

Concert Band

Conductor: Mrs Barker

Pipe Band

Pipe Major: Mr Mulholland

Wind Orchestra

Conductor: Mrs Purcell

Big Band

Conductor: Ms Crosby

After the rehearsals in the Auditorium pupils will be taken to their warmup rooms to await call for performance.

Warm up rooms:

Guitar Ensemble – Tilt room, Perth Concert Hall

- Following performance, pupils will return to the Tilt room to drop off their instruments.
- Pupils will then be escorted up to the balcony where they will remain until the end of the concert.
- After the concert, pupils will be signed out at their designated registration station outside the Norie Miller Studio (where they signed in).
- Secondary pupils can sign themselves out.
- All Primary pupils and any Secondary pupils whose parents specifically ask that their child/children are signed out to them, will be signed out at the registration stations at the end of the concert.
- **All Primary pupils must be signed over to parents or guardians. Any Secondary pupils whose parents wish their child to be signed out to them should notify the Music Service Admin Team on either 01738 477878 or Musicservice@pkc.gov.uk prior to the event.**

Concert Band – Isla room, Perth Concert Hall

- Following performance, pupils will return to the Isla room to drop off their instruments
- Pupils will then be escorted up to the balcony where they will remain until the end of the concert.
- After the concert, pupils will be signed out at their designated registration station outside the Norie Miller Studio (where they signed in).
- Secondary pupils can sign themselves out.
- All Primary pupils and any Secondary pupils whose parents specifically ask that their child/children are signed out to them, will be signed out at the registration stations at the end of the concert.
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Pipe Band – Earn room, Perth Concert Hall

- Following performance, pupils will return to the Earn room and will remain there until the end of the concert.
- After the concert, pupils will be signed out at their designated registration station outside the Norie Miller Studio (where they signed in).
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Wind Orchestra – Norie Miller Studio, Perth Concert Hall

- Following performance, children will return to the Norie Miller Studio to collect their belongings.
- After the concert, pupils will be signed out at their designated registration station outside the Norie Miller Studio (where they signed in).
- Secondary pupils can sign themselves out.
- All Primary pupils and any Secondary pupils whose parents specifically ask that their child/children are signed out to them, will be signed out at the registration stations at the end of the concert.
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Big Band – Norie Miller Studio, Perth Concert Hall

- Following performance, children will return to the Norie Miller Studio to collect their belongings.
- After the concert, pupils will be signed out at their designated registration station outside the Norie Miller Studio (where they signed in).
- Secondary pupils can sign themselves out.
- All Primary pupils and any Secondary pupils whose parents specifically ask that their child/children are signed out to them, will be signed out at the registration stations at the end of the concert.
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Central Groups Concert 2, Wednesday 25 March 2026

Rehearsal Schedule

Percussion Ensemble
Senior String Orchestra
Junior String Orchestra
Choir
Brass Band

5.15pm	Percussion Ensemble, Conductor: Ms Paterson
5.35pm	Senior String Orchestra, Conductor: Mr Whiteman
5.55pm	Junior String Orchestra, Conductor: Ms Steele
6.15pm	Choir, Conductor: Ms Perman
6.40pm	Brass Band, Conductor: Mrs Blackwood

Performance Schedule

Brass Band	Conductor: Mrs Blackwood
Choir	Conductor: Ms Perman
Junior String Orchestra	Conductor: Ms Steele
Senior String Orchestra	Conductor: Mr Whiteman
Percussion Ensemble	Conductor: Ms Paterson

Brass Band – Tilt and Earn rooms, Perth Concert Hall

- Following performance, children will return to the Tilt & Earn rooms to collect their belongings
- Pupils will then be escorted up to the balcony where they will remain until the end of the concert.
- After the concert, pupils will be signed out at their designated registration station outside the Norie Miller Studio (where they signed in).
- Secondary pupils can sign themselves out.
- All Primary pupils and any Secondary pupils whose parents specifically ask that their child/children are signed out to them, will be signed out at the registration stations at the end of the concert.
- **All Primary pupils must be signed over to parents or guardians. Any Secondary pupils whose parents wish their child to be signed out to them should notify the Music Service Admin Team on either 01738 477878 or Musicservice@pkc.gov.uk prior to the event.**

Choir – Tay room, Perth Concert Hall.

- Following performance, children will return to the Tay room.
- After the concert, pupils will be signed out at their designated registration station outside the Norie Miller Studio (where they signed in).
- Secondary pupils can sign themselves out.
- All Primary pupils and any Secondary pupils whose parents specifically ask that their child/children are signed out to them, will be signed out at the registration stations at the end of the concert.
- **All Primary pupils must be signed over to parents or guardians. Any Secondary pupils whose parents wish their child to be signed out to them should notify the Music Service Admin Team on either 01738 477878 or Musicservice@pkc.gov.uk prior to the event.**

