MUSIC NEWSLETTER

ST BEDE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

AUTUMN TERM

OUR AIMS

At St Bede 's, we aim to create a vibrant, joyful, and enriching music curriculum that nurtures creativity and confidence in every child. Our goal is to inspire and support each pupil's musical potential while fostering their cognitive, emotional, and social development. We are also proud of the many exciting opportunities children have had this academic year, to take part in musical events, develop their skills and talents, and deepen their overall love and appreciation of music.

OUR CURRICULUM THIS TERM

KS1	Have been learning all about 'Pulse, Rhythm and Pitch' in their curriculum music lessons.
LKS2	Are learning all about 'Musical Structures' Year 4 pupils are having Ukulele lessons with Miss Howard.
UKS2	Have been exploring the theme of 'Music & Technology.'

WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON?

MUSIC IN EARLY YEARS









Our nursery children have been exploring Instrumental Sounds. They spent time learning about a variety of musical instruments: their names, how they are played, and the different sounds they make. The children were excited to investigate both familiar and unfamiliar instruments and enjoyed having opportunities to play them independently. The children then took part in listening games such as "Which Instrument?" and "Match the Instrument." They listened carefully to sounds made out of sight and used their growing listening skills to identify the correct instrument. The children demonstrated great listening and attention skills, concentrating carefully as they matched sounds to instruments.

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UKULELE LESSONS



This term, our Year 4 pupils have had the exciting opportunity to begin learning the ukulele with Miss Howard every Monday morning. What a fantastic start they have made to their instrumental journey!

In a very short space of time, the children have developed a secure understanding of their instruments, learning the names and notes of each string and how to strum correctly to produce a clear sound. They have also worked hard on developing their sense of rhythm and keeping a steady pulse, showing excellent teamwork as they play together as an ensemble. The class has already enjoyed performing a range of songs, including the classic Hit the Road Jack, and has recently progressed to playing different strings in sequence to create simple melodies. Alongside their musical skills, the children have shown growing confidence through leading one another, watching and listening carefully to their peers, and working collaboratively to stay in time. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, focus and musicianship Year 4 have demonstrated so far!

TRUST VIRTUES AWARDS

A group of our fabulous pupils from Year 5 and 6 who were named part of the Primary Choir of the Year 2026 last February, performed their winning song 'One Short Day' at the Bishop Hogarth Trust Virtues Awards at the end of October.





We were honoured to be asked to perform at this wonderful celebration of people within our Trust who inspire others, living out the virtues of compassion, resilience, respect, responsibility, self-belief, justice, honesty and confidence – many of which the children displayed whilst preparing and performing too! Special thanks to Mr Morgan for leading the choir in their shining performance.

ST. BEDE'S CHOIR – LUNCH TIME CLUB

Choir for pupils in Year 4 and above, is now taking place every Tuesday lunchtime with Mrs Derbyshire. Choir offers a wonderful opportunity for children to develop their singing skills, build confidence and enjoy making music together. By joining choir, pupils are committing to regular rehearsals throughout the year, preparing for a range of exciting performances and school events. We were thrilled to welcome so many enthusiastic new members at our first session and look forward to a fantastic year of singing together. ✨



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ROCKSTEADY THIS AUTUMN:







Rocksteady sessions are back in full swing this term, and it's fantastic to see so many pupils continuing their musical journey in their bands while developing their skills on their chosen instruments. We are also delighted to welcome some new children who have signed up to take part this year!

There are still a small handful of spaces available in our Year 4 to Year 6 bands for children interested in learning keyboard, bass guitar, or taking on the role of lead vocalist. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn an instrument, perform with others, build confidence, and experience the excitement of being part of a real band. If your child is interested in joining, please visit rocksteadymusicschool.com and select St Bede's Primary School on the sign-up page, or contact Mrs Derbyshire for support.



We can't wait to see our young musicians continue to shine this term and see them perform at our next concert for parents, which will be on Wednesday 9th December at 9.30am!

VIOLIN LESSONS

Miss Howard from Durham Music Service has welcomed four new KS2 violinists this year, who have made an excellent start to learning this beautiful and challenging instrument. The children have already shown great enthusiasm and determination as they begin developing their skills. Well done to all our St Bede's violinists, who continue to demonstrate dedication, commitment and perseverance in their weekly lessons. We are proud of the progress they are making and look forward to hearing them perform as their confidence and musicianship continue to grow.

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