



## Music at Chilham

### Intent

Through music, we seek to reflect God's love by nurturing creativity, joy and expression in every child. We believe that music has the power to unite, inspire and give confidence. Our intent is:

- To foster a culture in which music is valued as part of everyday life and learning.
- To provide all children with opportunities to enjoy, create, perform and listen to music in a variety of settings.
- To equip pupils with the skills, knowledge and confidence to develop their musicality, both now and in the future.
- To celebrate diversity by exposing children to a wide range of musical styles, cultures and traditions, reflecting the breadth of God's world.
- To enable children to use music as a means of self-expression, communication, and worship, encouraging them to live out Jesus' example of joy and togetherness.

### Implementation

Our music curriculum is carefully planned and delivered so that every child can experience success and progression:

- We follow the **SingUp! Scheme of work**, ensuring coverage of the National Curriculum, the Early Years Framework and the Model Music Curriculum.
- Children take part in **regular music lessons** taught by their class teacher, where they develop skills in singing, playing, improvising, composing and listening.
- Weekly **whole school singing** fosters community, worship and collective joy.
- In **Key Stage 2**, pupils benefit from **Music Plus instrumental tuition** delivered by a specialist musician.
- Children in **Year 3** learn **ukulele** and those in **Year 4** learn **guitar** through weekly group lessons, building foundations in instrumental performance.
- A wide variety of **1:1 and small group instrumental tuition** is available, including drums, guitar, piano, ukulele, clarinet, flute, saxophone, trumpet, cornet and recorder.
- Pupils have frequent opportunities to **perform** within school, in church, and in the wider community (e.g. Canterbury Cathedral, Chilham Square, Ashford International Hotel, Chilham Village Hall).
- Worship, festivals and celebrations are enriched with music, helping children connect their learning with faith, community and personal expression.

### Impact

Through our music curriculum, children at Chilham St Mary's:

- Develop confidence, resilience and joy in sharing their musical gifts.

- Build secure knowledge and skills across the strands of music, enabling them to progress into secondary education and beyond.
- Experience music as both a creative art form and a collective activity that brings people together in love, celebration and worship.
- Gain opportunities to shine as individuals while also contributing to the harmony of a group, choir or ensemble.
- Grow in appreciation of diverse musical styles and traditions, reflecting the richness of God's world.
- Leave our school with **firm foundations** in music, and the understanding that music can inspire, connect and enrich their lives both now and in the future.