

See, I am sending an angel
before you to protect you on
your journey and lead you
safely to the place I have
prepared for you.

Isaiah 21:20



from the Wolverhampton Music Service, and preparation for the musical element Christmas and summer productions.

Pupils are given the opportunity to develop musical skills through listening to music, playing instruments including glockenspiels and developing skill in singing.

Performance is included at each stage, from performing for the class or parents to performing as a class choir on a bigger stage at local events in Wolverhampton and participating in Young Voices in Years 5 and 6.

Whole-class instrument tuition gives pupils a year's tuition in one instrument and the opportunity to play as an ensemble; this includes performances to parents at key points in the year.

Part B: Extra-curricular music

This is about opportunities for pupils to sing and play music, outside of lesson time, including choirs, ensembles and bands, and how pupils can make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

In Key Stage 2, pupils are given the opportunity to take up small-group instrument tuition in brass or violin, delivered by the Wolverhampton Music Service. This is made accessible to more students in a number of ways: subsidising the cost of tuition for all families who request tuition, providing support in lessons for pupils with SEND if required, and with the support of the OHMI Trust for pupils with physical disabilities. We have a dedicated practice room in school where these lessons take space.

The Wolverhampton Music Service provides ensembles for pupils who have taken up instrument tuition, once they reach the appropriate level. Details of all the groups (instrumental, voice and music production) are available here:

<https://wolverhamptonmusicservice.org.uk/parents-pupils/ensembles/>

We celebrate musical learning and the art of performance in our concerts that are held twice each year.

Through our themed days, which have included Diwali Day and Africa Day amongst others, we aim to give children access to high-quality cultural experiences through music and dance, led by specialists.

The school choir meets as an extra-curricular group available to pupils in Key Stage 2.

Part C: Musical experiences

This is about all the other musical events and opportunities that we organise, such as singing in assembly, concerts and shows, and trips to professional concerts.

Singing together is a key part of life at St Michael's. It forms an important part of our collective worship and an opportunity to experience the joy of singing in a large group.

We encourage children to participate in musical experiences through our themed days, our concerts, Christmas and summer productions, and helping to lead worship in school and at church. We include Makaton and British Sign language with many of our songs for inclusion and to develop the children's appreciation of different ways to share music with others. We look for opportunities to listen to professional concerts online. Music lessons in the autumn term for Year 5 and 6 lead to participating in the Young Voices Concert at the Genting Arena in Birmingham, as part of a choir of approximately 6000 children, with visiting celebrity performers. Pupils are given access to music from different times and cultures through the wider music curriculum (visiting artists, themed days, Young Voices, Charanga).

Pupils at St Michael's have the opportunity to listen to live music at least once per year through performance visits from the Wolverhampton Music Service, Years 5 and 6 going to Young Voices which incorporates performances by celebrities, and other visiting groups e.g. Key Strings.

Parents are also invited to attend special events and concerts to support their children and to experience live music (e.g. whole-class concerts and Young Voices).

We also look for opportunities to take pupils to theatre performances, to stimulate their imagination, and experience how music contributes to the creation of atmosphere and story-telling. These are provided by school at no charge to parents wherever possible.

In the future

This is about what the school is planning for subsequent years.

During 2024-25, we will be exploring the possibility of offering ukelele/ guitar lessons in September 2025 for children who would like to build on the skills learnt during whole-class instrument tuition provided by Wolverhampton Music Service. This would be to start in Sept 2025.

Further information (optional)

<https://wolverhamptonmusicservice.org.uk/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/music-education-information-for-parents-and-young-people>

From September 2024, schools in Wolverhampton will be supported by the newly formed Black Country Music Hub.

