

My Voice, Our Song – Anvil Basingstoke March 2023

We took a group of Year 5 and Year 6 children to the Anvil Basingstoke to take part in My Voice, Our Song. We were given songs to prepare and were able to perform as part of a large choir with other schools across Hampshire. We also got to listen to a choir perform.

Robin – it was amazing to be part of a huge choir.

Tyrell – I loved hearing the choir sing, it made me want to join the choir at school!



Carnival Choir – Andover 17th July 2023

We formed a choir of children and learned a set of songs to perform at the Andover Carnival, the children performed their songs as part of the procession of lorries making their way across Andover.

Imogen – I liked that we were active and did sign language to the songs, I also loved that we passed lots of different people whilst performing

Theon – I felt nervous but excited being part of the Carnival Choir, it was so much fun!

Lily – I felt like a celebrity and a pop star performing on the lorry



Christmas Concert - St Mary's Church 30th November 2023

We helped to organise, alongside the Major of Test Valley, a traditional singing concert at St Mary's Church in Andover. We took part, along with a number of other Andover Schools, and sung a range of Christmas songs and hymns.

Annie – I love that it made me feel confident

Andre – I like how we gathered with our school; it was fun with such a big audience



Christmas Performances – Trussell Trust & Market

During the Christmas period, we also had the opportunity to take a small choir to perform at Tesco in order to generate awareness and donations for the Trussell Trust. Further to this we performed at the school Christmas market as well as putting on a successful nativity where children in Year 2 and Year 3 has an opportunity to learn a wide range of songs, learning lots of vocal skills and techniques.

Perez – I liked learning how to sing fun Christmas songs

Gurangsh – it was nice to sing to help get donations for the food banks



Vocal Ambassador Trip and Andover Vocal Festival – 23rd January & 21st March

In January, 12 keen vocalists from our school attended a trip to Winchester College to learn some key skills and songs in order to help teach the choir at school in preparation for Andover Vocal Festival. As part of the Andover Vocal Festival in March, we learned a range of songs to sing as part of a large choir at St Mary's Church. We also prepared our own song 'Touch the Sky' from the Brave soundtrack and were able to sing along with the piano, the children performed beautifully along with sign language. A small handful of children were then chosen to become vocal ambassadors, to assist with choir at school.



Luca – I liked learning lots of different songs in different styles

Leah – I loved singing with lots of different people, I didn't feel on my own

Frankie – I liked doing our own song, it made me feel proud

Alyssia– I enjoyed learning different singing skills to teach people at school



Music and Art History Day – 23rd May 2023

To complete our half term of learning about our focus eras of music, each class took part in a Music and Art History Day, which was a day of project-based learning focussed on key composers and artists linked to our specific periods of music history. Children were given the opportunity to link their music learning to art and artists of the same era. Children were given an opportunity to curate their own art gallery showing pictures of their music learning and displaying their pieces of art.

Lily – I liked composing space-themed songs, I also liked linking music with colour

Riley – I loved drawing under the tables, it made me realise how hard it was to paint like that

Florence – It was challenging but I enjoyed learning about The Four Seasons



Summer Knights Festival – 8th June 2023

Our choir performed a range of songs on the stage, in front of a large crowd of families and peers at our School Festival.

Ella – I loved singing in the community

Lucas – It made my family proud to see me sing



Song-writing Competition – July 2023

Our choir wrote, recorded and submitted a song called 'I Am The Fire' to a national school song-writing competition. We came in the top 50 out of 300+ entries across the country. We performed the song in singing assembly and we are planning to work with the local college to record and produce the song to celebrate our success. Recording of the song can be found in Music Folder.

Reyanna - I liked the fast tempo of the song – It made me feel happy

Elsie Y4 – it was a great experience to compete against other schools

Test Valley Brass Visit – Wednesday 18th September

An ensemble from Test Valley Brass came in for the morning to play for the children in Year 3 and Year 4, after they played some pieces of music, they gave the children an opportunity to have a go on the instruments.

Auraya – I liked that they are so talented and they can play beautiful music with such class.

Isabelle B – The tunes sounded beautiful

Tobie – It made me want to play an instrument

Ken (Test Valley Brass) – it was so rewarding to see the excitement on the children's faces as they produce notes from the instruments, and I have to say, there were many complete "naturals" amongst the children





Music Club – Ongoing

A number of children take part in Music Club with our Hampshire Hub music teacher, Chantal, on a Wednesday after school. The children learn to play a variety of brass instruments and are given the opportunity to take the instruments home with them to practise.

Madison – I enjoy playing with my friends and it has given me the skills and confidence to join Test Valley Brass

Alicia – If I hadn't have done this in school, I don't think I would have had the confidence to try an instrument. I love it and can read music now!

