

Musical Enrichment at Emmaus

At Emmaus, we are proud to work closely with Sheffield Music Hub to offer our children an enriched and well-rounded musical curriculum. This is part of our commitment to nurturing the whole child and to fostering a whole range of talents and skills.

Playing an instrument

We follow the Sheffield Music Hub's Musical Pathways programme. All children in year four learn to play the violin with a specialist teacher from the Music Hub. They learn about tempo and pulse through a series of rhythm and singing games. Over the course of the year, they learn how to hold the violin correctly, pluck the strings, use the bow and how to press the fingerboard to change the notes. The specialist teacher from the Music Hub also teaches the children how to use formal musical notation. Children also have the opportunity to showcase their talents at our termly school concerts. They

Once children have completed a year of learning the violin, a group of children have the opportunity to continue with their violin study or move on to learn other stringed instruments such as the cello or the viola. This is also part of the Musical Pathways programme and the tuition is funded for up to 2 years. Initially, these Pathways lessons are for up to groups of 10 but can lead to specialist lessons in groups of 4. Children's on Pathways also have the opportunity to join the Sheffield Music Hub Ensembles to perform together with children from other schools. In conjunction with the Sheffield Music Hub, we also participate in the Furthering Talent programme. This offers a very small group of children one-to-one tuition in their chosen instrument over two years. These children also have a budget to spend on attending concerts, buying music or equipment to help them to pursue their musical talent. It is specifically aimed at children who have recognised talent for music, yet may also face barriers to pursuing it further.

Children who have progressed on their instrument then have the opportunity to follow this through to secondary school and continue with their musical studies.

Learning to sing

We have a strong heritage of singing at Emmaus and is a rich part of the religious character of our school. We enjoy learning hymns and songs as part of our church services. Beyond our dedicated music lessons, we are also an active participant in musical opportunities in our area. These include:

- Foundation Stage and Y1/2 take part in a storytelling concert organised by Music in the Round where they sing alongside an orchestra.
- Y3/4 take part in the SSEL singing festivals organised with the Sheffield Music Hub.
- Y3/4 go to see the Halle Orchestra perform, where they learn a song to sing alongside the orchestra at the City Hall.
- Y5/6 take part in the Young Voices concert performed in Sheffield Arena.

