



Music at Farnworth CE Primary

Music is for everyone. Here at Farnworth Music is an integral part of life and appears as subject specific lessons and throughout the curriculum to support the learning and experiences of our children. We are committed to developing a life-long love of Music through curiosity, challenge and experience. Our children develop an understanding and acceptance of the importance of all genres of music and the role that music plays in everyday life. We recognise the emotional impact that Music has on a young (or older) minds and use that to enhance a multi-sensory approach to teaching and learning.

Children and staff at Farnworth enjoy their music lessons because they are fun, active and provide a level of challenge that is both achievable and inspiring. All staff are empowered to teach Music as they are supported by the Charanga Scheme which provides a full and varied curriculum with the freedom to try new ways of teaching Music objectives depending on their level of confidence. It is vital that Farnworth children see that Music is for everyone and even when a specialist teacher takes their class, the teacher will learn alongside the children. We have three year groups who experience whole class instrumental or vocal teaching. Year 3 learn how to play the keyboard and Year 6 have Gospel Singing lessons every week. Year 5 learn samba drumming. These year groups receive specialist teaching each week and in addition to the core purpose of their lesson they learn how to listen and appraise a wide variety of musical genres, recognise rhythmic patterns and most importantly perform as a group or soloist.

Performance is an element of the Music Curriculum where Farnworth children really shine. From Foundation Stage up to Year 6, Farnworth children have regular opportunities to perform as a group or soloist. Their confidence is breathtaking and is testament to the support from staff and the effort and enjoyment from the children themselves.

We have well established links with The Halton and Warrington Music Hub and take full advantage of the amazing experiences they offer each year. Year 2 attend the Infant Music Festival then as the children move through Key Stage 2 they have the opportunity to perform at Children of Halton Sing, Halton Primary Arts Network Show and finally Young Voices. Children from every year group celebrate Christmas by performing the Nativity in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 then a Carol Concert in our Church, St Lukes, where we invite the wider school community to join us in song. Our Year 5 and 6 children were given the opportunity to perform with the Warrington West Community Band at the Parr Hall for their Christmas Concert where they sang as part of a massed choir, represented Farnworth and some children even sang as soloists.

Recently we have combined Music, Dance and PE with a program for Year 4 entitled Dance Yourself Happy, provided by the Halton and Warrington Music Hub. This will be followed by a term of Drama and Music in year 5, again provided by the Music Hub and culminating in a breathtaking performance.

