



Music development plan summary

Gnosall St Lawrence CE Primary Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	
Date this summary will be reviewed	
Name of the school music lead	Sarah Martin
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Stafford
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Entrust

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas - curriculum music, music tuition, choirs and ensemble, and musical experiences. It also details changes we are planning for 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

We use Charanga as the basis for our Music curriculum which is taught for 1 hour weekly. The Charanga units have been organised into a 2-year rolling programme to accommodate for mixed age classes. More information on our Music curriculum can be found on the school website: <https://www.st-lawrence.staffs.sch.uk/curriculum> This includes how we support all children.

This is a progressive, spiral approach to musical learning which responds to the national requirements for musical education. Within each unit of learning, our pupils revisit existing knowledge and skills and then build upon and extend them incrementally. In this manner, learning is consolidated and augmented, allowing for increasing musical confidence, while constantly being gently challenged to go further. During weekly lessons children have the opportunity to listen and appraise well-known music, to sing, to improvise, to compose and to perform. They can use percussion instruments, glockenspiels and recorders.

Part B: Music tuition, choirs and ensembles

Children in Key Stage 2 can access peripatetic music lessons in guitar, violin, flute and clarinet. For disadvantaged pupils, this may be paid for by the school using the Pupil Premium Grant.

The school also has a choir called Allsong, which 40 children currently attend. They meet weekly at an after-school club led by school staff. They perform at school events, local events and at the Young Voices concert. For example, this year they will perform at local events such as the Church Victorian Christmas Fayre, the school's PSFA Christmas Fayre and the village's G-Fest music concert in July.

The music leader runs a recorder club at lunchtime. Through this the children have the opportunity to develop their skills in reading musical notation and to perform as part of an ensemble.

Each year the school holds a Summer Music Concert at which the choir, recorder ensemble and children having music tuition have the opportunity to perform and celebrate their achievements.

Part C: Musical experiences

As a church school, singing is an important part of our whole school worship which takes place three times weekly. The children learn a variety of secular and non-secular songs throughout the year.

Each class delivers an assembly on their current learning once in the year; this involves singing at least one song.

Our Reception class visit St Lawrence Church for a Welcome Service, at which they perform a variety of songs.

Our Year 6 class also visit St Lawrence Church, but for their Leavers' Service. As part of this they perform their favourite hymn and another song of their choosing.

All children take part in Christmas performances which involved singing:

- Pre-school - Christmas production at school;
- Reception classes - Nativity at St Lawrence Church;
- Key Stage 1 - Christmas production at school; and
- Key Stage 2 - Christmas Carol Concert at St Lawrence Church.

All children participate in singing at these events which are well attended by family members. These events are free to attend, but voluntary contributions are welcomed from family members attending.

As detailed in Part B, the school holds an annual Summer Term Concert which gives children involved in extra-curricular musical activities a chance to perform. This is performed to both the school and to family members. Also detailed in part B are the other events at which children have an opportunity to perform to a wider audience.

Entrust Music Services provides an annual concert to the children, usually in the Summer Term, at which they learn about the instruments they could learn to play in the future. We hope that this inspires the children to learn an instrument.

In the future

To ensure that the planned Music curriculum has the required impact on outcomes for children, we aim to:

- Provide continuous professional development for staff.
- Survey staff need for additional training on any of the key areas e.g. improvisation, composition, use of technology. This could be supported by the Music Hub
- Monitor the quality of teaching and learning in Music, leading to further CPD opportunities.