



Introduction

The Royal Academy of Arts (RA) is delighted to invite applications from state school primary teachers, including SEND schools, to be part of a seven-month programme called The Primary Art School.

This programme is free and requires a time commitment of seven Fridays between January and July 2027.

Participants will be invited to evaluate the programme in the final session to help us refine and develop it.

About The Primary Art School

The Primary Art School is a practical and professional development programme for state school primary teachers. It's designed for any primary school teacher whether they are an art lead or interested in incorporating art and creative practice into their classroom.

The programme will provide participants with skills and knowledge in:

- Exploring a different medium in each session e.g. drawing, painting, sculpture, sketchbooks etc
- Working with a range of art materials
- Looking at, analysing and discussing art
- Art history
- Exploring the work of new and diverse artists
- Considering cross-curricular ways of working

The programme offers an opportunity for teachers to connect with peers and share best practice. Teachers are encouraged to apply their experiences and learning in the classroom environment and share their progress.

Key Dates

The programme includes seven workshop days, all of which are mandatory.

Date and Time	Location
Friday 15 January 10am – 3pm	Royal Academy of Arts
Friday 12 February 10am – 3pm	Royal Academy of Arts
Friday 12 March 10am – 3pm	Royal Academy of Arts
Friday 16 April 10am – 3pm	Royal Academy of Arts
Friday 14 May 10am – 3pm	Royal Academy of Arts
Friday 18 June 10am – 3pm	Royal Academy of Arts
Friday 09 July 10am – 3pm	Royal Academy of Arts

Workshops will:

- include hands-on practice and the development of artistic skills and use of materials
- explore art history and contextual information about artists and art movements
- introduce participants to new and diverse artists that can be used in the classroom
- feature contributions from artists and experts in creativity, education and culture
- offer the opportunity to share learning, ideas and experiences with peers

Workshop days will take place at the Royal Academy of Arts or in other cultural and educational venues in London as required.

All art materials will be provided and any relevant resources will be shared.

Eligibility

To take part in The Primary Art School programme, you must:

- be working as a primary teacher in a state school
- have completed your ECT (if recently qualified) or equivalent experience
- be working at any level up to assistant headteacher
- demonstrate an interest in, and commitment to, art and cultural education
- be able to attend all programmed sessions and any additional work that may be required back in the classroom. By applying for the programme, you are agreeing to this time commitment if your application is successful

How to apply

Please complete and return the application form to **Selina Levinson Drake, Learning Programme Manager**: Selina.levinsondrake@royalacademy.org.uk

No later than 5pm on Friday 23 October 2026. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Successful applicants will be notified by Friday 06 November 2026 to start on Thursday 15 January 2025.

Questions

If you have any questions about the programme or the application process, please contact **Selina Levinson Drake, Learning Programme Manager**: Selina.levinsondrake@royalacademy.org.uk