

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

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2023 - 2024
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs. S. Hume
Name of local music hub	Blackpool Music Services

In our Music Development Plan, we summarise how St John's CE Primary 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.

Curriculum music

This section 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.

To read in more detail about the provision of music at St John's CE Primary School, please visit our music curriculum page.

Music is taught in class every week and is informed by the school's Music Policy [Policies\Current Policies\Music Policy 2024.pdf](#)

Lessons are a minimum of 45 minutes and are taught by class teachers or a music specialist. Teaching is supported by specialist planning, and the Charanga scheme of work. This musical learning is further supplemented by weekly sing and praise and Collective Worship in each Key Stage, lasting 30 minutes.

Children in Year 3 learn an instrument as a whole-class ensemble taught by music specialists from Blackpool Music Services as part of the Wider Opportunities programme. Each project lasts for the full academic year.

Extra-curricular music

Here are details of the opportunities provided for our 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.

At St John's CE Primary school, we currently offer small group lessons for guitar and individual tuition on drums through Blackpool Music Services. Music teachers visit the school each week and tuition is given in our dedicated music practice room, The Hub.

Guitar tuition is funded, primarily, out of the school budget but parents are asked to make a small weekly contribution of £3, where possible. Tuition for Free School Meal and Ever6 pupils can be funded from the Pupil Premium allocation if applicable. Individual drumming tuition is funded entirely by school either from the official school budget or external funding grants.

All costs associated with taking music exams and the provision of medals, certificates and badges are also funded from the school budget.

All our EYFS children participate in Tiddly-Om-Pom-Poms (TOPPS) during weekly sessions with music specialists from Blackpool Music Services.

We work closely with Blackpool Music Services to ensure we can offer the best possible opportunities for our children. If you have an enquiry regarding instrumental lessons on offer, please contact the school office.

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.

Children will have the opportunity to perform or experience high quality music this academic year. Please see below for a list of these opportunities:

- Every child to take part in musical event or Nativity at Christmas
- Children to perform at St John's Church for Harvest, Christmas, Easter and at the Leaver's Service during their time at St John's
- KS2 pupils to perform at an annual dance festival at Blackpool Winter Gardens
- Year 6 children to perform at an annual 'Schools Alive' performance at Blackpool Winter Gardens
- Instrumentalists take part in whole school performances and for parents at designated events.
- Year 5 children have the opportunity to participate in the African Music workshops provided through Blackpool Music Service.
- Children to attend musical events at local theatre venues, The Grand Theatre and Blackpool Winter Gardens depending on availability.

Participation in all events are either entirely funded by school or significantly subsidised from additional funding streams.

In the future

How we are planning for subsequent years

In future years, our Music Development Plan aims to achieve the following:

- Introduction of a wider range of instruments on offer for small group or individual lessons
- Introduction of a music scheme that ensures consistency and progression from EYFS through to Year 6.
- Further develop performance opportunities for our young musicians throughout the school year.
- Further develop engagement in extra-curricular music for Pupil Premium and SEND pupils.