Junior String Orchestra – Norie Miller Studio, Perth Concert Hall

- Following performance, children will make their way to the Norie Miller Studio where they will remain until the end of the concert.
- After the concert, pupils will be signed out at their designated registration station outside the Norie Miller Studio (where they signed in).
- Secondary pupils can sign themselves out.
- All Primary pupils and any Secondary pupils whose parents specifically ask that their child/children are signed out to them, will be signed out at the registration stations at the end of the concert.
- **All Primary pupils must be signed over to parents or guardians. Any Secondary pupils whose parents wish their child to be signed out to them should notify the Music Service Admin Team on either 01738 477878 or Musicservice@pkc.gov.uk prior to the event.**

Senior String Orchestra – Isla room, Perth Concert Hall

- Following performance, children will return to the Isla room where they will remain until the end of the concert.
- After the concert, pupils will be signed out at their designated registration station outside the Norie Miller Studio (where they signed in).
- Secondary pupils can sign themselves out.
- All Primary pupils and any Secondary pupils whose parents specifically ask that their child/children are signed out to them, will be signed out at the registration stations at the end of the concert.
- **All Primary pupils must be signed over to parents or guardians. Any Secondary pupils whose parents wish their child to be signed out to them should notify the Music Service Admin Team on either 01738 477878 or Musicservice@pkc.gov.uk prior to the event.**

Percussion Ensemble – Tilt and Earn rooms, Perth Concert Hall

- Following performance, children will return to the Tilt & Earn rooms to collect their belongings.
- After the concert, pupils will be signed out at their designated registration station outside the Norie Miller Studio (where they signed in).
- Secondary pupils can sign themselves out.
- All Primary pupils and any Secondary pupils whose parents specifically ask that their child/children are signed out to them, will be signed out at the registration stations at the end of the concert.
- **All Primary pupils must be signed over to parents or guardians. Any Secondary pupils whose parents wish their child to be signed out to them should notify the Music Service Admin Team on either 01738 477878 or Musicservice@pkc.gov.uk prior to the event.**

TRANSPORT TIMETABLE - TUESDAY 24 MARCH 2026

PLEASE NOTE - ALL TRANSPORT WILL BE PICKING UP ONE HOUR EARLIER THAN USUAL.

AREA	PICK-UP POINT	TIME
ALYTH	SQUARE	3.50pm
BLAIRGOWRIE	WELLMEADOW	4.05pm
COUPAR ANGUS	CROSS	4.15pm
WOODSIDE	(1 st BUS SHELTER AS YOU COME IN FROM COUPAR ANGUS (NOT THE STOP AT THE VILLAGE HALL))	4.20pm
BURRELTON	GARAGE	4.25pm
BALBEGGIE	VILLAGE HALL	4.35pm
SCONE	CHIP SHOP	4.40pm
KINROSS	HIGH SCHOOL	4.10pm
MILNATHORT	CROSS	4.20pm
GLENFARG	HOTEL	4.30pm
BRIDGE OF EARN	POST OFFICE	4.35pm
CRIEFF	SQUARE	4.10pm
MUTHILL	PRIMARY SCHOOL	4.15pm
AUCHTERARDER	AYTOUN HALL	4.25pm
PITLOCHRY	OPP. FISHERS HOTEL	4.00pm
BALLINLUIG*	INN	4.10pm
DUNKELD	ROYAL SCHOOL	4.20pm
BANKFOOT	POST OFFICE	4.25pm
STANLEY	SQUARE	4.35pm
LUNCARTY	MAIN ST. BUS SHELTER	4.40pm
*(Aberfeldy pupils should board the bus at Ballinluig)		
DESTINATION	PERTH CONCERT HALL	5.00pm

There will be no return journey as it is hoped that parents will be supporting the concert

TRANSPORT TIMETABLE - WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 2026

PLEASE NOTE - ALL TRANSPORT WILL BE PICKING UP ONE HOUR EARLIER THAN USUAL.

AREA	PICK-UP POINT	TIME
ALYTH	SQUARE	3.50pm
BLAIRGOWRIE	WELLMEADOW	4.05pm
COUPAR ANGUS	CROSS	4.15pm
WOODSIDE	(1 st BUS SHELTER AS YOU COME IN FROM COUPAR ANGUS (NOT THE STOP AT THE VILLAGE HALL)	4.20pm
BURRELTON	GARAGE	4.25pm
BALBEGGIE	VILLAGE HALL	4.35pm
SCONE	CHIP SHOP	4.40pm
KINROSS	PRIMARY SCHOOL	4.00pm
KINROSS	HIGH SCHOOL	4.10pm
MILNATHORT	CROSS	4.20pm
GLENFARG	HOTEL	4.30pm
BRIDGE OF EARN	POST OFFICE	4.35pm
CRIEFF	SQUARE	4.10pm
MUTHILL	PRIMARY SCHOOL	4.15pm
AUCHTERARDER	AYTOUN HALL	4.25pm
PITLOCHRY	OPP. FISHERS HOTEL	4.00pm
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DUNKELD	ROYAL SCHOOL	4.20pm
BANKFOOT	POST OFFICE	4.25pm
STANLEY	SQUARE	4.35pm
LUNCARTY	MAIN ST. BUS SHELTER	4.40pm
*(Aberfeldy pupils should board the bus at Ballinluig)		
DESTINATION	PERTH CONCERT HALL	5.00pm

There will be no return journey as it is hoped that parents will be supporting the concert