

Music at Hambrook Primary School

Charanga Musical School

Our music programme is fun and busy. We use Charanga Musical School as the basis for our class teaching which explores a wide range of music and musical styles from nursery rhymes, chants and action songs for younger children to classical repertoire, Reggae or Rock and Roll by the likes of James Brown, Bob Marley or Adele. The songs are exciting and engaging and our pupils enjoy getting involved in the mix of genres and artists.

<https://charanga.com/site/musical-school/>

South Gloucestershire Music Hub

Our music teaching is enhanced by specialist teachers from South Gloucestershire Music Hub. Children in Foundation Stage and Years 1, 3, 5 and 6 have taken part in "Let's Sing", a five week singing programme taught by experienced singing teachers from the Hub.



Children in Year 4 have taken part in a 30 week "Music Explorers" Program and this year have learned to play the recorder. What started the year as a series of rather shrill whistling sounds has definitely progressed into recognisable tunes as, under the guidance of their teacher from South Gloucestershire music hub, the children have learned about musical notation, the length of notes and when to breathe.

In Key Stage 2 all children have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument as part of a small group or in individual lessons. These lessons are taught by Associate Music Teachers. Pupils can choose from woodwind, brass or guitar. There is a cost to parents for these lessons and you will need to provide your child with a suitable instrument on which to learn.



Hambrook School Choir

Keys Stage 2 children are all invited to join our school choir. At our weekly after school rehearsals we learn a mix of songs and enjoy performing at different events. Children are given the chance to sing a solo or as part of a smaller group if they wish either just at rehearsal time or for the bravest at performances.

This year we will have sung a mixture of old and new including "Singing in the rain" and "One little Voice" for the senior citizens of Winterbourne Down at one of their monthly lunch club meetings, seasonal classics by firelight at the Whiteshill Church Christmas Carol service and our year will climax with the experience of joining 200 other young singers from across the county for a "Magical" concert at The Colston Hall concert venue in June.

They always give their very best at performances and we are very proud of our growing choir.



Hambrook School Choir singing for pupils and parents at the School Carol concert at Whiteshill Church.

Hambrook's got talent

Opportunities for our pupils to perform or celebrate their musical skills in front of their friends or for our parents occur throughout our school year. This might be during Class assemblies, School Carol or Easter services or our weekly celebration assembly. Once a year however we hold our very own extravaganza "Hambrook's Got Talent". This is such a popular and much anticipated event with our pupils that it deserves a special mention. Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 take this chance to show off their own special talents. This has included karate, poetry reading and magic alongside singing, dancing and music. Every year our pupils amaze us with the variety of talents they have and the confidence they show performing in front of an audience. There is always someone who really surprises us and we look forward to finding out who it will be this year.

