



# Music at St Mary's

## Spring 2024



**At St Mary's we have put Music at the heart of our curriculum and our community. We were blessed to receive a generous grant from 'Restore The Music' which has enabled us to invest in a wide range of quality musical instruments.**

### Our School Vision

To be a learning community that promotes the unique gifts, wellbeing and potential of every person. Our work is founded on the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, building on His message of equality, peace and justice, guided by His words  
*'As I have loved you, so you must love one another' (John 13:34).*

## MUSIC IN THE CURRICULUM

### Brass Band



Every week, children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have been enjoying trumpet lessons at St Mary's. The culmination of their music lessons this year was a wonderful concert enjoyed by the whole school. In addition, we are very proud that 2 of our students have been awarded a Bursary, in order for them

to be able to access additional lessons and to support them to make even more progress in learning to play an instrument.



### African Drumming

Every child enjoyed a fantastic workshop before our most talented drummers rehearsed and performed to the whole school. We used to hire the Djembe and Dun Dun drums for our annual workshops, but now that we have been able to purchase a class set, we will be able to teach Drumming all year round!



### Recorder lessons

We have invested in Recorders for some of our younger children so that they can learn their first musical instrument supported by weekly small group and individual lessons from our Recorder teacher.



## Percussion

We have invested in a wide range of percussion instruments which are used in our weekly music lessons and after school clubs. The boomwhackers have been particularly popular with the children so far!



## Guitar Club

Our children have enjoyed this after school club and the opportunity to learn to play a new instrument.

## MUSIC IN THE COMMUNITY

### Lewisham Hospital

The children in Year 5 are learning about how to support their local community by building links with Lewisham Hospital. They visited a group of patients to bring Christmas cheer by singing a lively selection of Carols.



### Carol Singing

Year 6 visited local Old People's Homes to sing a wide variety of both carols and Christmas songs. The residents joined in the singing and some got up and danced!

### Elderly visitors

The children invited residents from a local Old People's Home to visit the school to join us for Christmas lunch. The event included a performance of the Year 2 Nativity play, music and entertainment in our Community Hub and finally our visitors were served by the children as they shared the whole school Christmas lunch with children and staff.



### Reception class theatre and music project

Reception have been lucky enough to have the Iroko Theatre Company visit them for six weekly sessions. These highly interactive sessions included learning to construct a story with accompanying music, actions and movements. Every session included drumming lessons, where children had to remember instructions to know when and what to play. At the end of the project, the children enjoyed performing to parents and friends of the school.