

# Music

## Our offer

Music is valued highly at St Peter's. One of our key intentions is to bring joy to each child by discovering how music feeds the soul and communicates on many levels. Through exposure to a diverse range of music across time periods, traditions, genres and cultures, pupils develop their creative talents and gain confidence to question and critique. We aim to foster a lifelong appreciation and love of music which will give pupils an understanding of music as a way of breaking down barriers across cultures and time periods. The Music curriculum provides many opportunities to develop spiritually, culturally, socially and intellectually.

## Pupil Experience

Our specialist music teachers inspire and develop pupils to have a love of music, providing them with a broad and exciting range of opportunities. They enjoy musical experiences through listening, singing, movement and dance and by playing tuned and un-tuned percussion instruments. We bring music to life through many aspects of school life, including whole school and class worship, dance and the creative arts and performances. Music lessons are supplemented with a weekly singing assembly which reinforces a variety of musical elements and singing skills. Pupils learn to listen, appraise, compose and perform. Each year, pupils learn age-appropriate notation and musical vocabulary.

We have an extensive range of resources including electric keyboards and pupils regularly access both tuned instruments and untuned percussion in class lessons. All Y4 pupils learn to play the recorder in class music lessons. They have the use of the instrument for the year and enjoy performing in assemblies and concerts. In addition to this whole year group opportunity, many pupils enjoy individual instrumental lessons which are held during or after the school day. At present we offer guitar, piano, flute, drums, strings and brass tuition. Whether children learn an instrument inside or outside school they are encouraged to perform to an audience in assembly and at other special events. In Y6, children prepare and perform an annual summer musical. This involves every pupil and provides an opportunity to develop expertise across the arts – singing (chorus and solo), dance, drama, costume etc. Cross curriculum links are made across the other subjects such as French and RE.

The Music curriculum is supported with: Young Voices (choir for EYFS and KS1) and Junior Choir (KS2) and a school orchestra for children playing at Grade 1 or above. Pupils joining clubs are invited to many events including carol singing in Farnham town centre, the local Residential Home and various occasions in our local church. The annual Spring Concert is an opportunity for instrumentalist and choir members to perform to parents. Singing Playgrounds (an Ex-Cathedra initiative) gives pupils ownership of leading singing groups outdoors and develops fellowship and musicality.

### Y6 Lion King production



### **What is the impact on pupils going forward?**

Pupils leave with an excellent foundation in music which gives them the confidence to participate actively at secondary school – many of our pupils go on to become involved in musical performances and productions. All pupils will have had the opportunity to learn a musical instrument which often spurs them on to try a new instrument. Our pupils have a rich music curriculum which gives them the confidence and enthusiasm to discover and engage with many musical experiences both as a performer or in the audience as they journey through life.



**Young performers at Spring Concert and in St Peter's Church**

