

Music Provision at St Margaret's

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:

Year Group	Instrument	Method of teaching
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 lead.
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	Lessons taught by the class teacher.
Year 5	Fife	Whole class lessons taught by Jane Anderson-Brown (peripatetic 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
Mr Hopkins	Guitar Ukulele	Call: 07979 148929 Email: shopkins2112@gmail.com
Charlotte Heritage	Violin Cello	www.facebook.com/CharlotteHeritageMusicTuition
Jane Anderson-Brown	Piano Singing Flute Saxophone J-Sax Clarinet	Email: jane.andersonbrown@gmail.com

Edubox

www.educationbox.co

In addition to this we also work with the company 'Edubox' who provide various after school music clubs at St Margaret's. They are also able to offer 1:1/small group sessions (these can often take place in school time). These lessons are paid by parents/carers.

Please email Philippa at office@educationbox.co if you are interested. Your child will be taken straight to the club at the end of the school day. There is no need for you to pick them up until 4.20pm. They can also be taken to the After School Club afterwards if they are booked in. Please see the table below for the current club times:

Club	Days and Times
Musical Theatre	Monday after school 3.20-4.20pm
Drumming	Thursday after school 3.20-4.20pm
Singing	Friday after school 3.20-4.20pm

Rock Steady

www.rocksteadymusicschool.com

We also 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.

Assembly and Nativities

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

Key Stage 1 (years 1 and 2) perform a musical nativity at a local theatre every December. They performed at the Princess Theatre numerous times and more recently used the Babbacombe theatre.

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 should know!

2022	November	Vivaldi
	December	Mozart

2023	January	Beethoven
	February	Bach
	March	Stravinsky
	April	Debussy
	May	Elgar
	June	Handel
	July	Brahms
	August	Chopin
	September	Gershwin
	October	Tchaikovsky
	November	Messiaen
	December	Bartók
2024	January	Shostakovich
	February	Haydn
	March	Saariaho
	April	Ligeti
	May	Mahler
	June	Wagner
	July	Ravel
	August	Strauss
	September	Verdi
	October	Britten
	November	Sibelius

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!). Most recently 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.