



The Practice App

Everything you need, in one page. Logging practice is the only thing you have to do — the rest is there when you want it. Term dates and studio housekeeping are at the bottom.

A guide for parents · updated 30 August 2026

Getting started

ONCE PER DEVICE

1. Go to **suzuki-piano-studio.netlify.app**
2. Start typing your child's name and pick them from the list
3. Enter their password, tick **Keep me logged in**, tap **Let's Practice!**

Add it to your home screen so it opens like a normal app and works without signal — Share → Add to Home Screen on iPhone or iPad, menu → Add to Home screen on Android. You can also turn on Face ID or fingerprint sign-in from Settings, so nobody has to remember the password.

Logging practice

THE MAIN THING

On the  **Play** tab: type the minutes practised, start typing a piece and pick it from the list (add as many as you like), add a note for the teacher if you'd like — they do read them — then tap  **Log Practice**.

- + **Forgot yesterday?** Change the date box before saving.
- + **Made a mistake?** Tap the entry under Recent Practices to edit or delete it.
- + **Up to two hours a day** counts towards progress.

The tabs

WHAT'S WHERE

Play

Log practice, this week at a glance, all-time totals and a history chart.

Listen

Listening tokens — the piggy bank — and the shop showing what they can be exchanged for. Listening itself is logged in the Vault with your teacher; whatever is earned there appears here.

Cal

Lessons, group classes, Zoom play-throughs, parent chats, holidays and teacher training days.

Music

Recordings, backing tracks and videos shared by the teacher, sorted by book.

Ninja

The Skills Ninja map — pieces being worked on, pieces mastered, and the belt reached.

Stalk

The magic beanstalk. It grows with every minute practised, and a new bird appears every ten hours. Tap a bird to read about it.

Tools

A metronome, Lucky Dip for choosing a piece at random, Dice of Fate, and Repetition Road for making repeats into a game.

Streaks & growing

HOW IT ADDS UP

The  number counts consecutive days. Practising keeps it alive — and so does **logging a listen**, which is there for days when the piano doesn't happen.

What grows the beanstalk

- + Every **minute practised**
- + Each **listen** — worth 30 minutes
- + Each **Sensei Award** from the teacher — worth 2 hours
- + Each **piece mastered** — 5 hours; each **ninja belt** — 10 hours

Sensei Awards are badges the teacher gives for things like posture, tone, or a piece well learned. They show on the Play tab.

Settings & questions

THE  BUTTON

Nickname on the dashboard · **daily practice goal** in minutes, shown as a bar · **dark mode** · **dinosaur mode** , which swaps the birds for dinosaurs · change password · Face ID setup.

Common questions

Does it work without internet?

Yes. Once opened on a device, practice can be logged anywhere and syncs next time you're online.

We have two children — two logins?

Yes, each child has their own login and beanstalk. Listening tokens are shared between siblings on the same book.

We've forgotten the password.

Ask your teacher — they can reset it in seconds.

Something looks wrong or out of date.

Close the app fully and reopen it. It updates itself whenever it's opened with signal.

The whole year in one place — every lesson date, group class, term break and studio event. Check it before booking a holiday, or whenever you're not sure there's a lesson this weekend.

ADDRESS termtimes-2026-2027.netlify.app

PASSWORD Archie

One password for all families — no individual login.

What's on it

Individual Dates

Start here. Your child by name, with every lesson and group date for the year in one list.

Important Information

Term starts, half terms, breaks, concerts, booking deadlines and the parents' community chats.

Weekly Schedule

The full teaching week, so you can see where your slot sits.

Group Classes

Each group, who's in it, and every date for the year.

Calendar

The year month by month, colour-coded.

Our Groups

A short piece on the composer each group is named after.

Add this to your home screen too, next to the practice app. Dates do occasionally shift, and the site is always the current version — so check there rather than relying on a screenshot.

