

Music development plan summary: St Mary's CE (A) Primary School, Mucklestone

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026 - 2027
Date this summary was published	September 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2027
Name of the school music lead	Claire Higgins
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Entrust
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.

The children at St Mary's School, have a timetabled lesson of; 45 minutes for Key Stage One and 1 hour for Key Stage Two, per week, which is taught by the school's music lead. The children also have a weekly hymn practice of 20 minutes per week as well as the opportunity to perform at regular Church Services throughout the year. There are also two musical showcase concerts per year, where all the children are able to play a musical instrument or sing as part of a group for their parents.

The Music curriculum that is delivered is based on the model music curriculum and the school loosely follow the scheme Charanga. The music lead has identified a number of gaps within this scheme, for example there is not a clear focus on musical instruments and music families, so she has complemented this scheme with additional resources and schemes of work.

The children have the opportunity to access additional music tuition from a range of peripatetic teachers, for example piano and cello. The children have the opportunity to access recognised exams, such as pre graded exams. The school also have a number of musical awards which are granted each year, thanks to the kind donation of a local charity BEAM.

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.

The school has access to a vast array of musical tuition, for example piano, cello and recorder. Many children have more than one instrumental lesson. Music tuition can be either accessed one to one or within a small group. The children are encouraged to play within small ensembles as part of our regular showcase concerts. The children are also able to access the Eccleshall Music Festival each year, where they are able to receive music tuition as part of a larger group before performing for their families in an afternoon concert.

Music tuition is primarily funded by parents but pupils who access pupil premium can use this to access music tuition.

The children who are accessing music tuition, have their own individual music books, which are used by their music teachers. The children have the opportunity to use these to perform familiar pieces and also to practice new pieces. The children are able to practice their instruments at home and they are also able to use the school library space if they want to practice as part of a group. Music teachers encourage pupils to practice at home by reminding them to take their musical instruments home with them.

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.

During this academic year, we will be prioritising opportunities for performances with the local community, for example at the Local Residential Home at Cheswardine. The children have the opportunity to perform locally at charity concerts and also at the Eccleshall Music Festival.

Each year, the school access music concerts by the Halle Orchestra. These are used to supplement the classroom experiences and to give the children the opportunity to listen to a variety of modern and traditional music.

In the future

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

In the future, we would like our choir and instrumentalists to perform at other concerts throughout the year, for example in a Sunday Church service. We would also like to continue to develop the links that we have with Cheswardine Residential Home so that we perform regularly at different seasonal times such as Christmas.

Within our music sessions we would like to explore other musical instruments to enhance our provision, for example Djembe or recorders.