

MUSIC NEWSLETTER



ST BEDE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMER 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	Learning to Listen & Having Fun with Improvisation
LKS2	More Musical Styles & Enjoying Improvisation Year 4 - Recorder
UKS2	Enjoying Musical Styles & Freedom to Improvise

WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON?

Y4 RECORDER LESSONS



We are also excited to share that for the academic year 26/27, more of our classes will have the wonderful opportunity to learn to play instruments in class, including ukulele and drumming, with thanks to Durham Music Service!

This term, our Year 4 pupils have been learning to play the recorder and have made fantastic progress. They began by developing their 'perfect posture' and 'perfect position', building strong foundations for confident playing. From there, the children have learnt to play the notes A, B and C, and have developed their understanding of reading music, including crochets, quavers and minims on the staff. The children are now able to follow bars of music, recognise rests and play together as part of an ensemble. They have also explored playing in different parts, showing impressive listening skills and teamwork. Throughout the term, the class has enjoyed learning a range of fun songs, and we have been incredibly impressed with their enthusiasm, focus and progress. They have achieved so much in a short space of time and should be very proud of their accomplishments.





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Rocksteady band lessons are in full flow across school this term, and the children have been absolutely brilliant as they develop their skills in vocals, keyboard, drums, guitar and bass. Each group has formed their own band, complete with creative names, and have been enthusiastically preparing for their first live performance. We are delighted to invite parents to our upcoming Rocksteady concert, which will take place at **9.30am on Wednesday 15th July**. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to proudly showcase everything they have learnt on stage. A huge thank you goes to our talented band leader, Alice, for all of the hard work she has put in to getting Rocksteady off the ground at St Bede's this term!



37
PUPILS ENROLLED



PERFORMANCES
ARE COMING
SOON

205
PUPIL LESSONS



756
SKILLS ACHIEVED



ST BEDE'S CHOIR UPDATE

St Bede's Choir has gone from strength to strength over the past two terms, and we are incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved. Following their fantastic success in being crowned North East Primary Choir of the Year, the choir has continued to excel and we have also welcomed lots of new enthusiastic members who have helped to continue the choir's success.

In March, a group of our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in the prestigious Mayor's Song Contest. They delivered an absolutely outstanding performance of the challenging piece "Mother Knows Best," achieving a very impressive second place. The group were highly commended for their confident harmonies, excellent timing and engaging performance skills.



More recently, the choir performed at the Festival of Choirs at Carmel to help fundraise for their upcoming Peru Project. Pupils took to the stage alongside both primary and secondary pupils. Performing a musical medley, our children once again demonstrated great confidence and enthusiasm, putting on a truly wonderful show. We are so proud of the dedication, teamwork and commitment shown by every member of the choir, and we look forward to seeing them continue to grow.

To all the Year 6 pupils who have sung as part of the choir this year, and will soon be moving on to their next big adventure, thank you for working so incredibly hard and being such valuable members of St Bede's Choir, acting as role models to our younger singers and putting up with many a last minute rehearsal from Mrs Derbyshire! It has been an absolute pleasure to work with you this year. I wish you all the luck in the world as you move on to secondary school - keep singing! 😊



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Children in Reception have been absolutely loving their Rocksteady lessons. They have enjoyed learning to play their favourite song, 'Golden' and learning how the different instruments work together to create a performance.



Year 3 pupils have been enjoying their music unit, based around the theme of friendship. They have been experimenting with different notes needed to play a song (G, A, B, C and D) and tried really hard to keep in time, following the beat of the music carefully.



KS1 children have been very busy listening and singing together, learning songs for their class assemblies. They have been adapting some traditional and familiar tunes to share their knowledge on their class topics, such as 'Let's Go Ride a Train!' Children have also been completing their Charanga music lessons on the topic of 'Learning to Listen'

SNAPPY OPERA

Rehearsals are well underway for St Bede's Snappy Opera, which will be performed by a group of Year 5 and 6 pupils at the Gala theatre in July. There has been such a buzz of creativity and enthusiasm during our weekly workshops, which are building towards the final performance. Pupils will be performing the wonderfully original 'Icecream Opera' and have fully embraced this funny and lively show, bringing their own energy, imagination and a sparkle of St Bede's musical magic of course! We cannot wait to see how the pupils' confidence develops and the final outcome of all their hard work! Well done everyone!

