

READ to the BEAT

Summer Reading Challenge 2026



ART CLUB CREATIVE COMPETITION

To celebrate the 2026 Summer reading challenge with Kettering Library, the Alfred East Gallery is running a special Doodler's art competition, inspired by MUSIC IN ART

To take part:

Pick up your pencils, paint, or digital tools to create your own artwork inspired by music. You could take inspiration from your favourite songs and musicians, musical instruments, or even artworks in the gallery collection. Then tell us how music inspires YOU to be creative!

Details:

- Opening Date: Saturday 11th July.
- Closing Date: Friday 11th September.
- This is your inspiration & template pack from Alfred East Gallery!
- Hand your finished masterpiece to the Library team, with your name, age & email for a chance to win art prizes and your work on display! Use this pack or submit an artwork in any medium no larger than A4.



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ART & MUSIC in the Collection

Need inspiration? Alfred East Gallery have selected some artworks in the collection to get you started with extra optional activities :)



SHERLEY

PHILLIPS

A Victorian
Nursery Rhyme

Pen, Ink &
Gouache
KETKM: 683

DOODLER' S Explore a picture!

Can you create a doodle for
each letter of the alphabet?

What' s your favourite sweet
treat? _____



ART & MUSIC in the Collection

Need inspiration? Alfred East Gallery have selected some artworks and artists in the collection to get you started!

A

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Draw: My favourite sweet treat!





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STANLEY
SPENCER

The Violinist

Oil

KETKM: 146

DOODLER' S
Explore a
picture!

Art
suggestion:
Create an
artwork of
your favourite
musical
instrument or
how about a
portrait of a
favourite
musician?



I like this
painting!

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This painting
isn't my thing!

☐

OODLES OF DOODLES

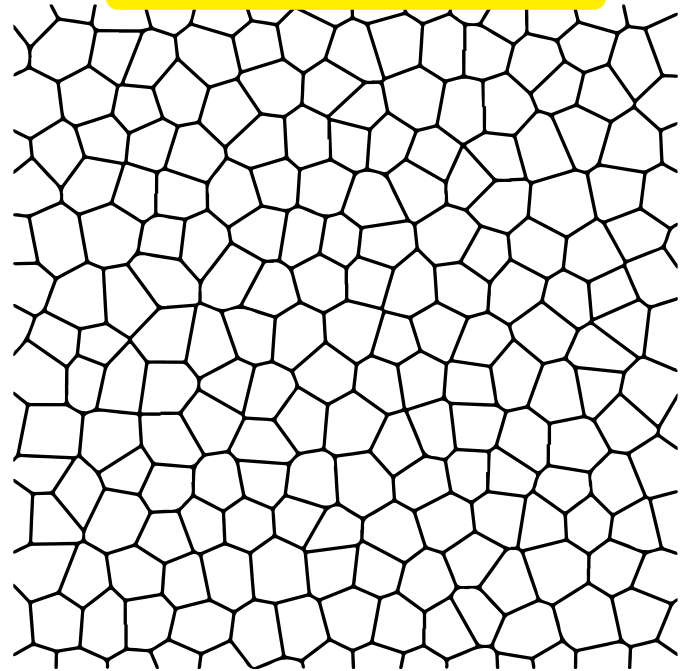
Have a go at these drawing activities to complete in under 15 minutes!

Curate your gallery with artworks, objects, and sculptures with a musical or sound theme.



MOSAIC CHALLENGE

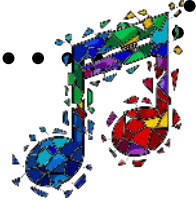
Create a musical mosaic! Draw and colour on the tiles:



