

St. Mary's

Church of England Primary School
Kirkby Lonsdale

Music Pupil Voice - July 2022



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2 children from each year group (YR-Y6) were selected to participate.

Do you enjoy learning about music?

All responses said that they really enjoyed music, some even stating that it was their favourite lesson. Some children mentioned particular instruments or parts of music lessons that they really enjoyed, including learning to play on the glockenspiels and composing their own songs on brass instruments.

Do you enjoy creating music and taking part in music lessons?

All the responses said they really enjoyed taking part in music lessons. Some said it put them in a really good mood. Two children mentioned how they loved being able to create their own pieces of music to play on the glockenspiels.

Are you confident performing in front of others?

Some of the responses said yes but added that they would feel nervous doing it. Some children said they would be really confident performing in front of others and others said they would do it but wouldn't feel confident. Three of the children said they felt nervous before performing in the summer concert but that they loved it once they had done it and wanted to do it again.

What activities have you done in music lessons so far?

All of the responses were able to list a range of activities covering the different areas in music, although KS1 children explained they "made our own song" instead of using musical terms e.g. composing. The area that the children mentioned least, especially the younger children, was learning about the history of music/different composers.

Do adults support you when you are unsure about your learning?

Everyone stated that they were helped when they needed it. Some added that they could ask their partner or someone on their table for help if they had to wait for their teacher.

Are you a member of any music clubs at school including choir?

A few of the chosen KS2 children said they were members of the choir and that they really enjoyed learning the different songs for the Christmas parade and Summer concerts. Currently there are not any other music clubs running in school.

Do you have singing or instrument lessons outside of school?

None of the KS1 children answered yes but some of the KS2 children mentioned that they were having singing lessons/piano lessons/guitar lessons outside of school, or that a family member was teaching them.

Have you used a range of different instruments in music lessons?

Different instruments were mentioned depending on the year group. Some year groups also had gaps from times when school was shut due to COVID. Instruments that were mentioned were, un-tuned percussion (drums, shakers, triangles, tambourines etc), glockenspiels, recorders, cornets and trombones.

Do you learn an instrument at school?

The younger children don't but some of the KS2 children said they have piano/saxophone/clarinet/violin lessons in school with our peripatetic teachers. One child said he wanted to learn the guitar in school but I explained we are still trying to track down a teacher.

Are there enough instruments during your lessons?

Some children said that there didn't used to be enough un-tuned percussion instruments but now there are after our recent order and that they like using the new instruments. All children said there were enough recorders, glockenspiels and brass instruments for each child.

Do you use any technology in music lesson such as composition software or tablets?

Some of the KS1 children needed further explanation and agreed that technology was used when they went on the musical apps like the listening apps and musical explorer. The KS2 children could confidently tell me about the different programmes that they have been using in class to compose and create their own music e.g. Quick beats, Music Explorer, Percussion Writer.

How often do you have music lessons?

Some children said weekly, some children said every couple of weeks and some children said every other half term. The younger children from YR weren't sure but said they do a lot of singing.