

St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

Music Policy



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School Mission Statement

Our mission is to strive for fullness of life for everyone. Through education and prayer, we listen, learn and grow with Jesus.

Teaching and learning opportunities

"Music is a universal language that embodies one of the highest forms of creativity."

(The National Curriculum)

Children will meet the National Curriculum expectations in music, through using the school progression grids in music, supported by long term plans. Musical is an enjoyable learning experience and we encourage all of the children to engage in a variety of experiences including providing additional wider curriculum music including peripatetic instrumental lessons. We aim to foster a love of music that goes beyond the school day.

Implementation

Our teaching and learning focuses on developing children's ability to sing in tune with others, play tuned and untuned musical instruments with increasing control, fluency and expression and listen critically to a wide range of music from different periods, genres, styles and traditions. Opportunities for composition and performance run throughout our music teaching. .

All children throughout the school have the opportunity to sing in assemblies and during collective worship times. All children are also invited to sing carols at our local Catholic church at Christmas time. Singing plays a leading part in all school productions, including the EYFS and Key Stage One Christmas, performances and Masses throughout the school year. We invite pupils from Key Stage Two to join a choir to prepare for the Young Voices Children's choir each year. Children will develop self-confidence and teamwork skills through performance.

Children will listen to, review, and evaluate a range of music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles, and traditions, including contemporary music and the works of the great composers and musicians using subject specific vocabulary relating to the musical elements; rhythm, pitch, dynamics, tempo, texture, structure, and melody. Opportunities to learn tuned instruments are provided. In Year 4, children will have the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument supported by Entrust. This year they are learning to play the Ukulele.

Opportunities will exist for children of all ages to experience learning beyond the classroom. This will allow them to enrich their knowledge by, for example, performing in the Young Voices Concert and our annual Summer Music concert in School.

Pupils in Key Stage Two are given the opportunity to play the flute or clarinet, which is provided by a peripatetic music teacher. From Key Stage One, pupils are given the opportunity to learn how to play the Keyboard, provided by a peripatetic music teacher. Within our music lessons, pupils have the opportunity to learn other instruments, for example in Year 2 the pupils will learn how to play the recorder. Opportunities to use a range of tuned and untuned instruments are incorporated into the music lessons.

Throughout their time at St Elizabeth's the children develop confidence in themselves as musicians and performers. Music fosters abilities such as self-confidence, interaction and awareness of others, teamwork, persistence, and self-reflection. Music broadens children's understanding of culture and history. Music provides our children with a variety of musical experiences which we believe will allow them to continue with their interest in this subject throughout their life.

Music at St. Elizabeth's



Through the music curriculum we aim to:

- promote a lifelong enjoyment and appreciation of different forms of music,*
- allow all children to experience a broad range of musical activities using voices, tuned and untuned instruments,*
- develop pupils' skills in composing, performing and evaluating music,*
- support pupils to identify and nurture individual skills and talents,*
- understand the significance of music culturally, socially and traditionally,*
- use music as a medium for collective worship.*

Implementation: Music is taught by class teachers using our school progression of skills. Music lessons are as practical as possible and pupils have many opportunities to experiment with different instruments including their own voices. Pupils experience music regularly through collective worship and are encouraged to understand the significance of music within worship at school, in church and beyond. Pupils in KS2 have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument during curriculum music lessons and parents are able to purchase additional keyboard lessons through an external provider.