

Music Development Plan Summary

St Andrews's CofE Junior School

Our school is proud to offer a rich and varied music curriculum through a bespoke programme shaped by the Model Music Curriculum (2021) and supported by the Derbyshire Music Partnership. Every class receives a weekly, timetabled music lesson each half term, with Year 5 benefiting from 30 sessions delivered by a peripatetic music teacher.

Each year group explores a different instrument and has access to a wide range of percussion instruments. Pupils learn songs, rhymes, and a diverse selection of hymns and carols, both in class and during our weekly whole-school singing practice.

We are fortunate to have a dedicated school choir, made up of enthusiastic children who regularly perform at termly festivals and within the local community.

While we do not currently have a school band, specialist music teachers visit the school to provide one-to-one or small group lessons for pupils wishing to pursue individual instruments. These children are given opportunities to perform and share their progress with parents, carers, and peers.

Despite being a busy and active school, we always make space for pupils to rehearse and develop their musical skills.

Currently, our Year 3 and Year 6 pupils take part in school productions, and our Year 5 pupils perform at Bridgewater Hall alongside the Hallé Orchestra. We are working towards introducing annual performances that showcase the instruments taught within each year group.

Additionally, all pupils attend a live performance at Christmas, giving them valuable exposure to musical theatre and live music experiences.

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	May 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	May 2026
Name of the school music lead	Miss Rachel Sharp
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mandy Cornwall (HT) Supports R Sharp
Name of local music hub	Derbyshire Music partnership
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Derbyshire Music partnership

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.

You can find our long-term music planning on the school website, which is regularly updated to reflect any changes. Our music curriculum is designed to be fully inclusive and accessible for all pupils, including those with disabilities and special educational needs. The assessment framework is closely aligned with the 2021 Model Music Curriculum, ensuring we meet current guidelines while offering a rich and engaging musical experience. Each year group follows a bespoke programme that links directly to their wider curriculum topics, incorporating a variety of instruments throughout their learning journey. We currently deliver a 10-week programme using handbells and Penta Glocks through the Derbyshire Music Partnership, alongside a tailored ukulele scheme featuring contemporary music. Flute and clarinet lessons are provided through a 30-week programme, also supported by our music partnership. Pupils have access to a wide range of tuned and untuned percussion instruments. Weekly whole-school singing sessions celebrate both traditional and modern songs, and children are invited to join our termly choir, which performs at school festivals and celebrations. Music lessons also include a rich selection of songs and rhymes to enhance musical understanding and enjoyment.

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.

For children interested in learning additional instruments, we welcome specialist music teachers to our school who offer tuition in guitar, ukulele, violin, clarinet, flute and brass. These lessons take place during the school day in designated areas and are available as one-to-one or small group sessions. The visiting teachers are highly supportive, offering guidance on instrument selection and, where possible, access to hire schemes. Financial assistance is available for some pupils, and further details can be easily obtained.

Each year, we host a dedicated musical assembly to celebrate the achievements of pupils receiving specialist tuition. This event provides a platform for them to showcase their talents and is warmly open to parents, carers, and the wider school

community. We also offer a termly position in our choir that practises at lunch time with the purpose of performing at our festival/celebrations where parents and carers are invited.

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.

At St Andrew's CE Junior School, collective worship is a valued part of our daily routine, often including whole-school singing that brings our community together. Our weekly singing assemblies celebrate a wide variety of hymns and songs, and each term we prepare a medley to perform at our Harvest, Christmas, and Easter celebrations—joyful events held at our local church and warmly attended by parents and carers. These occasions also give our school choir the chance to shine, both in church and out in the wider community. In addition, our Year 3 and Year 6 pupils take part in dedicated concerts, enjoyed by the whole school, friends, and families. At Christmas, we offer the enriching experience of a live pantomime performance, giving children the opportunity to see professional actors, musicians, and stagecraft in action. Our Year 5 pupils also take part in a special project with the Hallé Orchestra at Bridgewater Hall—a truly inspiring experience that connects classroom learning with professional performance. They also showcase their musical progress in two assemblies each year, welcoming parents and carers to celebrate their achievements.

In the future

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

We are looking to have at least annual assemblies/performance for each year group to show off their musical progress with each instrument being learnt.

More focus on IT will be included within the curriculum and show a clear progression through the school years.

Further information

To find out more about our lessons please do get in touch and I will pass on their contact details to enable you to contact them for further details:

Specialist teachers are available for the following instruments.

Guitar / Ukulele

Violin

Woodwind

Brass