

Music and Performance in Collective Worship

'Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord.'

Ephesians 5:19

Music is an important part of our school. We sing every day in collective worship and also in our regular 'Songs of Praise' worship.

We use Words on Screen which gives us a rich variety of worship songs but we like to learn modern songs which the children can relate to and apply the meaning to their lives. Songs such as Stormzy – Blinded by your grace or Lauren Daigle – You Say have really captured the children's interest and they see that praise music is relevant. Singing is more joyous when it's topical, fun and relevant and the children like to create their own actions to songs. Hymns and songs are chosen to include:

- those designed for children with simple theology
- traditional hymns from the Anglican tradition
- choruses / worship songs which promote spirituality and devotion

Mrs Brown regularly plays the piano to support worship and the children are encouraged to participate in collective worship by playing their own instruments (when appropriate).

Each Christmas we have a KS1 nativity performance and also a separate Reception nativity where we celebrate the birth of Jesus through singing, acting and dancing.

Every Easter, Years 3 and 4 put on an Easter production depicting the story of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Harvest, Easter, Christmas and the Year 6 leavers service are all occasions where we gather to sing and Praise God in thanksgiving.

Our school choir enjoy singing collectively and we perform to the whole school on occasion.