



How do we offer a wide range of musical experiences across our school?

At Boughton-under-Blean and Dunkirk Methodist Primary School, we believe that music should be an enjoyable experience for pupils and teachers and should enable all children to engage in a range of musical experiences, not limited to classroom teaching alone. As such, we aim for the profile of music to be felt across the school in so many aspects of what we do so that our pupils develop a love of music that will encourage them to build on their musical experiences now and in the future.

Peripatetic Music Lessons

We have a wide range of visiting specialist music teachers for individual lessons, which take place within the school day. Children can learn the following instruments in our school:

- Violin
- Piano
- Drums
- Recorder
- Guitar
- Ukulele

Throughout the year, children taking music lessons have the opportunity to perform in our Collective Worship.

Collective Worship

We place great emphasis on singing as part of our daily Collective Worship. Music is incorporated in the following ways:

- Pianist playing music as children enter and leave worship
- Weekly choral worship, which is planned and structured for teaching new songs and hymns
- Daily singing as a whole school as part of the worship
- Reflective music when appropriate, for example, during our remembrance service
- Worship Warriors helping to lead songs and actions

Extra-Curricular Music & Music in the Community

Our school has a Key Stage Two choir, which runs as an after school club all year. The choir performs at many community events, including:

- Christmas carols for the elderly at the local village hall & at a local home for the elderly
- St Barnabas Carol Service with the Salvation Army band
- Village Lantern Parade
- Choir festival with local primary schools
- Faversham Christmas Lights Event

We also participate in Young Voices, whereby children from years 5 & 6 can take part in an extra-curricular singing club, culminating in a trip to the London O2 Arena to perform with thousands of other children, as well as guest performers. Parents are invited to watch this event.

Music across the Curriculum

Our staff include music across many areas of the curriculum, including, but not limited to, the following examples:

- Music from different cultures in RE and geography
- Singing rhymes and games in SPaG
- Environmental sounds and songs in early phonics
- French songs in MFL
- Times tables songs and chants in maths
- Areas of literacy such as atmospheric music for writing; rhyme and rhythm in poetry
- Dance, Circuits & Wake and Shake in PE
- 'Dough Disco' for fine motor control in EYFS

Performances for Parents

All children have the opportunity to participate in performances to an audience during their time at our school. These performances include:

- KS1 Nativity
- Year 6 Production
- Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
- Dance performances at the summer fayre
- KS1 & KS2 Wake & Shake competition
- KS1 & KS2 Dance competition
- KS2 Christmas Carol Service

Music in our daily routines

- Calm music for mindfulness, during art lessons and during handwriting
- Classroom call and response songs; songs for behaviour management