Studio essentials

THE HOUSEKEEPING

WhatsApp group

For reminders, last-minute changes and chat between families. **Send Oli your number and he'll add you.**

Invoicing

- + **Emailed monthly, a month ahead**, with that month's lesson dates and times listed on it.
- + **Payment is due by the 1st of the month the invoice covers**, by bank transfer — details are on the invoice.
- + **34–35 lessons a year, split into 12 equal monthly payments.** Fees run across all twelve months, holidays included — the year's teaching spread evenly, not a charge per lesson. A month with a half term in it costs the same, and an invoice still arrives in August when no lessons take place.
- + **London Suzuki Group membership, £108 a year**, added to your first invoice of the academic year.

Missed lessons

- **Individual lessons — one make-up credit per academic year.** Once it is used, further missed lessons can't be rearranged, credited or refunded — including illness, holidays in term time, and a school term that differs from ours.
- **Group classes — no make-ups, and not refundable.** The group is a fixed course booked for the year, so a missed class can't be moved or credited.

Not meant to be stern — the timetable is built as a whole year, and every slot is spoken for. If something significant comes up, talk to Oli.

Stopping lessons

If you decide to stop, **a full term's notice is required — around four months.** Lesson slots are timetabled a year at a time, so a place that empties mid-year usually stays empty. Please talk to Oli as early as you can rather than at the point of deciding.

Term dates

Lessons generally follow **Lambeth Council term dates**, adjusted where teacher training commitments require it. **Dates are published a year in advance** on the Term Times site — please check there before booking anything. Occasionally extra lessons are offered during the holidays for families who want them.

Your piano at home

- + **A well-maintained acoustic piano** is what the method assumes, and what makes the tone work we do in lessons possible at home.
- + **A weighted, touch-sensitive digital piano is acceptable as a short-term stopgap only** — not as a long-term instrument.
- + **An adjustable stool**, and **a footstool** for younger children, so your child sits at the right height with their feet supported.

Second-hand uprights can be very affordable and hiring is an option. Ask Oli before you buy — he is always happy to advise, and it costs nothing to check.

Photographs and video

Photos and short videos are sometimes taken at group classes, concerts and studio events, and used on the studio website, in newsletters and on studio social media. **If you would rather your child was not included, tell Oli and they won't be** — in writing is best, and you can change your mind at any time.

The apps and your child's information

The practice app stores your child's first name, their practice and listening records, the pieces they are working on and any notes between you and the teacher. It is used to teach your child and for nothing else — never sold, never shared with anyone outside the studio. Ask Oli at any time to see what is held or to have it deleted.

Zoom play-alongs

Free for every enrolled pupil — **Mondays and Thursdays, 5.15–5.45pm**, alternating weekly between Book 1 and Book 2. Dates and the joining link are on the Term Times site.

Your first fortnight

WHERE TO BEGIN

Nothing here is urgent, but these are the things worth doing early — the first two are worth more than everything else put together.

1. **Start listening.** Put the Book 1 recordings on at mealtimes, in the car, during play. Before a single lesson, this is the thing that makes the difference.
2. **Log practice daily, however short.** Ten focused minutes beats an hour at the weekend, and the streak is built to reward turning up rather than doing a lot.
3. **Add both apps to your home screen** — the practice app and Term Times. Two taps instead of hunting for a link.
4. **Send Oli your number** for the WhatsApp group.
5. **Look up your child on Term Times** under Individual Dates, and put the term breaks in your calendar.

If practice is a battle, say so early rather than pushing through it. It is almost always something that can be solved by changing how a practice session is shaped, and it is a normal thing to ask about.

Getting hold of Oli

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Anything about fees, dates, stopping or starting — email, so there is a record for both of us.
Anything urgent on the day — WhatsApp.

The app counts minutes because minutes are easy to count — but the aim is a steady daily habit, not big numbers. Ten focused minutes every day beats an hour once a week, and the beanstalk is built to reward exactly that.