

Welcome to our very first Newsletter dedicated to all the musical talent we have at Gildersome Primary School.

As we look forward to lots of exciting, forthcoming events, let's take a moment to look back and celebrate some of the musical high points of the school year so far:



Events at St. Peter's Church

Musical performances from KS1 and KS2 got the school year off to a great start as we celebrate Harvest Festival.

Children in KS2 also performed a brilliant Christmas Concert which showed off their musical talents to great effect. Their hard work in singing and the variety of instruments played by our young musicians, including recorders, hand bells, flute, clarinet, brass and piano proved to be very worthwhile.

Just recently the whole school joined together in song for our Easter service. Well done to Charlie, Lilia, Fay, Evie, Elliott, Indie and Poppy in Yr.2 who also gave us a great performance of an Easter melody on the hand bells. A special thank you for the children in the choir who made Easter bonnets and top hats to wear in church as they performed their "Easter Parade" song.



Looking back at Christmas 2016

We enjoyed a series of fantastic musical performances over the Christmas period. The Christmas Tree Light Switch-on was our first event where we performed a medley of Christmas songs in the village, together with children from Birchfield Primary School.

Lots of amazing nativities and plays followed throughout all the classes, which showcased all of the children's musical talents.

60 Children from KS2 took the show on the road as they were welcomed by residents at both Owlett Hall Nursing Home and The Grove. They sang a selection of Christmas songs and played a variety of musical instruments to a very appreciative audience.

Young Voices 2017 The choir took part in the largest children's choir in the world at Sheffield Arena in January. Young Voices combines the power of singing together as one, with a wide range of professional musicians and artists to create an amazing performance.



Morley Music Festival 2017

Talented children certainly hit the right note!!

Congratulations to the 26 children from KS2 who showcased their musical talents at Morley Music Festival on Saturday 25th March. A variety of brilliant performances took place on stage at Morley Town Hall including singing, recorders, a clarinet solo and a Samba Band. The children were presented with a certificate of appreciation from the Mayor for their super performance..



Looking Ahead

We have lots of exciting forthcoming musical events for children in KS2

The Big Sing

An exciting opportunity to be part of a 1000 children-strong choir. An unforgettable musical experience at Leeds Town Hall in June.

LSMA Summer Festival Concert

Every year the LSMA organises the festival concert in June at Leeds Town Hall in which schools from across the city come together to perform. Selected children sing alongside instrumentalists at the Finale Concert. The impact of taking part in this performance enhances a child's music development and the effect can last a lifetime.

Leeds Schools Concert—Making Music Count

This concert introduces the children to live orchestral music in the atmospheric setting of the Victoria Hall at Leeds Town Hall. Priority is given to children who play a musical instrument and this year the programme explores the many links between music and maths "Making Music Count—Music by Numbers". The orchestra of Opera North is joined by a presenter and specialist percussionist to ensure the concert is fun and informal for our budding musicians.

Leeds Minster Service

A group of Y5 and Y6 hand bell children have been invited to perform at a service at Leeds Minster in April. The children are busy preparing for this performance.

Leeds Samba Too!

Following on from the success of the Rio Challenge Samba Band in 2016, KS2 children will have the opportunity once again to take part in this event. Samba is the traditional percussion music of Brazil and is great fun to play, with parts to challenge all abilities. Lots of children have shown an interest and will take part in this event in July at Pudsey Civic Hall.

Gildersome Scarecrow Festival

Are we set for the Gildersome Scarecrow Festival? Look out for performances from our brass players and our loud vibrant Samba Band.

End of Year Productions

- Y6 Leavers play
- Summer music recital
- Buggy Malone

The children really look forward to these events and gives them the opportunity to showcase all their musical talents.

Musical Opportunities in School We have lots of opportunities for children to learn how to play different musical instruments. All children in Y2 learn to play the ocarina and in Y3 they learn to read and play the descant recorder. Children in Y4 to Y6 who show enthusiasm for music have the opportunity to develop their musical skills including instrumental lessons for a variety of instruments. KS2 children can attend choir after school every Friday 3.30pm -4.30pm.

Singing Assemblies Finally, we believe "A singing school is a happy school" and all children enjoy participating in our school assemblies.

