

Enrichment in Music at Edenfield CE Primary School

This details the opportunities for the 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.

Music Tuition

All pupils in Year 3 are provided with guitar tuition for one hour weekly. They learn to play simple notes, melodies and songs with a specialist music teacher (Mr Webb) from the Lancashire Music Service. They learn: notation, playing chords, performing skills, listening skills. Because, the school invests in music tuition, the Charanga teaching programme is provided free of charge.

In addition, small group, or 1-1, music tuition from the Lancashire Music Service, is offered to all pupils in KS2. Parents generally pay for this service, although provision is made by the school for those children who are eligible for pupil premium funding. Currently, lessons for two different instruments are provided: guitar and piano. This may change year on year according to demand.

Choir (Edenfield Singing Club)

At Edenfield, dedicated time is allocated to develop the very successful school choir. Approximately thirty pupils across key stage 2 join the choir to improve their singing and harmony skills with Miss Greenhalgh (class teacher and music specialist) and Mrs Garner (headteacher and music specialist). The choir is an open extra-curricular club where anyone can join and take part and **all children** are encouraged to participate.

The school provides the choir with opportunities to perform to large audiences both as part of a group, or as a solo performer. The children sing for one hour weekly, with added rehearsals during the school day in the lead up to competitions and performances, if required.

Regular events attended:

-  Young Voices arena concert – open to all key stage 2 children. Following months of practice and preparation, the concert involves a three hour rehearsal with a professional conductor and live band followed by a two hour performance to a full arena. The songs and arrangements are ambitious and selected to challenge the children's skills and knowledge. On average eight thousand children perform together to an audience of five thousand.
-  Last Choir Singing Competition – a Lancashire based choir competition which the school has entered with considerable success. The choir has won their local heat for six consecutive years, as well as being placed in the final four on a number of occasions. This has placed them in the top four out of approximately forty schools

from across the whole of Lancashire. The children perform in heats across different boroughs and progress to a final which takes place at King George's Hall in Blackburn with an audience in excess of a thousand.

- Altham Christmas Choir Competition – an annual choir competition open to choirs across Rossendale. We have attended this competition twice and won twice.
- Rossendale Hospice Light Up a Life concert – an annual fundraising concert at St Mary's Church, Rawtenstall, held to remember and celebrate lost loved ones. Schools perform a selection of carols alongside the Rossendale Scouts Brass Band. The school has been asked to perform at this event for two consecutive years: 2022 and 2023.
- Church services within school time – services such as 'Christmas' and 'Easter' are presented and the choir will lead the congregation in hymns/carols plus sing their own songs with harmonies and parts.



Singing

The whole school sings daily during whole school worship with dedicated music practice, music praise, every Tuesday, where the whole school is taught to sing in parts and harmony.

The school also stages an ambitious summer production which involves choir performances, solo performances and whole school singing. Recent shows include:

- Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat
- Aladdin
- Matilda

- The Lion King

The school pays to use the drama studio, alongside light and sound technicians, at a local high school to allow the children to experience participating in a professional style production. Extra-curricular sessions are planned in the weeks leading up to each show which children may attend. These focus on acting, singing and dancing. Parents buy tickets at a nominal charge to watch the show but this is to help fund the lettings costs at the high school and to raise funds to invest in future music and performing arts resources.



Both the EYFS and KS1 stage an annual nativity which showcase the singing and acting abilities of the younger children and also foster an early love of performing to friends, family and the wider community. Parents buy tickets at a nominal charge to raise funds for the school PTA.



Musical Experiences

This includes the other musical events and opportunities organised by the school, such as singing in assembly (Worship), concerts and shows, as well as trips to professional concerts.

Regular events include:

- Singing in Whole School Worship (daily)
- Singing during dedicated Music Praise (weekly)
- Musical performances for the whole school – singing club (choir), instrumental groups playing guitar or piano

- Concerts such as Young Voices (large arena tour for children to sing together billed as the largest children's choir in the world). Parents pay for tickets to attend but financial assistance is provided to those eligible for pupil premium finding.
- Last Choir Singing Competition (Lancashire based choir competition with prizes performing to large audiences) entered by singing club (Years 4, 5, 6). The children perform at the regional heat and winners of the heats progress to the final at King George's Hall. The school choir (singing club) has successfully reached the final on each occasion entered (2017, 2018, 2019, 2022, 2024). Parents pay for tickets to attend but financial assistance is provided to those eligible for pupil premium finding.
- Annual pantomime. The whole school attends the annual pantomime at the Manchester Opera House. Voluntary contributions are requested to enable these visits to go ahead but all children attend regardless.
- The school has contributed to the Haslingden High Music and Performing Arts Festival where they have performed a medley of songs to a wide audience from across the community, as well as watching other musical groups perform.
- Year 6 Leavers' Service hosted at Manchester Cathedral by the Manchester Diocese for Year 6 pupils to celebrate the end of their primary years and look ahead to the next stage of their education.
- Half termly church services at Edenfield C E Parish Church led by the children which include hymn singing, choir performances and solo performances.
- Family worship. Children host family worship weekly for family and friends and this includes musical performances.
- Annual Talent Show where children are able to show off their skills whether that be singing, dancing, drama or a specific skill.