



★ Friday 8th November ★

## Headteacher's Comment



This week we have held our final open afternoon in school for September 2024. It has been lovely to welcome so many new families to our school. Many of the parents commented on the excellent behaviour of all our children and how the school ambassadors showed confidence in talking about all of the things that make our school such a wonderful place to be! We are very proud of all our children.

In school today, children in Year 1 – 6 have learnt about Remembrance Day commemorating the end of World War One, on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day in 1918. They also learnt about wearing poppies as a symbol of hope and remembrance. On Monday, our school ambassadors are also going to Penketh War memorial to lay wreaths on behalf of the school.

Anti-Bullying Week 2024 takes place next week with the theme 'Choose Respect'. This Anti-Bullying Week will focus on urging adults and children alike to come together to have discussions about what it means to disagree respectfully, how to avoid resorting to bullying, and how we can all choose to lead by example. This includes the annual Odd Socks Day on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November which is a chance to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a positive way. There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or buy expensive costumes. All you need to do to take part is wear any odd socks!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs L Tottie

## Dates for your diary

<b>November 2024</b>	
<b>Monday 11th</b>	School Photographers at School
<b>Monday 11th - Friday 15th</b>	Anti-Bullying Week across the school
<b>Wednesday 13th - Friday 15th</b>	Year 6 Residential to Robinwood
<b>Tuesday 19th</b>	Year 3 Antarctic Workshop
<b>Thursday 21st</b>	Year 3 & 4 Parent Meeting - Multiplication and HPL
<b>Friday 22nd</b>	Inset Day. School closed to pupils
<b>Friday 29th</b>	ChaPTA Meeting
<b>Friday 29th</b>	St Andrew's Day. Children in St Andrew's house to wear their own blue clothes.

# Music at Chapelford: Fostering Creativity, Confidence, and Musical Growth

At Chapelford, we believe that music plays a vital role in a child's development. It fosters creativity, builds confidence, and enhances emotional and cognitive skills. Through music, children not only learn to appreciate different cultures and histories but also gain valuable life skills such as collaboration, discipline, and perseverance.

Engaging with music helps children improve their listening abilities, enhances memory, and sharpens concentration. Participating in musical activities - whether it's singing, playing instruments, or exploring different musical genres - boosts self-esteem and provides a sense of accomplishment as children see their progress.

## A High-Quality Music Curriculum

Our music curriculum at Chapelford is designed to encourage children to think creatively, express themselves, and develop a lifelong love and appreciation for the arts. We are committed to providing all students with high-quality music education, ensuring that each child has access to a range of musical experiences across all year groups.

In addition to classroom teaching, all children at Chapelford take part in weekly singing assemblies, where they explore focus songs linked to our school values. These assemblies foster a sense of community and belonging while promoting the joy of singing.

We also have exciting plans for instrumental learning, providing opportunities for students to explore and develop their musical skills in a hands-on way.

## Our Music Curriculum – Year Group Breakdown

### EYFS:

In the Early Years, children start their musical journey with **untuned percussion instruments**. They explore rhythm and sound, learning how to make music using a variety of instruments. This hands-on approach helps children develop a basic understanding of musical concepts in a fun, exploratory way.

### Year 1:

Year 1 pupils begin working with **glockenspiels**, focusing on developing their sense of **rhythm** and **pitch**. The glockenspiel is an ideal instrument for children at this stage, helping them explore both melody and rhythm in a fun and engaging way.

### Year 2:

In Year 2, children begin learning the **recorder**, which helps develop their **breath control** and **note reading**. This transition from untuned percussion to a melodic instrument marks an important milestone in their musical development and paves the way for future learning.

### Year 3:

This year, Year 3 children are excited to **begin learning the clarinet**, a fantastic new addition to our music curriculum. Supported by external providers, children will explore this woodwind instrument, learning how to hold it correctly and produce sound. They'll also participate in games and activities that focus on the **interrelated dimensions of music**, such as **pulse** and **rhythm**.

The clarinet builds on the foundation students gained from learning the recorder in Year 2, and we're thrilled to be working with expert providers to ensure high-quality tuition. The Year 3 pupils have been enthusiastic about starting this new musical journey and are eager to develop their skills throughout the year.

### Year 4:

Year 4 pupils will revisit the **glockenspiel** and build on their previous experiences. After that, they will progress to **keyboards**, where they will learn the basics of playing and reading music in a new context. This allows them to expand their musical understanding and engage with a wider range of instruments.

