

Opportunities to celebrate Music in our school.

Music gives children the opportunity to take work collaboratively and achieve as both individuals and as part of an ensemble. Performance opportunities take place throughout the year and include class assemblies, Christmas performances, carol concerts, Young Voices and children taking individual instrumental lessons can also perform in events organised by their teacher. All children in the school will have the opportunity to learn an instrument either via their music lesson in school or via a First Access project delivered by the local Music Hub. Music links intrinsically with our Catholic faith and the whole school gathers weekly for Rejoice and Sing where children sing both traditional hymns and more contemporary Gospel songs as well songs that reflect our school values.

Pupil Voice

I love singing in lessons and with my friends. – Year 2 child.

Why is Music important to learn?

Music provides an opportunity to teach vital skills such as active listening, collaboration, leadership, respect for instruments and performers and creativity. Music also offers the opportunity to learn about other cultures and traditions and to also explore the history of music and how it relates to significant points in history. The opportunity to be creative and compose music allows children to have creative freedom and enhances not only their musical skills but also their literacy and editorial skills. We want all our children to value music and view themselves and their peers as both performers and composers of music.

Music at St. Brendan's Catholic Primary School

What does Music look like at our school?

Music is taught by a specialist teacher in one hour lessons every week. Children rotate lessons with Forest School and all children will receive at least two full terms of music lessons. There is a dedicated music classroom in school and children have access to a wide range of high quality instruments including unpitched percussion, glockenspiels, ukuleles and recorders. This allows all KS2 children to have the opportunity to learn either glockenspiel, recorder or ukulele in their music lessons. This is in addition to the First Access opportunities for children to learn a musical instrument. In addition to music lessons children also have the opportunity to join school choir which is run by the music teacher and performs at both school and community events.

Music Lessons

We follow the 'Sing Up' programme of study. This program comprehensively covers both the National Curriculum and Model Music Curriculum requirements from EYFS to Year 6. Units of study build on skills taught each term and focus on four key areas. Singing, listening, composing and performing. Children will develop self-confidence, skills, knowledge and understanding of music. Music lessons are practical with elements of theory in every lesson and children have access to high quality resources as well as a range of musical instruments.

Pupil Voice

I liked writing my own song lyrics and performing it to my class. – Year 5 child.