



# St Laurence Musical Notes



December 2021

## Thank you!

As we enter the final week of term, we'd like to say thank you to all of our students and families for their support and understanding as we've returned to some normality. We have had a great term and are thankful that, with the Covid-safe measures we've put in place, the vast majority of lessons and concerts have been able to go ahead as scheduled.

## Friday Musicians

We have been treated to some fabulous performances in our weekly Celebration Assemblies this term- thank you to all the children who represented their classes so well! If you didn't get a chance this term, be sure to put your name down after Christmas- we'd love to see what wonderful progress you are making on your instrument!

## End-of-term Performances

In the last few weeks of term, we have enjoyed festive performances from:

- Mrs Robert and her woodwind pupils
- Ms Bradburn and the recorder students and ensemble
- Ms Bashford and her guitarists
- Rob, our new Rocksteady band leader, and 3 school rock bands.

It has been wonderful to hear such a fantastic range of pieces and styles, and all the children who performed should be very proud of themselves!

Our new keyboard teacher, Miss Read, has been enjoying getting to know the pupils here at St Laurence this half term. They have been learning Jingle Bells over the last few weeks to get in the Christmas spirit, and are looking forward to learning more pieces to perform in a concert next term.

In all instruments, children are working hard towards their next medals and grades- we look forward to sharing their successes with you in the coming terms!

## Christingle Service



On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December, we held a Christingle Service in school, in which members of the pupil leadership team taught us about the meaning behind the 'Christingles' they had made, and shared God's message of hope with us through Bible passages and prayers. We enjoyed singing some of our favourite Christmas carols and the school choir treated us to a very moving performance of 'Love Shone Down'. Well done to all of the pupils and staff involved in putting this event together- it was a beautiful, reflective service and really got us into the festive spirit!

## Word Search Competition

This term's word search is all about common musical words- bring your completed word search to Mrs Camwell after Christmas for a chance to win a prize!

### **Musical Words**

M E N M H A L R R N C F E L C  
A A R N F S U I N N F M M R F  
J N F F O R T I S S I M O P S  
O A B A R L I N E S N A O N C  
R T I D T O N A I P O Z Z E M  
Q U A V E R F S T A V E S M B  
Z R C O I M E Z Z O F O R T E  
R A R O M I S S I N A I P C A  
A L E N R E I A F B M F I R T  
S H S E M I B R E V E L L O S  
Q C C R R D I I N M R A S T A  
N R E N S H A R P I C T Z C L  
N O N A I P A R O N I M M H T  
S I D N V T M E T I A I E E A  
N D O D N E U N I M I D N T A

diminuendo  
quaver  
mezzo piano  
minor  
flat  
beats

crescendo  
crotchet  
mezzo forte  
major  
sharp

piano  
minim  
fortissimo  
natural  
bar lines

forte  
semibreve  
pianissimo  
clef  
stave

## Parent Feedback

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