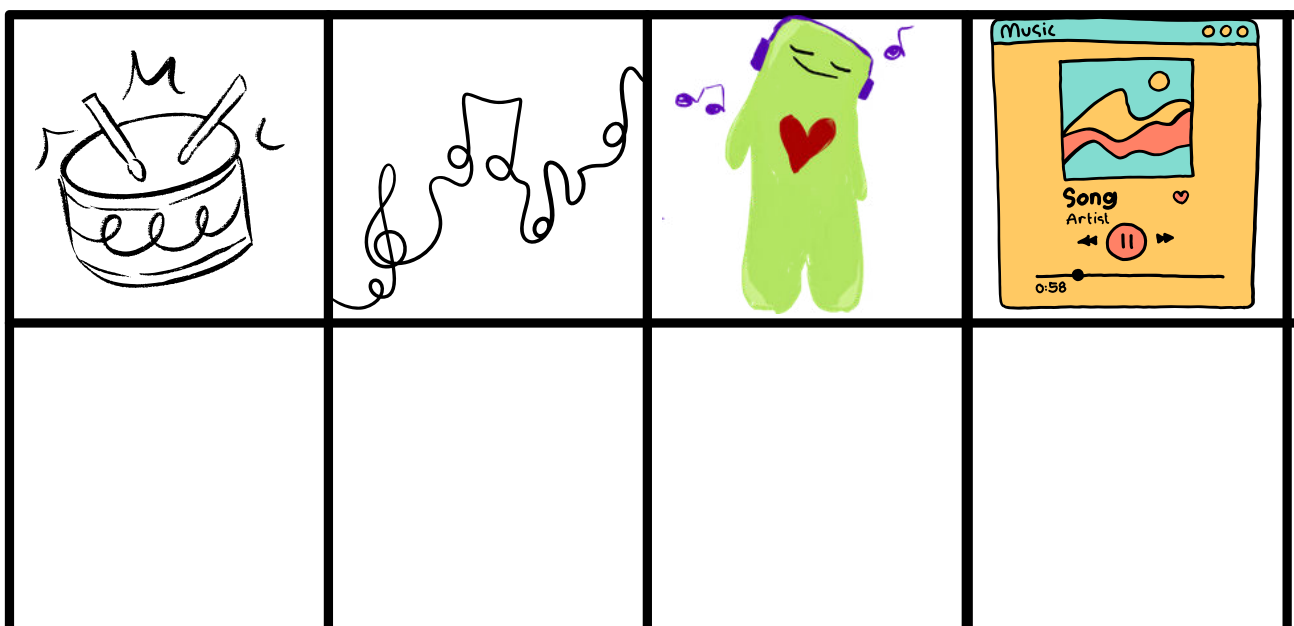
What is a Mosaic?



A mosaic is a picture or pattern produced by the arrangement of lots of small materials. Mosaics are often used to decorate floors and walls, and they were particularly popular in Ancient Rome.



