

Music

At Grinling Gibbons, we want our children to have access to a high-quality music education, which will support them to grow as talented musicians, and develop their self-confidence and creativity.

We want to foster in them, a genuine love of music, and help them to understand and accept the important role that music plays in all our lives.

By introducing them to a range of musical styles and traditions, we hope they will develop an unbiased respect for the different ways that music may be expressed.

In the EYFS, we know that music interweaves through all areas of learning, and we follow the non-statutory guidance in Development Matters, to develop children's:

- hearing and listening
- vocalising and singing
- moving and dancing
- exploring and playing

From Years 1 – 6, we follow the relevant music programmes of study in the national curriculum, and we use the **Charanga Musical School** online resource to teach children how to:

- perform, listen to, review and evaluate music
- sing, create and compose music
- understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated

This is taught across a variety of historical periods and musical genres.

Children take part in a **weekly singing session** with other classes in their Key Stage, and have **one class music lesson, every two weeks**, planned from the following menu of age-appropriate lessons.

	Autumn		Spring		Summer	
Reception	Me!	My Stories	Everyone!	My World	Big Bear Funk	Reflect, Rewind and Replay
Year 1	Hey You!	Rhythm in the Way we Walk + The Banana Rap	In the Groove	Round and Round	Your Imagination	Reflect, Rewind and Replay
Year 2	Hands, Feet, Heart	Ho, Ho, Ho	I Wanna Play in a Band	Zootime	Friendship Song	Reflect, Rewind and Replay
Year 3	Let Your Spirit Fly	Glockenspiel Stage 1	Three Little Birds	The Dragon Song	Bringing Us Together	Reflect, Rewind and Replay
Year 4	Mama Mia	Glockenspiel Stage 2	Stop!	Lean on Me	Blackbird	Reflect, Rewind and Replay
Year 5	Livin' on a Prayer	Classroom Jazz 1	Make You Feel My Love	The Fresh Prince of Bel Air	Dancing in the Street	Reflect, Rewind and Replay
Year 6	I'll Be There (Preview)	Classroom Jazz 2	A New Year Carol	Happy	You've Got a Friend	Reflect, Rewind and Replay

Specialist Instrumental tuition

Children in KS2 also receive free **whole-class** instrumental tuition, as well as have the option of paying for group and individual lessons, as follows:

Year 3

- whole-class recorders
- group and individual lessons – violin

Year 4

- whole-class brass
- group and individual lessons – violin and brass

Year 5

- whole-class steel pans
- group and individual lessons – violin and brass

Year 6

- group and individual lessons – violin and brass

Music in the community

At Grinling Gibbons, celebrating our successes with others is an important part of our culture, and music is no exception.

Examples of opportunities to sing and perform in school include:

- class assemblies, where there is always a musical element
- termly instrumental concerts
- EYFS and KS1 Christmas performances, and a carol concert in KS2
- Year 6 end-of-year musical theatre production

As well as performing in local and national events such as ‘Young Voices’ at the O2, and ‘The Turning of the Year’ at Blackheath Halls, our children sing for the residents in our local care home, and in Lewisham shopping Centre.

Our Steel Pan group perform regularly at the Summer Fayre, as well as local community-based events.

In KS2, children have the opportunity to visit the Theatre in London, but we also take advantage of the opportunities in our immediate locality: we have links with the local theatres in Deptford and Greenwich, productions and events at the local library, and we are always invited to watch musical productions and concerts put on by our local secondary school.