

MUSIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2025-2026

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This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, extra-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.

Curriculum Music

This is about what we teach in lesson time and how much time is spent teaching music.

Intent : Our music curriculum at St James and St John Church of England Primary School focuses on making music an enjoyable learning experience for all students. We encourage children to participate in a variety of musical experiences through which we aim to build up the confidence of all children and strive for excellence in their understanding and appreciation of music. Our music curriculum enables all children to enjoy music, in as many ways as they choose - either as a listener, creator or performer from Foundation Stage to Year 6. We will also offer to extend the children's musical experience through our peripatetic music teachers and the lessons they offer.

Implementation: We have a carefully planned and sequenced music curriculum informed by the [model music curriculum](#) (March 2021) using the Charanga Music scheme. This enables children to understand musical concepts through a repetition-based approach to learning. Learning about the same musical concept through different musical activities enables a more secure, deeper learning and mastery of musical skills.

Each class has a weekly music lesson taught by our talented music specialist (HLTA), except EYFS throughout the year. The lesson is approximately an hour long with the exception of EYFS.

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How the scheme is structured:

1. Listening and Appraising
2. Musical Activities
 - a. Musicianship Options
 - b. Listening
 - c. Singing
 - d. Playing instruments – mainly glockenspiels, chime bars and non-tuned instruments in EYFS.
 - e. Improvisation
 - f. Composition

3. Performing

All musical learning in the Charanga scheme is built around the Interrelated Dimensions of Music: pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture, structure and notation. These dimensions are at the centre of all the learning.

Our full curriculum overview can be found on our website.

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 James and St John Church of England Primary School we have several private peripatetic music teachers who come into school during the school day to teach on a 1:1 and group basis. We have a piano teacher, a guitar teacher, a singing coach, a violin teacher and a rock band company who come into school weekly. We use some pupil premium funding to enable children to partake in co-curricular music.

Both school run clubs and pupils learning an instrument have the opportunity to perform to the school and parents at various times of the year.

Pupils are allowed time out of school to attend music examinations.

Pupils are able to rehearse or practice within the hall upon agreement with their class teacher.

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.

We had a visit from a local brass band that came in and played for the children and held workshops for the children to try the instruments.

Daily collective worship includes singing a song / hymn and singing plays a key role in celebration events.

At St James and St John Church of England Primary School pupils sing / perform in Harvest assembly, Remembrance Day assembly, EYFS / KS1

Christmas Nativity, KS2 Christmas Carols, Mother's Day assemblies, Year 3 and Y4 play, Marvellous Men assembly, Year 5 and Year 6 play and Year 6 Leaver's assembly.

As a whole school, we watch a pantomime at Milton Keynes Theatre annually.

In the Future

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

We are reaching out to our local Secondary, Grammar and Private Schools in the hope of building partnerships to enable our pupils to be exposed to a wide variety of music performances.

There are plans for the brass band to return to the Chackmore site and carry out further workshops for the children who were unable to participate and also to visit the Akeley site.

