

When do instrumental music lessons happen?

Brass Lessons—Sheffield Music Hub:

(Wider Opportunities/WOPPs for all of Y4 and Pathways for some of Y5 and Y6)

Keyboard, Guitar and Drums—Mr Couch

What are the benefits of learning an instrument?

Research has shown that music can have a positive impact on the following areas:

- Self-confidence
- Self-discipline
- Imagination and creativity
- Communication skills
- Team, social and cooperation skills
- Self-respect
- Listening skills
- Commitment and loyalty
- Concentration skills



What music events happen?

To view and read about recent music activities at Stradbroke Primary School, visit www.stradbrokeprimary.uk or @MrsWStradbroke

Aims

The teaching of music supports the overall aims of the school in the following ways:

- To be an inclusive school treating all pupils fairly and giving all learners equality of opportunity.
- To treat all learners as individuals and differentiate teaching and learning to take into account their individual and special need.
- To ensure that all learners benefit from a rich, broad and balanced curriculum presented in an interesting, exciting and imaginative manner with plenty of opportunities for first-hand experiences, practical work and investigation.
- To deliver a creative curriculum; this makes links between different subjects and skills.
- To make the school experience enjoyable and somewhere success is celebrated.



Music at Stradbroke Primary School



What is the purpose of Music?

At Stradbroke, we highly value the importance that the role of expressive arts plays in the school, and we encourage pupils to express themselves in innovative and motivating ways.

Music participation, including singing, gives children unique opportunities to create and be fluent in their thinking. It offers opportunities for children to respond in unique ways by listening or moving to music and creating new songs and rhymes. At our school, we provide children with the opportunity to express their feelings and ideas freely as they dance to a song, pound a drum or sing a song with pleasure.

Links to the Curriculum

Music is taught by the class teacher or a higher-level teaching assistant and, where appropriate, is linked to other areas of the curriculum as part of the children's topic work. Learning music encourages children to listen, appraise, compose, perform and sing. We believe that children should be given the chance to appreciate a variety of music, ranging from hip hop to classical music. As children progress through the school, they will progress in each of the areas and cover a range of skills, as prescribed by the National Curriculum.

The value of music

At Stradbroke, we value communications relating to the health and wellbeing of all pupils and provide a rich, supportive environment which promotes active involvement, creativity, partnerships with professionals, and which connects to the experiences of the pupils.

Musical performances

Each year, the school has a number of opportunities for children to perform to a wider audience which parents are invited to attend.

At Christmas, children in foundation stage to Y3 perform in a Christmas play, whereas the children in years 4 to 6 perform in a carol concert with readings at St. Catherine's Church. Once the Y6's have finished their SATs, they focus their attention on preparing and rehearsing for a fantastic final performance at the end of the summer term.

Children who learn brass instruments also take part in an end of year performance to showcase their progress.



Links to Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural (SMSC) learning

Music is taught within topic and has links to other areas of the curriculum, such as RE, history, art, etc. The majority of activities are practical and experiential to promote an appreciation of cultural activities and to enrich pupils learning.

What is WOPPs?

With close links to the Sheffield Music Hub, Stradbroke Primary School is privileged to be involved in their Wider Opportunities programme (WOPPs). All children in year four have the opportunity to learn to play a brass instrument, and have weekly class lessons that are **free!** Their learning is showcased in an end of year performance.

Visiting musicians and creative artists

From time to time, we have visiting music specialists to help ensure that pupils experience and enjoy the opportunity to be creative and imaginative and have opportunities to nurture and develop their interests and skills. This can include Sheffield University music students, Toffee Music group, to name but a few.