Copy the Doodles or make your own version





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RUSKIN

SPEAR

The Piano Lesson

Print

KETKM: 524

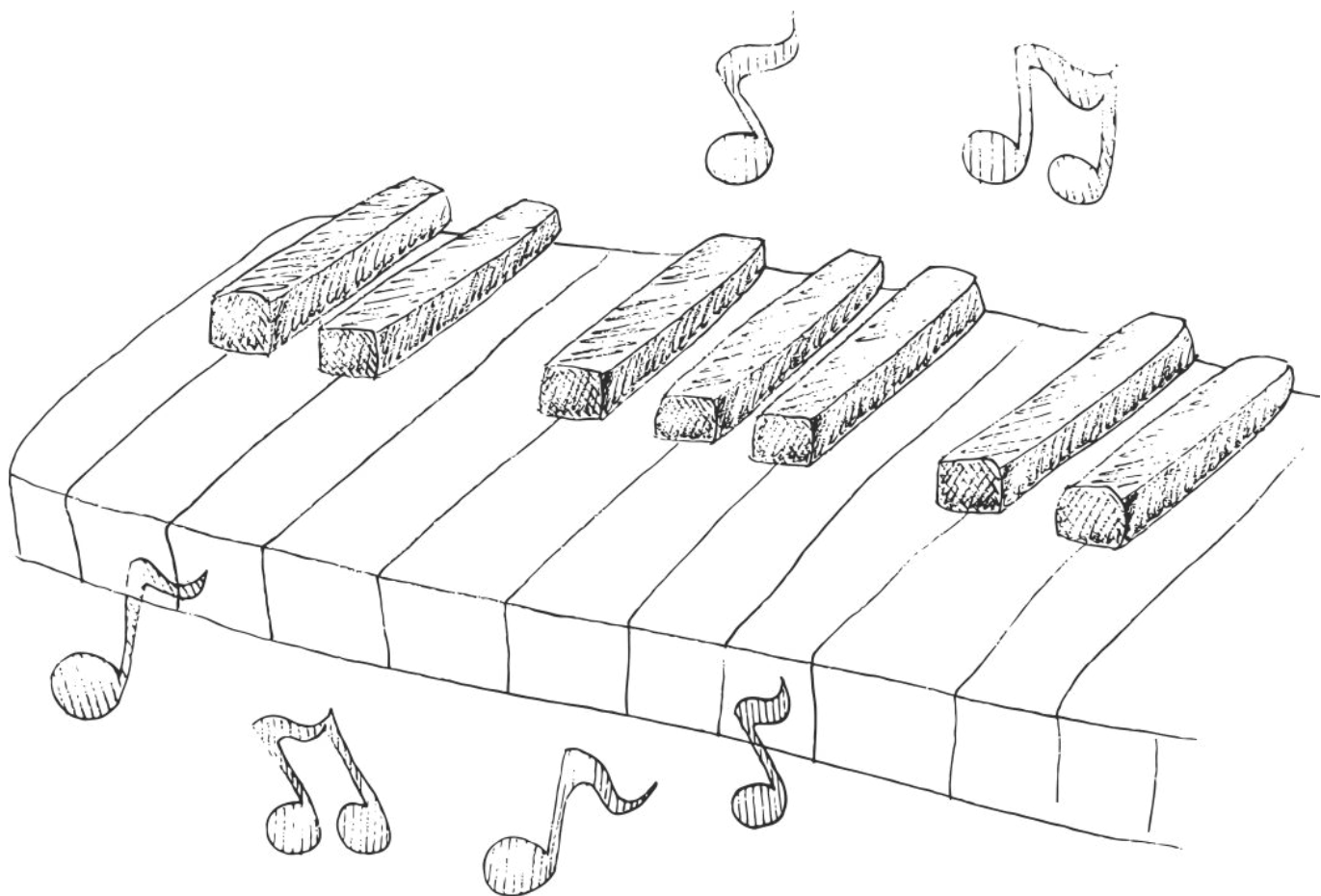
DOODLER' S Explore a picture!

Do you remember your first music lessons? What instrument did you try? _____

What instrument do you want to learn? _____

COMPLETE THE ARTWORK

Add Colour? Draw characters? You could try to paint music! It's up to you!



