

Music development plan summary: At John's Church of England Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Katie Bowers
Name of local music hub	West of England Music and Arts (WEMA)

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.

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.

Time allocation

At Key Stages 1 and 2, pupils receive a minimum of one hour of teaching a week; this may take the form of short sessions spread across the week.

The Futura Curriculum units currently provide for half an hour a week taught instruction. The remaining half an hour a week comes from opportunities to sing, play instruments, compose and listen and appraise music.

Music Curriculum

- Our curriculum policy can be found here: <https://futuralearning.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Futura-Curriculum-Principles.pdf>
- Our specific Music Curriculum can be found here: <https://www.futuralearning.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Futura-Curriculum-Music.pdf>
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- How we support children with special educational needs (SEND) can be found here: <https://www.stjohnsprimaryschool.org.uk/assets/uploads/Policies/SEND%20Policy%20and%20Information%20Report%20July%202023..pdf>

Opportunities pupils have to learn to sing or play an instrument in school lessons

- Through partnership with West of England Music and Arts (WEMA), we provide a year group with high quality whole-class instrumental teaching.
- In 2023-24 this was on cello/viola and in 2024-25, this will be on the ukulele.
- Daily Collective Worship provides pupils with the opportunity to sing hymns.
- Every other week, there is a whole school hymn practice lead by the Music Lead.
- The whole school performs to parents in Church services three times a year.
- Every year group performs a song to the school in their class assembly.

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.

Music tuition, choirs and ensembles

- At St John's, there is the opportunity to learn to play the flute in one-to-one peripatetic music lessons. These lessons can lead up to Music Grades such as Grade 1,2,3.
- We are partnered with Rock Steady who provide small-group music lessons where children can learn to sing, play guitar, drums or keyboard in their own band. These lessons can lead up to the Trinity College London qualification of 'Music Performance In Bands'. More information on this qualification can be found here: <https://www.trinitycollege.com/resource/?id=9452>
- Pupils have the opportunity to join the school choir lead by the Music Lead free of charge.
- As part of the WEMA whole-class instrument tuition, pupils are loaned their instruments free of charge to take home and practise in their own time.

- Outside of school, children have the opportunity to attend a Starter String Group in Bath, run by the WEMA music hub. This is free for Pupil Premium children.

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.

- During daily Collective Worship, we sing hymns, listen to and appraise music.
- Every year group performs a song in their own class assembly.
- At Christmas time, we hold a carol concert in St John's Church, Reception and KS1 perform a nativity and KS2 put on a Christmas production which is all open to parents to come and watch.
- In addition to Christmas time, we perform at the church during Harvest, Year 3 Bible service and Easter.
- Year 6 perform an end of year Leaver's production and Leaver's assembly.
- This year, the choir attended a Singing Festival at Wellsway where they got to perform in front of other primary schools from the Trust.
- Rock Steady perform a concert to the whole school to showcase their talents. Parents are invited to come and watch.
- Year 5 visit Hawthorns Care Home in Keynsham and perform songs for them to enjoy 3 times a year.
- Every year, a year group is invited to watch Wellsway's musical production.
- Musical concerts outside of school are communicated to parents via the school newsletter.

In the future

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

- This year, we are planning on starting up a Ukulele Club to give children learning the instrument in school more opportunities to practice and continue the instrument independently.

- We hope to make links with secondary schools (such as the Singing Festival) on a more regular basis.
- This year, we aim to provide at least one, high-quality, live musical performance/concert for the whole school to enjoy.

Further information (optional)

- Further information about our linked Music Hub (WEMA) including what local musical services are available can be found here:

<https://wema.org.uk/>

- Further information about Rock Steady can be found here:

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/info-for-parents/>

- 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.