**A St John’s Musician**

***‘Children are a gift from the Lord’ (Psalm 127 v.3)***

**The vision of our school**

***St. John’s is a caring, Christian community striving to support its members to achieve their God given potential. Exploring our unique gifts and raising aspirations, we prepare our children for the challenges of the modern world. Following Jesus’ example, we seek to grow good people who can make a difference.***

**A Vision Statement for music**

Music is a universal language and pupils at St John’s will engage in this beautiful and creative art. They will learn to develop a love of music and understand how music is created. All pupils benefit from a rich music curriculum presented in an imaginative manner with lots of opportunities for first-hand experiences, visits and visitors.

The music units of work ensure the accumulation of knowledge, behaviours, and skills that offer both progression and challenge as the children move through St. John’s (see ‘Progression of Skills Knowledge Map’). Pupils are given many opportunities to demonstrate their **musical talent through learning instruments and the opportunity to perform.**

We recognise that each and every children is a ‘…gift from the Lord’. Consequently, developing and supporting every child in our care: spiritually, morally, socially, culturally and intellectually to become the best that they can be is fundamental to all that we do. We want our children to have the desire to aspire and achieve whatever they want in the world.

As with all curriculum subjects, our school’s Christian vision drives all of our learning.

**God in our Lives**

Our school is a safe place where curious children feel they can discuss and develop their understanding. Through the music study units pupils explore the musical canon and learn to critically engage with the best of music including music from the Christian tradition.

**Ignite your fire**

We ignite a passion and curiosity for learning by providing a rich and engaging music curriculum to inspire all learners to be the best that they can be. Children are given a diet of different musical experiences and there are also many opportunities to develop their musical talents through peripatetic music lessons and performances such as nativity plays and class assemblies.

We seek to grow good people who can make a difference to the world around them. Our music study units provide many opportunities to ‘meet’ individuals who have led inspirational lives or created inspirational pieces of music.

**Family**

At St John’s we help our children to be tolerant and responsible citizens by developing their understanding of the contribution different civilizations played, not just in the UK, but across the world. Children explore music from a range of genres, styles, cultures and traditions; and develop an understanding of different historical contexts.

They will recognise the importance of being respectful, compassionate and kind friends through understanding human achievements and experiences throughout the world and understanding the contribution of many different groups throughout history in the area of music.

**Truth**

We appraise music and learn to appreciate different kinds of music which can involve discussion and disagreement.

Throughout their music lessons, the children will find out about some truly remarkable individuals who have changed the world through their music.