

## Why do we learn Music?

Music is an essential part of life, integral in the personal development of an individual. We believe that the opportunity to engage in musical experiences is crucial for the development of the whole child. Learning music develops all aspects of a child's learning, from the physical action of using an instrument to the mathematical skills needed to keep a pulse. These abilities are directly transferable to other areas of the curriculum, allowing them to flourish, and will be invaluable in their future life.

Music is a unique way of communicating that can inspire and motivate children. It is a vehicle for personal expression, and allows children to reflect upon the culture and society in which they live. Most importantly, music plays a vital role in helping children to feel like part of a community.

## What does Music look like at St. Luke's?

Pupils bring to school a whole library of sound already encountered. The musical education we provide aims to deepen their understanding of acquired and new experiences through the interrelated skills of performing, composing and appraising. Children have access to music through topic-based activities and weekly music lessons taught by a teacher with music specialism.

*'I love using different instruments and creating different sounds on them.'*

*'As music is always active, it's always fun!'*

*'Music is all around us. I've learnt to appreciate it so much more.'*



## What learning opportunities are there?

Music is a prominent feature within class assemblies, whether it be singing a topic-related song or individuals displaying a particular musical ability.

Extra-curricular opportunities (guitar and ukulele), are provided by peripatetic teachers from the Kingston Music Service.

A thriving KS2 choir meets regularly, with wider performance opportunities with other schools and in the local community taking place.

Our highly acclaimed Nativity, KS1 and KS2 Productions are the highlight of the school year, with children joining together to showcase their musical talent.

# Music at St. Luke's

## Our vision for Music

At St. Luke's, our vision is to make music an active and influential part of everyday school life. It should be something that is celebrated, endorsed and encouraged in all aspects of our learning and living. We want to inspire the minds of tomorrow to be creative and proactive musicians. We want to encourage our children to be life-long learners and appreciators of music from different eras and cultures. At the heart, we want them to make musical choices based upon their feelings, understanding, and experiences of this subject.

