

Music development plan summary: St Nicholas CE Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs Michelle Clacy
Name of local music hub	Berkshire Music Trust
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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 Music Overview:

St Nicholas CE Primary School is committed to providing high-quality music education to all students. Our curriculum is designed in alignment with the National Curriculum. The curriculum ensures at least one hour of timetabled music each week.

Year Group Allocation:

- **Key Stage 1:** 1 hour per week
- **Key Stage 2:** 1 hour per week

Opportunities for Learning:

- Whole-class ensemble teaching is provided in Sandstone Class (Year 2/3), where pupils learn to play a brass instrument.
- Singing is an integral part of the curriculum alongside weekly singing praise, classroom-based singing activities and within daily Collective Worship.

Partnerships:

- Our school works closely with The Berkshire Music Trust, which provides specialist music teachers for instrument-based lessons.
- Rock Steady Music supports additional instrumental tuition and provides workshops and masterclasses.
- A specialist teacher, Tom Jones, provides group keyboard tuition.
- Guitar and drumming tuition is provided by a specialist, Tony Lyons.

Inclusivity:

- We ensure access for disabled pupils and support for those with special educational needs (SEND). Our music curriculum is differentiated to meet diverse learning needs.
- Disadvantaged children, including Pupil Premium, are offered free tuition where fees are paid.

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.

Music Tuition:

- **Individual and Group Lessons:** Available for piano, guitar (bass & lead), violin, drums and vocals. These lessons are offered through a variety of specialist teachers.
- **Tuition Details:** Lessons are subsidized, and we offer remissions for families eligible for pupil premium.

Ensembles and Choirs:

- **Choirs:** Junior Choir (Years 3-6)
- **Instrumental Groups:** Recorder group
- **Joining Information:** Pupils can join choirs and ensembles from Year 3 onwards. Participation is free of charge and instruments are provided.

Rehearsal and Practice Spaces:

- We provide designated spaces for rehearsals and individual practice, including a music room and the main school hall.

Partnerships:

- Collaboration with Berkshire Music Trust for ensemble coaching and additional performance opportunities.
- Rock Steady Music band collaboration with termly performances.

- Musical theatre group with termly performances.

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.

Regular Events:

- **Assemblies:** Weekly singing praise for all year groups. Opportunities to experience a wide range of music genres through the ages within Collective Worship.
- **School Performances:** Termly concerts showcasing performances.
- **Musical Shows:** Annual school musical involving pupils from Key Stage 2. Annual school musical nativity involving all pupils from EYFS and Key Stage 1.
- **Church services:** Six or more whole school church services across the academic year.

Trips and External Performances:

- **Participation:** Pupils from Year 3 and above can participate in school massed choir event at the Hexagon (WASMA). All pupils are invited to perform at the annual Hurst village show and at the Church Christmas fayre.

In the future

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

Planned Improvements:

- Opportunities to experience live musical events
- Review of the curriculum offer.
- Planned opportunities for disadvantaged children to experience learning an instrument.

Focus Areas:

- Professional development for staff to enhance music teaching skills.
- Further inclusion efforts to ensure all pupils, including those with SEND, have full access to music education.

Further information (optional)

For more details about St Nicholas CE Primary's music development plan, visit our website [St Nicholas CE Primary School - Music \(st-nicholas.wokingham.sch.uk\)](http://st-nicholas.wokingham.sch.uk)