

Mr Jobson teaching guitar.

Music at Wallsend Jubilee Primary School



How is music taught?

At Wallsend Jubilee, music is taught through a variety of strategies:

- discrete, focused music lessons delivered by class teachers, higher level teaching assistants and local authority specialist teachers.
- during theme lessons when learning about wider topics such as The Great Fire of London or Ancient Greece.
- annual performances such as Christmas productions or class assemblies.
- as part of MFL (Modern Foreign Language) lessons to introduce and internalise new vocabulary.
- during PE lessons when studying dance and movement.
- wider opportunities such as our KS2 choir.

Do children learn to play instruments?

The National Curriculum states that all children in KS1 and KS2 should have the opportunity to play tuned and untuned instruments musically. To ensure progression, each year group from year 2 upwards has been assigned an instrument to learn during music lessons:

- Year 1 singing activities using voices expressively.
- Year 2 glockenspiel stage 1
- Year 3 glockenspiel stage 2
- Year 4 recorder
- Year 5 ukulele
- Year 6 guitar

Children may also wish to sign up for guitar lessons from our visiting peripatetic music teacher Mr Jobson

How often do children receive music lessons?

Curriculum time for non-core subjects (geography, history, art, computing, music, MFL) is extremely tight for all primary schools. Therefore, children at Wallsend Jubilee will receive **one term's worth of weekly music lessons.**

Children in years 1-6 will be taught music by our local authority specialist Miss Vasey for one half-term and their class teacher for another which equates to a term of discrete music lessons. As stated above, on top of this, children may also participate in performances and assemblies as well as learning aspects of music through their afternoon lessons.

