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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 also provide exciting opportunities for children to take part in musical events, develop their skills and talents, and deepen their overall love and appreciation of music.

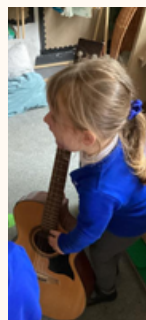
OUR CURRICULUM THIS TERM

KS1	'My Musical Heartbeat' & 'Dance, Play and Sing
LKS2	'Writing Music Down' & 'Playing in a Band'
UKS2	'Melody & Harmony' & 'Play & Sing in Different Styles'

WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON?



The children in nursery recently enjoyed a wonderful exploration of musical instruments. They discovered new instruments and sounds. They even had a go at creating their own rhythms. The children showed great curiosity and enthusiasm during our musical session!



Our Reception children have been busy exploring the joy of music! From learning and matching nursery rhymes to performing in our outdoor theatre and even creating their own songs – their creativity and confidence are shining through.

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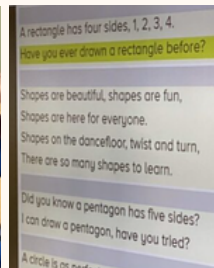
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Pupils in KS1 have been immersed in the joyful rhythms of their music unit 'My Musical Heartbeat.' Each lesson has centred around a different song, helping children explore the concept of pulse – the steady beat that forms the heartbeat of every piece of music. Through this unit, pupils have learned that every piece of music has a pulse, a steady beat that we can feel and move to. Whether singing, listening, or performing, they've been encouraged to find that beat and keep it together as a group, building musical confidence and coordination. It has been a vibrant, energetic term full of musical discovery, and KS1 have truly found their heartbeat!



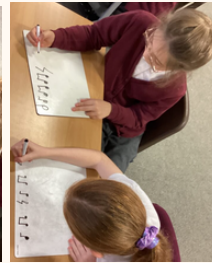
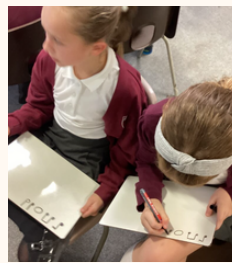
The children have loved using the glockenspiels!



This lesson focused on Shapes by Joanna Mangona and Pete Readman. The children loved moving to the music, using claps, marches, and sways to find and follow the pulse. They explored musical patterns and shapes, discovering how rhythm and movement can bring a song to life.

This term, our Lower Key Stage 2 pupils have been exploring the exciting world of composing, playing, and reading music through their topic 'Writing Music Down.'

They've been learning how to read and write musical notes, discovering how many beats each note holds, and beginning to use the correct musical terminology. The children have also enjoyed composing their own short rhythms, putting their new knowledge into practice with great enthusiasm!



To celebrate World Mental Health Day, our Year 3/4 children explored how music can lift our spirits, make us happy, and comfort us when we're feeling sad. They also discussed how dancing can boost our mood and help us express ourselves, before enjoying a fun-filled dance and sing-along to some of their favourite songs!



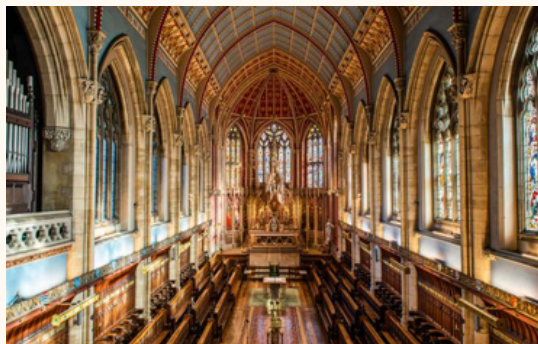
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St Bede's Choir

This term, pupils from Years 4, 5 and 6 have come together to create our very own St Bede's Choir! They have been busy preparing a beautiful rendition of "How Great Thou Art" for the Durham Music Service Annual Choir Competition. The children have shown incredible dedication and confidence, carefully rehearsing harmonies and solos before recording their video entry. The children have very deservedly made it through to the next round which will be a beautifully festive event held at the historic Ushaw College on Wednesday 10th December. More information on this will follow very soon! We are so proud of the choir and the inspiring effort, teamwork, and joy they have brought to every rehearsal and performance.



St Bede's Violinists

Our talented violinists at St Bede's have been making fantastic progress this term!

William and Emily in Year 4 began their violin journey in September. They've been learning how to hold their instruments correctly, make their very first sounds, and even start reading music. Both pupils are now working towards their first award : DMS Stars 1.

Lyla and Hugo in Year 6 are now working on the music for their Grade 1 Violin. Lyla also plays in the Darlington String Orchestra. She began her orchestral journey in the Stars Ensemble last year and has now progressed to the advanced group. Lyla has already performed at St Cuthbert's Church and the Town Hall, and we can't wait to see what exciting concert opportunities lie ahead this year!

