

Opportunities to celebrate Music in our school:

Music is celebrated throughout the school through singing, performing, composing and listening. Our choir perform to the wider community on a regular basis; visiting care homes, supporting local churches and even entertaining shoppers at our local supermarket. Children have the opportunity to perform and collaborate each year with other schools in the Trust, where we come together and unify our common goal of celebrating the arts. We also have our yearly productions, concerts and events, as well as regular external performers coming into school to perform and inspire future musicians.

What does Music look like at our school?

Music is a form of creative expression, that every child at our school gets the opportunity to access. Music plays an important role in increasing children's emotional well-being and confidence. We aim to provide a sense of enjoyment and a positive attitude that inspires pupils to develop a life-long love of music. Children develop skills in singing, play a range of instruments, composing, listening and appraising. Every child in the school gets to learn to play an instrument. This begins with Early Years developing their vocal skills, KS1 developing rhythm of the djembes, LKS2 learning to play the recorder and UKS2 combining all these skills to learn to play the Ukulele. This gives every child the opportunity to develop confidence on an instrument, learn to read notation and perform melodies and accompaniments. The whole school meet weekly to sing hymns as part of our collective worship. We have a thriving school choir and children have the opportunity to perform at a range of settings, as well as singing in the community.

I think it is important to learn music because it helps to use different parts of my brain.

Year 5

Music at St. Brendan's Catholic Primary School

Why is Music important to learn?

We are surrounded by music every day in our lives, whether it is music on the radio, adverts on the television or even the birds singing. Music has the ability to change our mood and mind-set as well as developing pathways in our brains to develop our perseverance, resilience, memory and motor abilities. Well-being is at the heart of our music learning, with open exploration of listening, composing and performing; giving a stable grounding for the development of self-esteem, independent learning and creativity. Music is also a way of connecting communities, and a way of giving back in a creative and uplifting way.

I love music because it makes me have a creative mind and brings me joy!

Year 3