

Music development plan summary: St John's Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	December 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	December 2025
Name of the school music lead	Ellen Rinttila
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, co-curricular provision and musical experiences – and what changes we are planning in future years. This information is to help pupils and parents or carers understand what our school offers and who we work with to support our pupils' music education.

Part A: Curriculum music

This is about what we teach in lesson time, how much time is spent teaching music and any music qualifications or awards that pupils can achieve.

Our school music curriculum is informed by the model music curriculum and the national curriculum. We follow the published scheme 'Charanga'. Children have weekly music lessons which last 40 minutes and a singing assembly which lasts 20 minutes.

Children have the opportunity to sing in lesson time as well as in weekly singing assemblies. Children play instruments in lesson time.

Children with SEND are included in the music curriculum and the curriculum is adapted to their needs. For more, see the school information guidance on curriculum and on SEND for [maintained schools](#) and for [academies and free schools](#).

Part B: Extra-curricular music

This is about opportunities for pupils to sing and play music, outside of lesson time, including choirs, ensembles and bands, and how pupils can make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

When pupils take part in the 'Tuning Up' project in Year 6 which is a partnership with Surrey Arts, pupils can make progress in music outside of lesson time by taking instruments home.

We have a school choir which runs at lunchtime and is free. The choir takes part in a singing festival in the summer organised by Surrey Arts.

Part C: Musical experiences

This is about all the other musical events and opportunities that we organise, such as singing in assembly, concerts and shows, and trips to professional concerts.

Throughout their time in the school and Nursery, children will take part in a number of concerts and performances. There is an EYFS Harvest Festival and a main school Harvest Service. There is an EYFS Christmas singing performance and a main school Christmas Service. The KS1 children perform a Nativity and the KS2 children perform an end of Year theatrical production. All of these are free for parents to attend and watch. Children will be the audience for one another in these performances too.

Live music is played to the children in assemblies by children in the school who are learning instruments outside of school, school staff and outside visitors.

Wherever possible, we take children to watch live performances e.g. the secondary school's production.

In the future

This is about what the school is planning for subsequent years.

We would like to offer music lessons to pupils across a range of instruments, and voice.

We are not aware of a local music hub but would welcome working with them.

Music subject leaders from across the trust should continue to develop high quality music lessons.

