

Music Provision

Music has many benefits for children, including developing their language, helping with memory and co-ordination whilst also developing their imagination and creativity. It promotes perseverance, confidence building and has massive links to mental health improvement. In general children feel good when they are involved in music!

Here at St Margaret's Academy we want EVERY child to leave this school with a genuine love for music. We want them to have confidence in playing an instrument, to enjoy singing and listening to a wide range of music whilst having had the opportunity to compose something of their own.

Throughout their time at St Margaret's our children learn the following instruments:

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Instrument</u>	<u>Method of teaching</u>
Reception	Percussion focus	Children can access instruments throughout their play and through lessons taught by their class teacher.
Year 1	Boomwhackers (musical tubes)	Lessons taught by the music leader.
Year 2	Ukulele	Whole class lessons taught by Mr Hopkins (peripatetic teacher).
Year 3	Ukulele	Whole class lessons taught by Mr Hopkins (peripatetic teacher).
Year 4	Recorder	Whole class lessons taught by the class teacher.
Year 5	Fife	Whole class lessons taught by the class teacher.
Year 6	Guitar	Whole class lessons taught by Mr Hopkins (peripatetic teacher).

Peripatetic teachers

In addition to this we have a bank of peripatetic teachers that are able to offer individual or small group tuition which can take place during the school day or sometimes after school (these are paid for by parents/carers).

Teacher	Instrument	Contact details
Stuart Hopkins	Guitar Ukulele	shopkins2112@gmail.com 07979 148929
Dan	Drums	rhythmismylife@hotmail.co.uk
Jane Anderson-Brown	Flute Saxophone J-Sax Clarinet	jane.andersonbrown@gmail.com
Rock Steady Company (Group only)	Singing Guitar Bass Guitar Piano Drums	Parents - Rocksteady Music School
Blossoms	Singing Piano	Laura@blossomsmusic.co.uk 07515 805 812

Rock Steady

www.rocksteadymusicschool.com

We work with a company called '**Rock Steady**'. They offer fun and inclusive in-school rock and pop band lessons. No experience or instrument required. The children work in 'bands' every Thursday morning (in school time) and get to try out a variety of instruments. These lessons are paid for by parents/carers. If your child is interesting in joining a 'band' please log on to the parent section of the website above and see what is available for their age group.

If your child has expressed an interest in playing any other instruments then please email Mrs Posey at pine@st-margarets.torbay.sch.uk as she may be able to find a teacher.

Assemblies, Nativity and Leavers production

The children take part in regular singing assemblies each week adding to their repertoire of songs.

Key Stage 1 (years 1 and 2) perform their musical nativity at a Babbacombe theatre every December.

At the end of Key Stage 2 (Year 6) the 'leavers' perform a large musical production to their parents/carers and to the rest of the school.

Composer of the Month

On entering and leaving assembly the children listen to the 'Composer of the Month'. Each composer is introduced and discussed at the start of the month. We like to test the children and their memory skills to see if they can name previous composers and their most famous pieces of music. Here is a list of the ones that they might know!

2022	November	Vivaldi
	December	Mozart
2023	January	Beethoven
	February	Bach
	March	Stravinsky
	April	Debussy
	May	Elgar
	June	Handel
	July	Brahms
	August	X
	September	Hans Zimmer
	October	Tchaikovsky
	November	Elton John
	December	John Williams
2024	January	Taylor Swift
	February	Richard Strauss
	March	Ed Sheeran
	April	Wagner
	May	Lady Gaga
	June	Dolly Parton
	July	Shawn Mendes

	August	X
	September	Gershwin
	October	Andrew Lloyd Webber
	November	Duke Ellington
	December	Christmas Selection
2025	January	The Beatles
	February	Bob Marley
	March	Simon & Garfunkel
	April	Tom Fletcher
	May	Mozart (revisit)
	June	Zoe Keating (Cello)
	July	Kristen Anderson- Lopez
	August	X
	September	

Live music @ St Margaret's

At St Margaret's we love to see any form of live music (not just Mrs Posey on her guitar!).

We have enjoyed a musical assembly led by Sam from 'Rock Steady' where we got to join in and even create our own bands! He played the electric drum kit, electric and base guitar, keyboard and he showed us how to use a microphone. We loved singing 'Old town road' and 'Shotgun' with him.

Mr Hopkins brought his guitar pupils to assembly to perform to the rest of the school. Quite daunting but they did a fantastic job!

We have also enjoyed some Taiko drumming and various other performances from other children in our school. We are looking forward to many more performances in the future.

KS2 Choir

Mrs Posey's (St Margaret's) choir started in November 2024. They quickly pulled together some wonderful Christmas songs and performed in the St Marychurch precinct in December. They did such a wonderful job in such a short amount of time. The choir also performed to the residents of Dunboyne residential home and Lorna house.

Lorna house were thrilled with the performance and asked them to return in March 2025.

The choir is full at the moment but please email Mrs Posey (pine@st-margarets.torbay.sch.uk) if you would like your child to be added to the waiting list.

The choir is for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 only.