

# Music development plan summary: St John's C.E. Primary Academy

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025/2026
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Name of the school music lead	Andrea Turkmen
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Andrea Turkmen
Name of local music hub	Staffordshire Entrust Music Service

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.

At St John's CE Primary Academy, we have timetabled music lessons in all year groups as well as music appreciation during Worship. We use the Kapow music scheme for our lessons which is aligned to the National Curriculum for Music. When using the scheme and its progressive week-by-week lessons, we are guaranteeing to be meeting all the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum and progress is evident through observations and our progression documents. Discussions with children have demonstrated an increasing knowledge of key music vocabulary being recalled. Observations have shown all pupils engaged and active during the lessons, including SEND. We have a wide range of instruments that can be used in the lessons and our curriculum. Our music appreciation ensures a variety of music and genres are listened to and discussed. Many of our teachers are confident musicians and proficient with teaching children how to perform, compose, listen to and appreciate a piece of music.

## Part B: Co-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.

At St John's CE Primary Academy,, we are fortunate to have many opportunities for the children to develop their music skills. We have singing assemblies which take place weekly for the whole school with a wide range of songs being learned and performed. The children take part with confidence and enthusiasm. Our KS2 children take part in whole class music lessons and have opportunities to develop and showcase their learning through performances in school, local recorder festivals, and taking part in specialist workshops with the Royal Northern College of Music. Our choir and recorder club will be representing our school at various local and regional events in the next academic year.

In addition, we have an extensive range of music tuition available via independent peripatetic teachers and Entrust Music Service. We offer a wide range of instruments including: Keyboards, Guitars, Violins, and flutes. These are offered to children in Year 3 to Year 6. These children are then encouraged to join ensembles outside the school mainly with the Entrust Music Service.

## 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 the year our children have the opportunity to perform to parents and the local community through taking part in Harvest Festivals, Remembrance assemblies, Christmas productions, music performances and singing within class assemblies which are performed to parents and peers, and a digital Worship to be shared with the other 21 schools in the trust.

For many years we have taken part in Young Voices with a choir of around 20 to 30 KS2 children performing in a massed concert at a city stadium. These children begin their singing performance journey through the school choir and perform with many local other schools at our local concert hall in Stoke-on-Trent.

At Saint John's C.E. Primary Academy, we utilize strong links with our local music service to provide opportunities for our children to engage with live music performances. Our older children watch an in-school theatre performance every year, and our younger children engage in interactive music workshops with visiting professional musicians.

## In the future

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

Our current music provision plans to build on our music progress by constant self-evaluation to provide a curriculum in line with the Model Music Curriculum. We aim to continue to develop children's composition skills and the notation of this. We will continue to develop a children's performance skills with further opportunities to perform throughout the year with our local music hub and in the community. We would love to provide our children with more opportunities to watch live music performances and develop a strong pupil voice. Furthermore, we will continue to provide our staff with CPD to continue to develop their confidence and subject knowledge.