

We strive to provide for all children at The Prince of Wales School fantastic opportunities to access music throughout their time with us.

Each class will have a weekly music lesson which is delivered by the class teacher. We use a musical scheme called 'Music Express' but also rely on our staff input into creating a cross curricular approach when applicable. Our overall school scheme of work covers musical history and styles of music. Through weekly assemblies we cover a range of songs and teach the children about rhythm, history of music and part singing and harmonies where applicable. We also endeavour for all children to access a repertoire of music from all historical periods as well as music from across the world through assemblies and our weekly class music lessons. We value highly live performances so endeavour to offer drama, music and theatre to our children through the year.

We offer all children the opportunity to come along and try these free clubs:

Choir – open to all children from Year 1 to Year 4. Occurs during a lunch break.

Recorders – we have a number of groups learning through the school!

Reception – being taught by Mrs Mewett (spring and summer term periods)

Yr 1 recorder players plus any beginners – Mr Farrington

Yr 2 and Yr 3 recorder players – Miss Johnson

As soon as children are confident and competent in playing B A and G and can read music then the school employs a recorder teacher through DASP Music, Mrs McCourtie (who teaches recorder at Middle school level). We ask for **£1 per week to cover the costs**. This lesson occurs during lessons for ½ hour.

Ukelele

Mrs Thorpe offers a beginner Uke group, this is free and takes place during a lunch break.

We employ a Uke teacher (Andy Grant) through DASP music to teach other children Ukele, again the children move to Andy's group when displaying competence. The school asks parents **to pay £1 per week to cover costs**.

Other instruments (fee paying) being learnt through our school are:

- Violin
- Guitar
- Trumpet
- Piano and keyboard
- Drums
- Clarinet
- Oboe
- Singing

Parents of children entitled to the Pupil Premium may apply for support with the costs of music tuition. At the moment 5 Pupil Premium children are benefitting from this financial support.

We work closely with DASP music, so if there is an instrument your child wishes to learn not on the list above, we would endeavour to find a suitable teacher to work with your child. DASP music offers competitive rates for lessons.

At The Prince of Wales School we hold an annual Summer Soiree concert which gives all children the opportunity to perform in front of their friends and family.

Being part of DASP we can offer the children additional opportunities to learn and perform through music. Year 4 annually are involved in a First school concert and last year Rock choir worked with Year 3 children and this resulted in a World Cup concert to parents at St Osmunds school! We also welcome musicians across the partnership that brings live music into our school through the school year.

Any child learning an instrument also gets the opportunity through the year to play/perform regularly to the rest of the school. We firmly believe this is an important aspect of being a musician and is a skill children need supporting in learning.

When your child reaches Year 4, a government initiative is in place which offers every child an opportunity to learn an instrument. This provides each child with an instrument for the duration, a specialised teacher and a term of lessons.

We are proud of the number of children who partake in musical activities through the school.

- 82 children attend regular music lessons
- 28 children learn 2, 3 and 4 instruments!
- Choir ranges between 20-30 members throughout the year
- Yr 4 class has access to a term of music lessons.

This equates to well **over two thirds of the school** being regularly involved in music!