

Small school, big heart

As a church school, our vision is for each child to love learning and to have hope, confidence, wisdom and respect for all.

'Life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)

Kindness Inclusivity Community

MUSIC

Music forms a vital part of the social fabric of every known society on earth. Our own music curriculum is shaped by our Christian vision, school values and curriculum drivers.

Global Neighbours

Courageous Advocates





Our music curriculum is delivered across the whole school by specialist teachers, using a programme of work that has been developed to take advantage of local expertise and community events whilst looking at a wide range historical figures and of cultural genres.

Our **intent** in music lessons is to enable *all* children:

- To develop a lifelong love of music
- To develop skills in listening, composing, singing and playing instruments
- To be comfortable in expressing themselves through composing music, singing and playing instruments
- To be confident performing in front of an audience and to each other
- To learn to evaluate their own and others' work and build on their achievements.

- To cross-fertilise their musical knowledge and skills with other aspects of the wider curriculum, including PSHE, mathematics, English, art, history, geography, dance and languages.
- To be use their musical skills to form links with our local community and to have the opportunity to develop their talents to a higher level, to take part in musical opportunities in the wider world.

Our implementation of music lessons will:

- Give every child access to a weekly singing lesson and a weekly curricular music lesson, learning active listening, composing, singing and playing instruments using music from a range of musical genres, historical periods and countries
- Enable every child to work at their own level, and make progress, regardless of their background, ability and existing skills and knowledge
- Use music in other areas of school life, including collective worship, PE and French lessons.
- Develop confidence in self-expression in both composition and performance, through school assemblies, school productions local community performances and wider events such as Young Voices.
- Record their work using appropriate technology and notation to enable them to evaluate and recall their achievements
- Provide choice from a wide range of instruments to play in a class band every summer term
- Enable instrumental skills to be developed further, through opt-in small group and individual lessons, and by signposting other playing opportunities outside school
- Hold performances and workshops in school led by experienced and professional musicians

Impact of music curriculum:

- Pupils experience a wide, rich set of musical experiences as audience and performers
- Pupils are confident, independent and resilient in music and in other aspects of school life
- Pupils have enjoyed listening to, playing, composing and learning about a wide range of music.
- Pupils take part in performances in school and have the opportunity to perform outside school. The wider community is aware of the musical talents of children at our school.
- Pupils have a firm foundation of musical knowledge and skills to carry on to secondary school and beyond