

Our Christmas and Summer Music Concerts, and the productions put on by our various year-groups provide musical performance opportunities which are delivered to a high standard; we are sure that those of you who have attended these events in the past will have enjoyed them, and will have been impressed by the quality of performance which our pupils achieve.

Approximately a quarter of our children opt to receive weekly tuition on the musical instrument(s) of their choosing, and we are keen for this proportion to increase as we believe that there are many benefits associated with learning to play a musical instrument, not least of which is the enjoyment factor. We would urge you to encourage your child to take up this exciting challenge.

Cost is obviously an important consideration, but bursaries are available to those in receipt of Free School Meals or in the care of the Local Authority, and a local charity is supportive of those able to demonstrate financial hardship.

Information on the tuition packages available is attached.

If you require any further details please do not hesitate to contact either Music and Worship Lead Hazel Law, or Music Administrator Judy Pettit.



Enjoy and Achieve



How instrumental music tuition can help your child

In support of St Mary's Christian ethos,
R.E.S.P.E.C.T.

(Responsibility, Excellence, Spirituality,
Partnership, Enjoyment, Caring, Tolerance)



We believe that music-making:

- **is enjoyable**
- **develops confidence and commitment**
- **encourages a disciplined approach**
- **improves co-ordination**
- **is linked to academic development**
- **brings a sense of achievement**
- **enhances performance skills**
- **facilitates inclusion**
- **opens up present and future opportunities**

For a taster of different instruments and their characteristics, the National Children's Orchestra has some helpful videos:
<https://www.nco.org.uk/join-in/start-here-/choose-an-instrument>

Music plays an important and distinctive part in shaping the ethos and culture of Ely St Mary's Church of England Junior School, and is a strength for which St Mary's is renowned.

Here at St Mary's we are very proud of the wide range of musical opportunities on offer to our children. In addition to the whole-class curricular music lessons provided to all pupils, the school is often involved in specific music projects (such as annual inter-school celebratory concerts and competitions), has thriving choirs and an orchestra, and its very own steel band. We were thrilled when our Chamber Choir got through to the final of the Barnardo's National Choir Competition, and had the opportunity of performing at the prestigious Barbican Centre in London. Our 'United Voices' choir has been the proud recipient of a magnificent shield as sectional winner at the Peterborough Music Festival, and in recent years St Mary's is delighted to have been able to send a contingent of pupils to London to participate in a 'Young Voices' Concert at the O2 Arena. Earlier this year, children in Year 3 very much enjoyed taking part in a SambaFest music and football project - a joint venture by Cambridgeshire Music and Cambridge United Community Trust.