### Year 5:

Year 5 children will have the exciting opportunity to explore **brass instruments**. They will learn about the different types of brass instruments, how they produce sound, and how to play them. This will open up new musical horizons, as students develop their skills with these powerful instruments.

### Year 6:

In Year 6, pupils will further expand their **musical repertoire**, building on the knowledge they've gained throughout the years. They will have the opportunity to consolidate their skills with instruments they have already learned and explore more complex musical concepts.

Our newest addition to our music offer is the Clarinet in Year 3. This week Year 3 had their first session where the children were introduced to the instrument, how to hold it correctly and they played games that focussed on the interrelated dimensions of music such as pulse and rhythm. The Year 3 children are so excited to continue with this provision and build on their previous knowledge from the recorder in Year 2. We are thrilled to be working with external providers for Clarinet and Brass to ensure that our students receive expert tuition. We look forward to seeing how our Year 3 children progress with the clarinet throughout the year.

Through our carefully structured and exciting music curriculum, we strive to nurture a love for music in every child, helping them to develop their talents, express their creativity, and gain confidence in their abilities. Music at Chapelford is not just about learning to play instruments – it's about fostering the skills, attitudes, and experiences that will benefit our children in every aspect of their lives.



Value for Autumn 2 is **ACHIEVE**

## Resilience Award Winners

4	Peter	5	Cayden	6	Athena	7	Athena
8	Anders	9	Scholastica	10	Shiloh	11	Ayse
12	Alfie	13	Mike	14	James	15	Bobby
16	Alvina	17	Denise	18	Eva	19	Gavin
20	Harriet	21	Chloe	22	Maddie	23	Kian
24	Oisin						

### Star Learners

1	Brayden	13	Emily
2	Lilly	14	Cobey
3	Elliot	15	Thomas
4	Stephanie	16	Bobby
5	Ava	17	Harry
6	Jaxson	18	Indi
7	Ella	19	Brian
8	Isabel	20	Lily-Rose
9	Huldah	21	Leo
10	Harry	22	Millie
11	Alfie	23	Ison
12	Hafsa	24	Ellie

### Always Child

1	Carly	13	Meadow
2	Dhaya	14	Glenn
3	Luken	15	Heidi
4	Freddie	16	Claire
5	Wan	17	Sophia M
6	Carlie	18	Max
7	Ernie	19	Jesse
8	Luna	20	Zara
9	Marvin	21	Mia
10	Hollie	22	Will
11	Eva	23	Thomas R
12	Toby	24	Rosalind

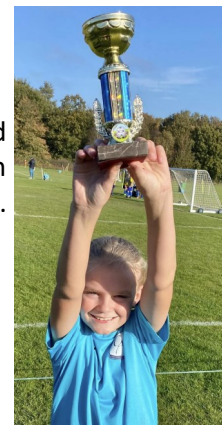
### Weekly Attendance

C1	98%	C6	96%	C11	95%	C16	98%	C21	98%
C2	96%	C7	98%	C12	97%	C17	95%	C22	98%
C3	92%	C8	95%	C13	96%	C18	94%	C23	93%
C4	92%	C9	98%	C14	96%	C19	99%	C24	98%
C5	99%	C10	98%	C15	93%	C20	97%		

## Out of School Achievements

Congratulations and well done to....

**Ben** plays for Cromwell Athletic Spitfires Football Club he scored a hat-trick this weekend! He played really well with his teammates too, assisting two goals, and he got a trophy for being the opposition teams Player of the Match.



**Harper** along with her team Matthiola U7 girls won their Sunday league match, and Harper received the "Parents Player" of the Match.

**Dhaya** has passed her level 1 assessment in gymnastics - she is very proud of her achievement



**Emily** got star of the week for her massive improvement on the high bars at her gymnastics class, Gymfinity.

Well done to you all.

## School Meals

**School menu for week beginning Monday 11th November is Week 2**

Please be aware that we are a **NUT FREE** school.

We have children in school with severe nut allergies, please do not send your child into school with any nut related products.

Thank you in advance.



In line with the Governments Healthy School incitive parents are requested to only send healthy snacks for their children for break and lunch time. Please ensure these items are low in fat and/or sugar. Thank you for your co-operation.



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