

# Learning Music at St Aldhelm's

This year, we have become a Charanga Musical School. We have introduced a new programme, called Charanga, for the delivery of our music curriculum across the whole school, from Reception to Year 6.



"We know some notes on recorder and glockenspiels now" Y2

Each class explores the aspects of music through listening, appraising, creating, exploring and performing a variety of genres of music.

Charanga is an integrated, practical, exploratory and child-led approach to musical learning.



"It's been good to play instruments and use Chromebooks in our music lessons" Y4

"I like how we learn different parts at different points and then pull it together near the end" Y6



"I like the warm ups because they've helped me find the pulse of the music. I can find it in lots of songs now" Y5



# Music Festival at St Aldhelm's



"I liked listening to everyone's songs" "I loved it because our hats were back to front for the rap" YR



"Next time, we could do it with our recorders because it'll sound even better" Y2



"I was excited to perform as I wanted others to hear us!" Y5  
"I LOVE THE SONG, I even sing it at home" Y4



Every term, each class has a focus song and we have held Music Festivals to showcase their performances. Having done little singing during the couple of years before this one and no performing in front of others, we have been building skills, expectations and resilience to perform to each other.

"We kept our steady beat. People said our rhythm was good" Y1



"I think we were good at keeping it in time but it took practice" Y3 child



The progress has been tremendous, from very nervous and unsure to greater confidence and improving performance skills. We look forward to another Music Festival in the Summer Term and hopefully we will be able to open up to a bigger audience in the future...



"I liked the Adele song because it was different to other songs we've done. It's a ballad and a lot softer" Y6

"I now enjoy singing in front of others. Singing as an ensemble makes you want to perform even better" Y5

# Spring Music Concert at St Aldhelm's

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, we had the first Music Concert since 2019. It was a wonderful opportunity for children who have been learning a musical instrument with our specialist music teachers, to prepare and perform a chosen piece of music.



The children showed courage to perform in front of the whole school and their parents. Their commitment to practice and their resilience and enthusiasm translated into pride and a great sense of achievement.



Our specialist teachers, James, Becky and Helen, come into school each week to give lessons. They work away behind the scenes, sharing their talent and love of music, enabling children to learn a musical instrument. Thank you, teachers, and well done to all our children learning an instrument. Some children haven't been learning long and weren't ready to perform this time but we know they've been working hard too. We look forward to future concerts and celebrating more musical progress next time.

