



## **Norden Community Primary School – Furthering Our Music Provision**

### Further development of musicianship

At Norden, we work closely with quality music providers and utilise the skills we have in our staff team to give our children a number of exciting opportunities to engage with and further develop their music skills. We currently offer our pupils;

- Norden Rock School – learning to play the guitar, bass guitar, keyboard, drums or to sing as part of a band - open to all children from Reception to Year Six, which was developed here at Norden to suit our needs and is delivered by the Rochdale Music Service.
- Rochdale Music Service peripatetic teaching – learning an instrument as an individual or in small groups playing the same instrument - open to all children in the school. Currently we offer violin, keyboard, guitar, woodwind and brass tuition.
- Whole class instrumental tuition – currently the Ukulele – delivered by Rochdale Music Service to Year Four
- Norden School Choir - open to Key Stage Two children

All participants of these groups are given opportunities to play for their parents, the whole school, the wider community and to compete in local festivals and competitions.

### Music performances for all

The whole school comes together to enjoy a weekly singing assembly in which we develop themed songs, the children's' rhythmic abilities and part singing. A song is performed by the whole school in every other assembly of the week, usually themed around the assembly content.

We have three festival assemblies a year;

- Autumn Harvest Festival
- Christmas Festival
- Easter/Spring Celebration

In these assemblies, every year group performs their own choice of poem or song, we sing as a whole school and parents and representatives from our local church, St. Paul's Church, are invited to attend. For the Christmas Festival the whole school participate in an additional service at St. Paul's Church.

Each unit prepares a staged production with acting, singing and dancing in which every child participates. This is performed for the whole school and for the parents every year.

- Winter Production – Foundation Stage and Unit 1 (Nursery, Reception, Year One and Year Two)
- Spring Production – Unit 2 (Years Three and Four)
- Summer Production – Unit 3 (Years Five and Six)

### Bringing music into school

At Norden we believe that experiencing live performances of the arts is imperative to the musical development of our children and to their mental and emotional wellbeing and overall enjoyment of life and so we include these experiences routinely in our academic year.

- Christmas Pantomime visit yearly in December

- Travelling theatre company performances brought to school
- A range of professional music workshops and performances brought into school
- Local high school musician performances with links being developed with Falinge Park High School
- Staff musical performances