

## **Music**

Music has always played a central and important part in school life at St. Dunstan's and is one of the strengths of the school. Each class has a music lesson each week, from Nursery to Year 6, with skills being taught in line with the new National Curriculum. Class music lessons incorporate the core elements of singing, composing and listening. An emphasis is placed on practical music making and a wide range of opportunities for performing are provided e.g. nursery nativity, foundation/KS1 nativity, KS2 Christmas service, summer concert, thank you tea for those who help voluntarily in school, school worship and church services.

Many children in KS2 choose to receive music lessons from visiting peripatetic teachers. Instruments currently available include violin, cello, flute, clarinet and brass. Once children have reached approximately Grade 1 standard, they may be invited to join the school orchestra which performs at a number of school occasions during the year.

Up to 40 children in Year 6 are able to sing and perform at the Annual Sutton Schools' Music Festival which is held at the Fairfield Halls in Croydon. This gives them an opportunity to perform alongside choirs from other local schools and to experience the thrill of music-making on a grand scale before a very large audience!

Children in KS2 may also wish to join Sing Aloud, a singing club which meets after school each Wednesday afternoon. Although meeting primarily for the enjoyment of singing, Sing Aloud also make musical contributions to many school events and have received awards for their participation in various local music festivals.