

Music Development Plan Summary: St John's CE Primary School



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 - 2026
Date this summary was published	30.09.2025
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Name of the school music lead	Miss L Walsh
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Lancashire Music Hub
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.

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](#).

Music lessons are delivered for a minimum of 45 minutes each week and are taught by either class teachers or a specialist music teacher. Teaching is supported through structured planning, including the use of the Charanga Scheme of Work. This provision is further enriched through weekly 'Sing and Praise' sessions and Collective Worship across each Key Stage.

Children in Year 3 participate in whole-class instrumental tuition delivered by specialist teachers from Blackpool Music Services as part of the Wider Opportunities

programme. Each Wider Opportunities project runs for the full academic year, enabling sustained skill development and ensemble performance experience.

Pupils in Years 4 and 5 benefit from a 12-week programme of high-quality peripatetic music tuition provided by tutors from UpBeat Rock Academy. This programme offers pupils the opportunity to develop practical skills in guitar, drums, bass, vocals and piano/keyboard, alongside an introduction to core elements of music theory.

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.

At St John's CE Primary school, we currently offer small-group guitar tuition and individual drum lessons through Blackpool Music Services. Specialist music teachers visit the school on a weekly basis, with sessions delivered in our dedicated music practice space, The Hub.

Guitar tuition is primarily funded through the school budget, with parents invited to contribute a nominal weekly fee of £3 where possible. For pupils eligible for Free School Meals or Ever6 funding, costs may be supported through the Pupil Premium allocation where appropriate. Individual drum tuition is fully funded by the school, either through core budget provision or external grant funding.

All associated costs relating to music examinations, including entry fees and the provision of medals, certificates and badges, are met by the school.

In the Early Years Foundation Stage, all children participate in Tiddly-Om-Pom-Poms (TOPPS) through weekly sessions delivered by specialist teachers from Blackpool Music Services.

We maintain a strong partnership with Blackpool Music Services to ensure pupils have access to high-quality musical opportunities. For further information regarding instrumental tuition, please contact the school office.

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.

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

- Participation in a musical performance or Nativity production at Christmas for every child.
- Opportunities to perform at St John's Church during key services, including Harvest, Christmas, Easter and the Year 6 Leavers' Service. Each service is led by a designated year group, ensuring that all pupils participate in these events at an appropriate point during their time at St John's.
- Performance opportunities for instrumentalists at whole-school events and designated performances for parents and carers.
- Opportunities to attend live musical performances at local venues such as the Grand Theatre and Blackpool Winter Gardens (subject to availability).

Participation in these events is either fully funded by the school or significantly subsidised through additional funding streams, ensuring equitable access for all pupils.

In the Future

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

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

- To broaden the range of instruments available for small-group and individual tuition.
- To implement a structured music scheme that ensures clear progression and consistency from EYFS through to Year 6.
- To further develop performance opportunities for pupils throughout the academic year.
- To increase engagement in extra-curricular music opportunities, particularly for pupils eligible for Pupil Premium and those with SEND.