



Music at St Helens Primary



Children at St Helens have weekly music lessons which are often linked across the curriculum. Alongside these lessons many children access peripatetic lessons. As a school we have a variety of musical experiences such as World Music Day, Music Hub Workshops, and amazing live performances from a variety of different musicians throughout the year.
From September 2023 we will be using the Kapow music scheme of work.

Here are a few examples of things we have done this year at St Helens.

Mardi Gras

The Isle of Wight Mardi Gras is an annual carnival celebration that is held in Ryde every June. The carnival was inspired by New Orleans Mardi Gras with a little fusion from Latin and Caribbean carnivals. The new carnival club work closely with island schools including St Helens to put together spectacular performances. For children who would like to participate in Mardi Gras we hold an after-school club in which children prepare for their carnival performance.



World Music Day

What is World Music Day?

The Fête de la Musique, also known in English as Music Day, Make Music Day, or World Music Day. It is an annual music celebration that takes place on 21 June. On Music Day, citizens and residents are urged to play music outside in their neighbourhoods or in public spaces.



part in musical workshops run by our chair of Governors G...
both and then came together at the end of the day to perform...
parent of our school who performs in his own band. The c...
explanations of how he uses different equipment. The chil...
de and inside using a range of instruments. They were all s...
day. This was a great opportunity for children to share the...
and to also share their own musical interests.



Pupil Voice

Alex L: Thank you Mr Goodfield you are a stunning musician, and I loved your performance and tour of your setup. Your attempt to sing "Highway to Hell" was my

Dawson: It was very fun. I liked how the floor vibrated from the speakers; it was funny. It's very impressive how fast you play the notes and the different styles,

I really enjoyed playing music outside and trying out lots of different instruments with my friends.

Sammy: Thanks for coming in to show us the different genres of music on your guitar. It was awesome. It was my favourite part of the day.

Lenny: Your guitar playing was very good and learning the songs by the lyrics and discussing them was fun. I liked how you told us about your guitar journey. I wish you could play guitar more with us, thank you Mr Booth.

Marlee: Thank you so much. I really enjoyed learning the songs and listening to the other students singing as well. My favourite song we learnt was the games people play because I felt like it was a very relaxing song. Thank you so much for coming and teaching us new songs

Dance Club

Mrs Sharp runs a weekly afterschool dance club where children choose a song they would like to choreograph a dance routine to.

They work together as a group to plan the choreography, outfit choices and any props they may need.



Performances at St Helens

Throughout the year children will participate in several performances here are just a few examples from this year: Harvest Festival, The Nativity, Chinese New Year (Dragon Dance) KS2 summer play (Pirates of the Curry Bean) as well as many whole school performances of songs delivered through workshops from the Music Hub



Big Emotions: Mindful Music For Little People



This beautiful new book written by Exeter based Musician & Educator, Laura Loft and Illustrated by Nia Gould. It has been thoughtfully created to help provide a wellbeing toolkit for young children to recognise their BIG EMOTIONS with ideas to help regulate them.

Follow Little Boy and his beloved Cat on an adventure into his vivid imaginative world as he explores his emotions, excitement, surprise, fear, disgust, sadness, anger, trust and joy.

Journey through grassy meadows, lava filled volcanoes, swirling tornadoes, and stormy seas...will they ever find their way back home again?

Our Early years class has really enjoyed working through this beautifully designed scheme of work. Recognising emotions, learning then performing songs and creating wonderful pieces of artwork alongside the music.

Music Assemblies

Our weekly music assemblies alternate between children learning new songs and performing them, to looking at different genres of music and exploring at a range of different musicians throughout the generations.

In our singing assemblies we use The Everybody Sing Song Bank which is a one-stop shop for amazing singing resources to help everybody feel happier and healthier through singing together. We also use the 10 Minute Sign & Sing assemblies.

This involves children learning Makaton signs to perform along to well-known songs, with the option to also sing if they can. 10 Minute Sign & Sing is suitable for children of all ages and abilities.

Here are just a few of the musicians we have learnt about in our music assemblies this year.

Groove Armada

Bon Jovi

The Beatles

Beethoven

Tom Jones

ABBA

Will Smith

Louis Armstrong



