

PRIMARY ROBINS REPORT SUMMER 2026

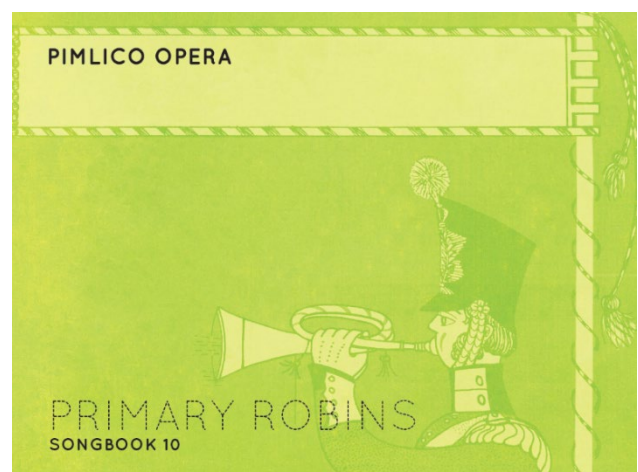
Last year, Primary Robins gave 7,160 children a 30-minute singing class every week of the school year at no cost to the school or parents.

Singing boosts confidence, improves self-esteem, helps with reading and speech development and even with making friends.



There are 22 wonderful Primary Robins teachers across the country and it is great that each teacher will structure the lesson differently and put their individual spin on it with different warm-ups and games.

New ones to me are a warm-up called "The Jazzy Knickerbocker", the tongue twister "Unique New York" and the musical game "Bungalow".



The children sing from a series of ten songbooks that include a real variety of musical styles from traditional folk songs to Disney numbers, musical hits and songs by The Beatles.

Favourites this year have been: *The Wizard of Oz*, *The Runaway Train*, *So Long*, *Farewell* and *Yellow Submarine*.



Orchestral workshops by the Berkeley Ensemble are a wonderful way to introduce children to the instruments of the orchestra, different musical genres and composers.

This year they have visited schools in Lewisham, Surrey, Essex, Newcastle and Manchester.

At the start of the Spring term, Primary Robins started at West Hill special school in Surrey. West Hill School is a school for primary aged children with Learning and Additional Needs. These may include speech and language difficulties, autism, physical difficulties and/or medical needs.

I am delighted that we will start at Pond Meadow special school in Guildford this September.

"West Hill has greatly benefited from the weekly Primary Robins sessions, which have provided children from Reception through to Year 6 with valuable opportunities to develop their confidence, creativity, and self-expression through music. Pupils have particularly enjoyed showcasing their singing talents, collaborating with their peers to write song lyrics, and taking part in shared musical experiences. The sessions have enabled children to express themselves in a positive and engaging way, while also fostering teamwork, communication, and a sense of achievement. The impact on pupils' enjoyment, confidence, and engagement has been significant, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming Primary Robins back in September."

Danielle Pullan – **Class Teacher & Associate Leader at West Hill School**

Primary Robins will also be starting at three further schools:

Bede Community Primary School, Gateshead

Northbury Primary School, Essex

Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary School, London

On 29 June, 90 Surrey Robins performed a concert at our opera house. Songs included *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, *Molly Malone* and an incredible three-part rendition of Cy Coleman's *Rhythm of Life*.

[WATCH: Primary Robins sing The Rhythm of Life](#)



Ross Ramgobin's performance of the Toreador from Carmen was a big hit.

On 15 July, 132 Lewisham Robins performed a concert at Blackheath Halls. They sang songs they have learnt over the last year and were accompanied by members of the Berkeley Ensemble. Songs included *Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious*, *My Bonnie Lies over the Ocean* and *So Long, Farewell*.

[WATCH: Primary Robins sing So Long, Farewell](#)



Highlights for the children were Ailish Tynan singing Puccini's *O mio babbino caro* and the Berkeley ensemble playing *Hedwig's Theme* from Harry Potter.

Over 200 parents were in the audience and the cheers and applause after every song showed how incredibly proud they were.

What a high note on which to end the year!

Thank you so much for supporting Primary Robins.

Annabel Larard – Primary Robins Project Leader