

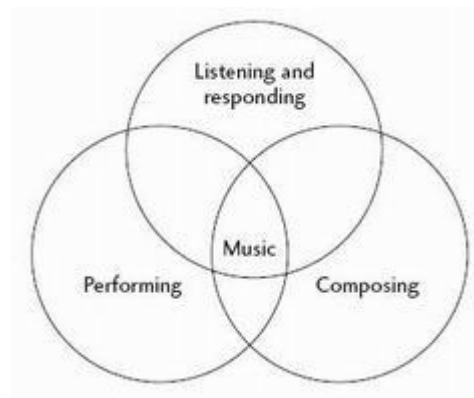
Music at Brambletye

At Brambletye we aim to make music available to all pupils and to foster a life-long interest in music-making by encouraging active participation at all levels. Music plays an important part in the life of all children at the school, from Nursery through to our most senior pupils.

Every class from Reception to Year 7 has at least one weekly class music lesson, through which the children are taught performing and composing skills and the ability to listen and appraise.

- Reception and Year 1 receive a half hour music lesson every week.
- Years 2, 3 and 4 all receive two half hour lessons of music each week. One of these lessons is a recorder lesson.
- Year 5 receive two half hour music lessons each week
- Years 6 and 7 receive one half hour music lesson each week.

The music department aims to foster links with other departments and show awareness of other subject areas within the teaching of music. Each unit in the scheme of work reflects the integrated nature of music education:



Many of our pupils – including children in the Pre-Prep. – choose to pursue individual instrumental or singing lessons, taught by one of a team peripatetic music teachers. Over half the children are members of one or more choirs or instrumental ensembles.

There is a ‘ring –fenced’ slot for ensembles to meet at least four days a week. The ensembles that are currently running are:

Caribbean Steel Pans: There are 8 different groups with pupils from all year groups.

Samba Band: A group of about thirty senior pupils.

African Drums: A junior percussion group with about 20 members.

Orchestra: This group includes every child in the school who learns an orchestral instrument. There are over sixty children involved including many who only began to play their instrument in September.

Swing Choir: This choir is open to pupils from all year groups and there are about sixty singers at present. We focus on popular and light-hearted repertoire.

Chapel Choir: The numbers have increased dramatically and the waiting list continues to grow. There are many more boys involved. The choristers are rapidly developing confidence and vocal technique.

Chamber Ensemble: This is a small group of higher ability instrumentalists.

Jazz Group: This is a new group for the Spring Term 2010 and features a smaller group of intermediate and higher ability instrumentalists.

Concerts and Performances

There are numerous concerts and performances throughout the academic year including the following:

- The Autumn Concert
- Weekly performances in assembly by a soloist
- Christmas Carol service
- Christmas musical plays
- Performances in local hotels
- Performances to local senior citizens
- Weekly Chapel services
- Performances in school plays
- Charity Concert
- Performance at Sports Day
- Performance at local garden party
- House Music Competition
- Pre-Prep Christmas Play
- Pre – Prep Easter service
- Pre – Prep form assemblies
- Pre – Prep concert.

These provide many opportunities for children throughout the school to perform a wide range of music, and develop their confidence as musicians.