

Travelling with Tuba

On Friday 1st May Stewart and Chris came to Radford with their instruments to help celebrate St George's Day



- The show opened with a flag-waving British procession before stepping back in time with two of the early invaders: the Vikings with the animal horn and the Romans with their Cornu.
- From the Tudor period they featured the Sackbut and Cornett playing a typical courtly dance. We then saw and heard the first type of Tuba, the snake-like Serpent originally used in the church.
- In the Industrial Revolution we saw how the valve developed with the unique valve machine. The Victorians performed music in their parlours; hear tunes from the time and see how they would have dressed.
- Finally they continued the patriotic theme in the tribute to 'The Last Night of the Proms' with an exploding Tuba!!

The first instrument Chris showed us was a cornu-a Roman instrument



Nyasha and Ibraheem had a go at blowing it-good effort from both of them



Stewart was the main piano player.



He also played an old pipe that the Victorians would have used



He told us about an unusual instrument known as a serpent.



Chris played it for us



He told us more about his Tuba. The horn was so big Zain could put his head in it



Chris and Stewart showed how long the tubes would be if they were unravelled and then tried to blow it.



Zain had a go at blowing the long tube



**Zaiden became the conductor and
Chris had to play slowly and then very
fast.**



Chris played his tuba to some of the teachers.



The tribute to 'The Last Night of the Proms' started with an exploding Tuba!!



Stewart conducted some of the children with a variety of instruments



Chris played the tuba to end the concert with Rule Britannia.



We all had a great time!!

