

Music development plan summary: St Alban's CE Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-27
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Name of the school music lead	Deborah North
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Karen Staniforth
Name of local music hub	Rotherham Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Charanga

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.

Curriculum

Details of our ambitious music curriculum can be found on our website:

<https://wsap.academy/curriculum-music/>

<https://wsap.academy/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/St-Albans-Ambitious-Music-Curriculum-.pdf>

Our music curriculum is informed by the [model music curriculum](#) (March 2021), non-statutory guidance for teaching music from Key Stages 1 to 3.

Increasing access for pupils with SEND

In Music lessons we encourage children to become creative and independent musicians. To enable them to do this some children will need instructions to be simplified, or presented in a visual format. Teachers will demonstrate what is expected at each step of the way. We encourage every child to actively participate and not just be an observer. Children with physical needs may need additional support to access some instruments – we adapt provision to ensure achievement is possible for all.

Additional information about our SEND offer is available on our website:

<https://wsap.academy/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Our-Ambitious-School-Offer.pdf>

All pupils have weekly music lessons for 45 minutes. In the EYFS, the Foundations of Music are laid as part of the wider curriculum and provision.

Charanga

At St Alban's we use the Charanga scheme as a basis for part of our music curriculum. This is informed by the Model Music Curriculum. Children are taught musicianship, to listen and appraise, learn to sing a song and then perform what they have learned during the lesson. Each unit has a Musical Spotlight and a Social Question and sets out sequences of learning around songs in key musical areas. Over time, all of this contributes towards the steadily increasing development of musical learning.

Instruments

In Year 2 – Year 6 we supplement the Charanga scheme with our own bespoke programme for learning to play the recorder. This has been developed by music leads and senior leaders to ensure that all pupils made good progress in learning one instrument throughout their time at primary school, and leave with a good knowledge of musical notation.

St Alban's Primary school has partnerships with Charanga and The Rotherham Music Hub. Charanga provide the school with the music scheme, CPD sessions, 1-1 virtual support and a key charanga link for any queries or improvement discussions.

Rotherham Music Hub provides the school with 1-1 and small group music lessons, which involve opportunities for performance.

Pupils at St Alban's have the opportunity to attend the Young Voices performance each year.

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.

Rotherham Music Hub provide instrumental and singing lessons, paired instrumental lessons, individual lessons and instrument hire both for internal and external lessons. They provide brass, string, singing and woodwind lessons for Key Stage 2 students. Rotherham Music Hub provide opportunities for these pupils to perform in assemblies, for parents and in external events. Those who are taking part in group or individual music lessons, provided by the Rotherham Music Hub, are also given a chance to perform to the rest of school at different points throughout the year. Children who practise instruments with a qualified musical teacher are given the opportunity to gain qualifications and awards.

At St Alban's we have two extracurricular singing clubs. Performing Arts club runs after school once per week and focuses on show tunes and pop music. Performing Arts club is a paid activity run by 2 members of staff after school. The cost is waived by school for children in receipt of Pupil Premium.

The school choir focuses on traditional hymns and gospel. This is led by a member of the school community. This choir performs in church when we have half-termly services, and in Collective Worship at school. Choir have an intake from Reception to Key Stage 2. A nominal fee is charged to cover basic costs, but this is waived for pupil premium children. The choir targets those children who need support with self-esteem and confidence.

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.

As part of Worship

At St Alban's Primary School we include hymns and singing for Reception-Year 6 in each Collective Worship session, one of which has a focus on teaching children songs explicitly. Each half term has a musical focus in Collective Worship and in classrooms. These are linked to the music curriculum. This genre is discussed and appraised by the children.

Children in EYFS and KS1 practise and perform a nativity play in Autumn term.

Singing Groups

Children in the school choir perform half-termly in Church as well as half-termly in Collective Worship. Performing Arts Club perform termly for other children in school.

All children who take part in singing, choir or instrument groups have the opportunity to perform for parents at an end of year concert.

Young Voices takes place annually and is the largest choice performance in the country. This takes place at a local arena and a large group of pupils attend from our school each year. This is funded through voluntary contributions from parents of participating children.

Fees

Parents pay separately through the Rotherham Music Hub for individual music lessons.

Performing Arts Club and the School Choir activities are paid activities run by members of staff after school, and a volunteer. Both clubs operate at a loss, with only a minimal fee charged to cover some expenses (£2 per session). The cost is waived by school for children in receipt of Pupil Premium.

In the future

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

We are currently working with other local music leads and the trust lead, to develop our planning and provision for teaching the recorder.

We have employed a specialist music teacher to provide CPD for teachers Y2-Y6 on the teaching of recorder. While she will no longer be working with us each week she has supported the development of our action plan and has led some bespoke professional development and 1:1 coaching for teachers.

We have increased the number of performance opportunities to include a show at Christmas for Year 3-5, and then a Y6 performance at the end of the year. Both of which are heavily driven by music- singing.

Pupils are due to take part in Young Voices again in January.