

The Crescent Primary School is recognised by Music Mark as providing outstanding music provision we also hold the Gold Singup award.

Our Music programme includes:

- A music specialist teacher delivering in every key stage 1 & 2 class using the 2021 model music curriculum.
- Early Years (reception) weekly music enrichment using the music programme Charanga delivered by class teachers
- 3 choirs – KS1 choir, Years 3 and 4 choir and Years 5 and 6 choir who meet every week at lunchtime
- Orchestra meeting every Tuesday afterschool
- Rock to the Beat delivered by HMS each week
- Visiting music teacher lessons on a whole range of instruments.
- Recorder, brass, boom whacker and pop choir extra-curricular clubs
- Ongoing performance and concert opportunities in school and the wider community.
- A music team with music subject leader and staff across the school delivering music activities

Lunchtime clubs. Children can sign up via the clubs lists that are distributed to parents

Singing in a choir builds confidence, self-esteem, teamwork and is good for mental health. Most importantly it is lots of fun. We sing a whole range of songs from the latest pop music, music theatre, folk and classical. The choir have a number of opportunities to perform in school and outside school at community music events every year. We perform a large-scale musical every other year, we have worked with the RSC on the production Matilda and we hold our Spring concert at our local professional theatre space, The Point.



Our music curriculum places a great emphasis on performance and the practical understanding of music. In addition to our choirs, we run a number of instrumental clubs at lunchtime and afterschool to support this.

KS1 choir - ****	**lunchtime with Miss Brown
Year 3 /4 choir	**lunchtime with Mrs Lidgard
Year 5/6 choir	**lunchtime with Mrs Sarton
Year 3 Recorders	**lunchtime with Mrs Sarton
Boomwhacker club	**



Afterschool clubs

Orchestra

Pop Choir

Beginners Brass

Instrumental lessons:

The Crescent offer music tuition in clarinet, flute, brass, violin, keyboards, piano and drums. Lessons take place during the school day in our dedicated music practise room.

Children are expected to provide their own instrument as it is important to have an instrument to practise on and we offer advice on hire schemes and the assisted instrument purchase scheme.

If you want to buy an instrument

Firstly, speak to your child's teacher for advice on what to purchase. They will be able to advise on the best instrument at the best price. Instruments can be purchased second hand as well as brand new. Many instruments can be also resold easily. Be careful about buying on eBay. Unless a reputable seller this can be a risky thing to do.

Due to the importance our school places on music, lessons are heavily subsidised and are charged at £60 per term for ten lessons.

If you would like your child to learn an instrument, please contact l.sarton@crescent.hants.sch.uk

The Crescent also work in partnership with Hampshire Music service who run Rock to the Beat – a rock and pop ensemble where children learn to play drums, keys and guitars.

A word on instruments and practice:

To progress children do need to have an instrument to practice on at home. If possible, it's best to practice at least four times a week for 10 minutes. It's helpful if this is a good enough quality of instrument for your child to make progress. A poor instrument can make progress trickier; the instrument can be more difficult to play, not stay in tune, or reduce the pleasure your child has in playing it.

Practice – it's a good motto to try to be your child's greatest fan and let your child's teacher be the one to give the instruction. Don't worry if your child isn't regularly practising, children can still make some progress from their lessons in school. Talk to your child's teacher and they can help you come up with a plan on how best to encourage your child to regularly practise.

Please see our guide for home practice for further information....

And finally....

The Crescent encourage our entire school community to get involved in music and performance. If as a parent or carer or past student you would like to get involved helping with our ensembles and orchestra or if you are a musician who would like to perform to our students, we would love to hear from you !

The Crescent Primary Music Team

