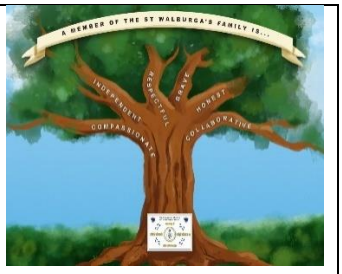
	As St. Walburga's school family we walk in the footsteps of Jesus by … • welcoming all • learning to be the best we can • joining together in prayer • serving God and one another	

MUSIC – INTENT

"Next to the word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world."

Martin Luther

"Music is a universal language that embodies one of the highest forms of creativity"

The National Curriculum.

Our aim is to fire a child's curiosity and ignite a passion for music. We hope to foster a life-long love of music by exposing our children to diverse musical experiences which will allow them to access this powerful and unique form of communication that can change and impact the way children feel, think and act. We fervently believe that every child should have the opportunity to develop their musical potential and we aim to nurture and encourage musical development across the school. We ensure music is for every child by never holding auditions for our thriving 50 strong choir; we publicise and subsidise music tuition for PP children and provide whole class free instrument tuition in Year 4. Music is for all.

Harvard Medical School studies have proved the benefits of music with regards to building memory pathways. Exposing children to music during early development helps them to learn the sounds and meanings of words. Dancing to music helps children build motor skills, develop fitness and is an outlet for self-expression. There is also an inextricable link between music and mental health. Playing as a member of a class ensemble allows children to develop strong team work and leadership skills, in addition to the sense of pride when performing. Our school values of being collaborative, respectful, independent and brave are all developed through music.

We are committed to ensuring children understand the value and importance of music in the wider community. To that end our choirs participate in mass school concerts, eg. Pavillion Carols; sing termly in a local care home and sing at community lunches for the elderly. We are equally committed to our children being able to experience the power and thrill of live music through BSO, SoundStorm ensembles visiting our school or visits to Poole Lighthouse concerts.

Charanga is our music scheme of work and it complements the curriculum and scaffolds the learning opportunities throughout the key stages. In the fortnightly lessons, by listening and responding to different musical styles; finding their voices as singers and performers and as composers, children will become confident, reflective musicians.

St Walburga's school is a learning community, rooted in Gospel values and music is a highly valued, integral part of our school experience. For millenia Christianity has had music as a central part of worship. Psalm 108:1 states "My heart, O God is steadfast; I will sing and make music with all my soul." The link to RE is clear but our teachers have the freedom and creativity to link music effectively to key texts or topics. Our intention is to deliver a subject that is enjoyable and meaningful in its own right but also one that ties in seamlessly to the rest of the curriculum. We believe that music should be woven into the fabric of our school.

Music is fun! The joy you can get from music will lift your spirits and those of everyone involved. Whether it is to praise, convey a message or emotion or just for the sheer joy of it! Since the dawn of humanity, music has allowed us to express ourselves and get our voices heard!