



Music at St. Luke's

Intent

At St. Luke's we acknowledge the power of music to enhance emotional well-being, as well as being key to maximising expression and creativity. We believe music can be one of the strategies to unlock the potential in a child struggling with confidence issues. The music curriculum at St. Luke's has been designed and delivered by music specialists to inspire pupils and enable sustained progression across year groups.

Our children are engaged in music, confident to perform and proud of their achievements. Pupils learn to play, sing, listen, compose, perform and appraise their own and others creative work.

We use end of term music assemblies, which are attended by visitors and previous alumni, to both showcase our own performers and to inspire our current musicians. They encounter a wide variety of music that both reflects the cultural diversity of our school community but also acknowledges the breadth of music through history. Our overall aim is that pupils leave our school able to sing in tune, sing and play in time and compose music of their own, to allow seamless transition to secondary music.

Implementation

Music is a high profile subject which is delivered weekly in a variety of settings – outdoor classroom, music room, classroom and hall. Music is inter-woven throughout our curriculum and celebrated by performances within our community.

- Pupils perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians
- Our YN, YR & Y1 learners perform action songs and nursery rhymes, developing their use of pitch and rhythm and have a weekly 'Learning through music' session with a music specialist.
- Y1 & Y2 also have a weekly session, led by a music specialist, designed to bridge this 'learning through music' with more vocal and instrumental lessons in KS2. They link songs that they know to rhythm grids using unpitched and pitched percussion and other instruments.
- As KS2 pupils progress through their music curriculum, they continue learning staff notation on the Ukelele and
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- refine their vocal skills.
- Year 6 begin their transition to secondary music working with music technology on iPads and Chromebooks.
- Weekly singing assemblies support cross curricular songs linking to our topic based and values led curriculum.

Impact

Music has an important place in the hearts of our pupils. Our musicians access instrumental lessons and clubs that stretch that learning even further and bring that knowledge and experience back into the classroom. We have record numbers of Y2-Y6 pupils studying an instrument, many of whom the school funds to ensure that if the desire to learn an instrument is there, any barriers to taking part are removed. This school funded offer has been particularly successful for some of our children on the SEND register and has led the school to form a partnership with a music specialist to provide free music improv sessions on a Friday after school for a small group of children on the SEND register. One child diagnosed with ASD who left the school in Summer 2023 used to regularly play the piano during the KS2 lunchtime which helped to regulate him and entertain everyone else.



Enrichment

Children at St. Luke's Primary are given many enrichment opportunities as part of the wider music curriculum. We run open access clubs such as Choir and performances to parents and guests such as the end of term Music Performances. There are also the annual Talent Show, St. Luke's Carnival and Christmas Carol singing at Waitrose Canary Wharf and visits to sing to various sheltered accommodation in our local area.