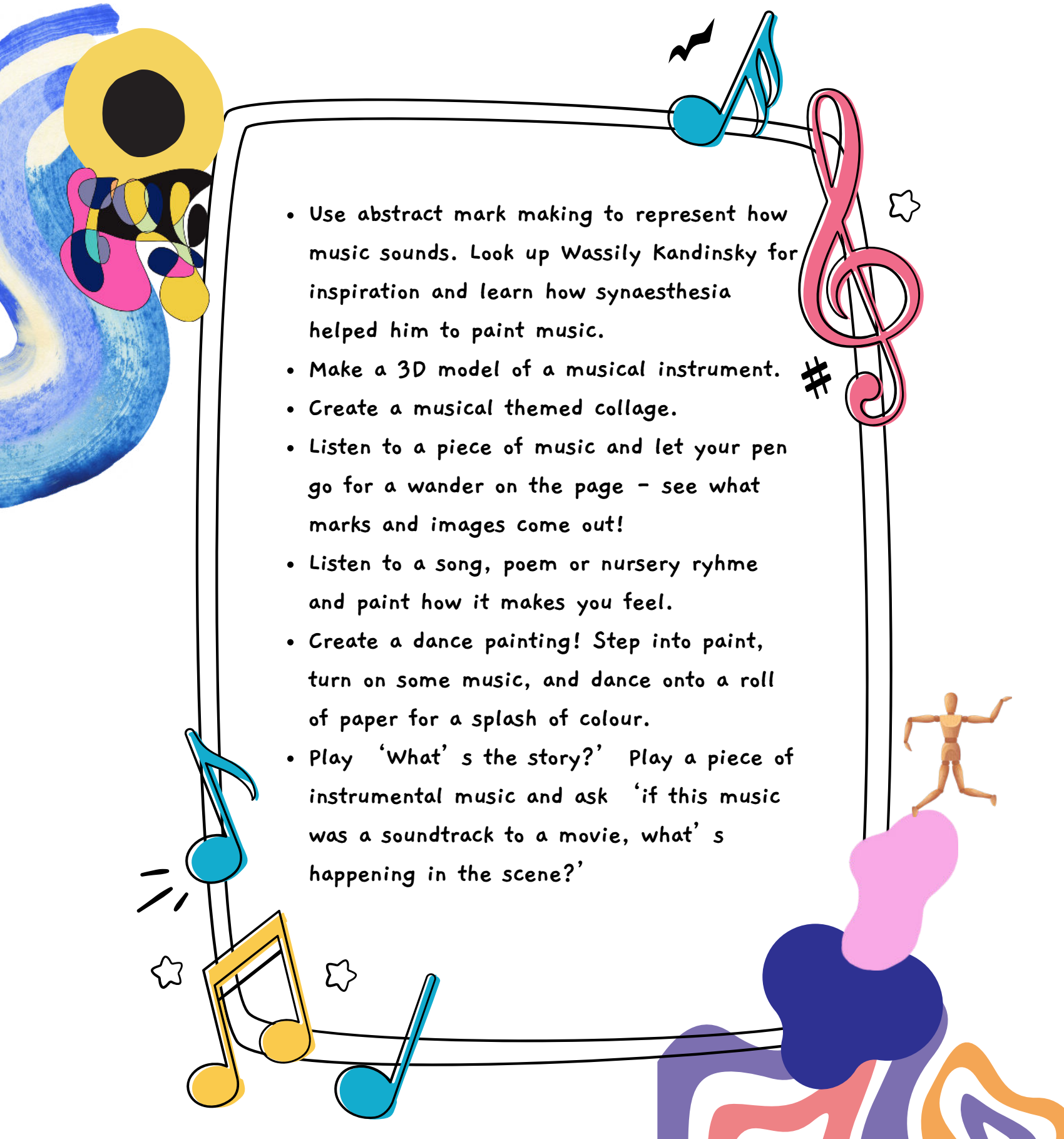


MUSIC & ART

CREATIVE SUGGESTIONS

Ways to use sound and lyrics to inspire your artworks

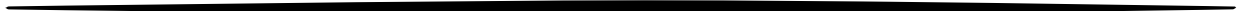
- Use abstract mark making to represent how music sounds. Look up Wassily Kandinsky for inspiration and learn how synaesthesia helped him to paint music.
- Make a 3D model of a musical instrument.
- Create a musical themed collage.
- Listen to a piece of music and let your pen go for a wander on the page - see what marks and images come out!
- Listen to a song, poem or nursery rhyme and paint how it makes you feel.
- Create a dance painting! Step into paint, turn on some music, and dance onto a roll of paper for a splash of colour.
- Play 'What's the story?' Play a piece of instrumental music and ask 'if this music was a soundtrack to a movie, what's happening in the scene?'



YOUR SPACE TO CREATE!

Full Name: _____

You can use this space to create your own artwork for submission to the Gallery & Library



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HOW MUSIC INSPIRES ME TO BE CREATIVE

[illegible]

Created By: _____

Contact: _____

Age: _____

Please tick if you are happy for us to share your work on social media:

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GOOD LUCK
FROM THE GALLERY
AND LIBRARY!



**Art Bundle prizes
up for grabs!**

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JOIN THE GALLERY AT THESE ART & MUSIC
EVENTS THIS SUMMER WITH THE LIBRARY



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Recommended for ages 8+
All art materials provided - feel free to bring your own - earphones encouraged!



Ages 5+.
Children must be accompanied by an adult. Limited spaces!

ILLUSTRATED LYRICS

Drop-in Tuesday 28th July
10:30am - 1:30pm

Get arty in the library!
Bring your favourite songs or poems to life with painting, writing, collage and illustration to create a layered mixed media lyrics poster or mini music journal.

LISTEN, READ, WALK & CREATE

Book your place!
Tuesday 11th August
10:30am - 12:30pm

Join us for a songbird
windmill craft, poems, and
nature sound hunt to explore
music in the Manor House
Gardens.

KETTERING BY THE SEA WITH KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL

Come find the Alfred East Gallery & Kettering Library at Kettering by the Sea on:

Fri 24th July

Fri 31st July

Fri 7th August