



Sing Education Newsletter

Music this term at Christ the Saviour

A message from your music teacher

Well done to all EYFS and KS1 students for their fantastic hard work in preparing for their Christmas performances. Their dedication really shone through, and the final shows were a huge success! KS2 also demonstrated wonderful progress this half term. They learnt many new musical skills on the glockenspiels, from mastering new songs to performing confident solos and ensemble pieces. I've been so impressed with everything the children achieved and am excited to see what they continue to accomplish in the Spring term!

Mrs Fenn



EYFS were Recalling Patterns, Actions and Rhythms

In **Nursery**, we copied actions and rhythms from our friends and the leader. We built our memory and coordination while creating simple rhythms together.

Reception practised remembering and tapping patterns set by the leader. We followed and repeated rhythms to build our memory and motor skills.

In KS1 we were focussing on Rhythm

We explored rhythm in **Year 1** by playing and copying short patterns. We improved our accuracy and began preparing for improvising and ensemble work.

In **Year 2**, we learnt to read and play rhythms using stick notation. We developed accuracy and confidence, ready for more advanced rhythm work in Key Stage 2.



The KS2 focus area was Performing: Reading Notation - Pitch

Year 3 continued our notation work by learning pitch on the glockenspiel. We read simple melodies, explored high and low notes, and strengthened our understanding of rhythm and tempo.

In **Year 4**, we deepened our staff notation skills using the glockenspiel. We followed and performed more complex melodies, building fluency in reading music for future ensemble playing.

Year 5 developed our melodic sight-reading on the glockenspiel. We worked on reading and playing tunes more fluently to prepare for advanced ensemble tasks.

We refined our sight-reading skills in **Year 6** by focusing on note names and durations. We improved our accuracy and confidence when reading and performing melodies, ready for more advanced musical work.



What's happening in Extra-curricular?

The KS1 Gospel Choir has been learning a range of fun songs across the term, with recent focus on the festive classics in lead up to their Christmas performances!

The KS2 Rock Choir have been spending time learning Coldplay's 'Yellow', and are now working towards adding some instruments to their arrangement, including ukulele, percussion and glockenspiel!

What's happening in Tuition?

Instrumental lessons have gone extremely well this past term, with students showing great enthusiasm, commitment, and progress across all instruments. It has been wonderful to see their confidence and musical skills develop week by week. We are very much looking forward to the new term and to seeing this progress continue as the children build on what they have already achieved.

To sign up for instrumental tuition go to
www.singeducation.co.uk/signup

Coming up...

	Spring 1
EYFS Focus Areas	Pitch-Matching
Nursery	Singing Skills 1: Find your Voice
Reception	Singing Skills 2: Match my Voice
KS1 Focus Areas	Pitch
Year 1	Exploring Pitch 1: High and Low
Year 2	Exploring Pitch 2: Dot Notation
KS2 Focus Areas	Performing: Instrumental Performance
Year 3	Ensemble Skills 1: Call & Response (Glockenspiel OR Recorder)
Year 4	Ensemble Skills 2: Melody and Accompaniment (Glockenspiel OR Recorder)
Year 5	Pop Music 1: Arrangements and Improvisation (Glockenspiel OR Ukulele)
Year 6	Pop Music 2: Chords and Bass Lines (Glockenspiel OR Ukulele)