



Music

Our Vision for Music

At Ribbon Academy, we believe that all children deserve to enjoy learning and excel wherever their strengths may lie.

Music is a universal language that embodies one of the highest forms of Creativity. At Ribbon, we provide opportunities for all children to create, play, perform and enjoy music, to develop the skills to appreciate a wide variety of musical forms, and to begin to form judgements about music.

In addition to being a significant stand-alone subject, music can be integrated into the rest of the curriculum. We aim to create meaningful cross-curricular links; thereby enhancing and deepening learning experiences.

At Ribbon we enjoy celebrating the successes of **all** of our pupils. Therefore we aim to provide inclusive musical opportunities for all of our children, in order to ensure the spectrum is as broad as possible.



What our children say.....

"I enjoy music lessons because I learn how to play the recorder with my friends." – Age 7

"I look forward to my mam watching me play my Clarinet in our music concerts and getting better at reading music" – Age 9

"I like singing in the choir and performing on stage. It also makes me feel proud when we sing in church and for the elderly people too." – Age 10

Music at Ribbon

At Ribbon, all children develop their music appreciation skills by listening and responding to a wide range of musical genres. Music vocabulary is reinforced during weekly 'Music of the Moment' sessions (a range of musical genres that children are introduced to in class and through the PA system).

Our children receive a weekly music session from a music specialist, where skills in ocarinas, recorders and glockenspiels are developed in addition to singing, notation reading and composition.

Our commitment to providing high quality music education has enabled us to achieve the Music Mark certificate from the Durham Music Service (November 2019).

Examples of learning at Ribbon

We believe that 'performance' is a key aspect of music. At Ribbon, the children showcase their developing musical abilities to their peers each week in class. Throughout the year, children take part in Music Concerts; showcasing their musical talents and developing the confidence to perform in front of an audience. Children have the opportunity to learn a range of instruments including flute, trumpet, saxophone, clarinet, trumpet and French horn in small group lessons. Our children also have the chance to sing in the Ribbon Choir; performing in Church services and other community events. At the end of the year, a large number of children have the opportunity to perform in a 'West end style' show, which showcases the vast range of talent we have throughout the school.