



Music at Wincheap Foundation Primary School

At Wincheap, we provide exciting musical opportunities for all children with music playing a central role in our arts-rich curriculum. We believe the arts, including music and dance, give pupils opportunities to discover and celebrate varying individual strengths and stimulate imagination and expression. They also offer enriching experiences and opportunities for pupils to understand and appreciate the creativity of others. We have held Artsmark Gold for many years reflecting the strength of our provision in the arts and we have been awarded Music Mark in recognition of a high-quality music education for all pupils.

We provide opportunities for all children to create, play, perform and enjoy music and to appreciate a wide variety of musical forms.

The national curriculum for music aims to ensure that all pupils:

- perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians
- learn to sing and to use their voices, to create and compose music on their own and with others, have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, use technology appropriately and have the opportunity to progress to the next level of musical excellence
- understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated, including through the interrelated dimensions: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate musical notations

How we teach music

At Wincheap, we follow the knowledge progression set out in the National Curriculum for music. The programmes of study for key stage one and key stage two can be found below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-england-music-programmes-of-study/national-curriculum-in-england-music-programmes-of-study>

We have recently started to use Charanga as a high-quality resource to support pupils' progress through the curriculum. Weekly music lessons are taught in all year groups starting from reception, enabling pupils to build on their musical knowledge as they move through the school. Pupils learn to play instruments, including electric guitar in Years 4 and 5 taught by a specialist teacher. Exciting opportunities to perform regularly enrich children's learning in music, e.g. the KS1 nativity production, Year 6 musical at the Gulbenkian theatre, Festival on the Field and whole-school X Factor. These provide opportunities for pupils to share and celebrate their success in music learning with the rest of the school and their families as part of fostering strong home/school learning partnerships. Music teaching is further enriched by music workshops with visiting professionals.

A range of extra-curricular music activities complement pupils' learning, including a choir which enables children to perform for the local community at the hospital, for an old people's home and at our Christmas service at St Mary Bredin church.

Peripatetic teachers offer a range of instrumental teaching at the school, including piano, guitar and drums.