



St. Andrew's Music Development Plan



Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Miss O Coughlan
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	N/A
Name of local music hub	Essex Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

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 Curriculum for Music in St. Andrew's aims for all children to become confident, creative musicians who enjoy listening to and making music reflecting a range of genres and traditions. We want our children to be able to have an appreciation of musical genres, to be able to learn a variety of instruments and develop the transferable skills of listening and appraising, coordination, rhythm and the confidence to perform. Where possible, we make links to local composers and musicians.

Each year group follows specific units taken from Get Set 4 Music in order to allow for a more in-depth understanding of key knowledge, skills and vocabulary. Get Set units are designed so that a balance of singing, composing and improvising are developed in each year group.

Also, a range of genres are reflected across the units. Where possible, listening and appraising is an integral part of every lesson. Traditional musical notation is introduced in Year 3 and built on alongside other forms of notation. Music lessons are delivered to the equivalent of once a fortnight for 45 minutes by class teachers.

Resources for this subject include: glockenspiels, djembe drums, and various untuned percussion. Our wide variety of resources means that every child has an opportunity to experience different cultural music.

As a school, we work closely with the Essex Music Hub who provide us with regular CPD, updates and support with our curriculum.

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.

As part of the vision for St Andrew's, every child has an opportunity to experience instrumental playing (tuned and untuned instruments), either as an individual, in a small group or as a whole class. Children are encouraged to learn to play a musical instrument and specialist tuition is provided by Essex Music Services: woodwind, guitar and piano tuition. The cost of lessons is **£91.50 for 10x 15 minute lessons per**

term. A tuition discount of 66% is offered to low-income families or looked after and post-looked after children.

Extra-curricular opportunities are available for children showing a keen interest in the subject. Choir Club meets regularly and often works towards performances at: our Christmas Bazaar, at St. Andrew's Church, at local residential care homes or as part of the Witham Collaborative Music Festival. Children from all year groups are invited to join the choir. There is an after school club for choir practice which is free. Tuition discount is offered to low-income families or looked after and post-looked after children. Due to RAAC, there is not currently a dedicated space for rehearsal but classrooms and the hall are readily available.

Part C: Musical Events/Performances

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.

As part of a whole-school approach, our Collective worship time provides an opportunity for children to travel through time with music as they listen to a variety of different pieces from many different genres and timelines. It also allows children to build on their singing skills and confidence through collectively learning a variety of songs often linked to events. As a whole school, we have a Harvest, Christmas and Easter Service held at the local church in the village (St Andrew's Church) in which parents are invited.

Across the year, each year group has the opportunity to showcase a performance.

- Year 3 – Christmas Tableau (December)
- Year 4 – Christmas Production (December)
- Year 5 – Easter Performance (April)
- Year 6 – Summer Production (July)

In the Future

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

In the future, we are planning to:

- Have a designated space for music lessons and choir rehearsal.
- Celebration of Music with an off-timetable Arts day where children can explore and have different musical experiences.

Further Information

The Department for Education publishes a guide for parents and young people on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school. This can be read here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/music-education-information-for-parents-and-young-people>

You can find Essex Music Services local plan for music education here:

https://www.essexmusicservice.org.uk/files/2024/06/DS24_8347-Music-Service-Schools-Digitalv2.pdf