

Music development plan summary:



Shine as Lights in the World

St Michael's CofE Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	September 2025 - 28
Date this summary was published	September 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2026 or as necessary
Name of the school music lead	Jan Martin
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	As above
Name of local music hub	Herts
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

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.

All children at St. Michael's receive weekly, class music lessons (45minutes – 1 hour) using the Charanga Scheme (see curriculum statement and plans on the website). We have percussion instruments as well as a whole class set of glockenspiels to enhance learning.

We have also purchased a half set of ukuleles and pbuzz instruments, to enable classes from Years 2-5 to experience learning a woodwind and a stringed instrument. These class lessons are given by a music teacher in half class sessions.

Year 3 have a term of ukulele with follow on lessons in Years 4 & 5 for half a term.

Year 2 have a term of learning pbuzz.

There is a weekly singing practice for the whole school and classes enjoy singing as part of the curriculum as well.

The children take part in church services at least once in a half term and singing is an integral part of this.

Part B Extra-curricular music

At St. Michael's there are opportunities for children to have individual or group music lessons in recorder, flute, piano, guitar, ukulele and pbuzz. Many children take exams, and these certificates are celebrated on our website as well as in our weekly celebration assembly.

The children that take part in these lessons are given the opportunity to perform in front of a small audience of parents/carers and to perform in front of the school in an assembly. Some children have played their instrument as part of a class assembly as well.

Choir for Years 3-6 is offered as a weekly after school club, as well as extra rehearsals some lunchtimes. This year for the 2nd time, the choir are going to sing at Wembley as part of Young Voices. This is a new venture for us.

For some of the instrumental lessons, children have borrowed school ukuleles and pbuzzes. Pupil Premium children can ask for a subsidised weekly lesson, as part of the school initiative to pay for one club each week (See PP Strategy)

Part C: Musical events & performances

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.

In reception and KS1 the classes perform musical nativities, and, in all classes, music is a cross-curricular part of class assemblies. KS2 perform a carol service in December in church with classes performing a song, instruments being played and whole school singing. Our half termly visit to church always involves singing at least 3 songs/hymns which the children have practiced.

A termly music concert show cases individuals and groups in small groups or as part of a whole school assembly with parents/carers invited as well.

In the future

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

- We now have a dedicated space (a music hub) for music lessons, which means we are hoping to offer drumming (we have had a drum kit donated)
- We want to continue with a school choir and an event during the year where they can sing with other schools
- We want to purchase an electric piano to go in our new music room
- We would like to have a school orchestra and will investigate the possibility of this

Further information (optional)

We have a dedicated page on our website for music, [Music at St Michael's | St Michael's Woolmer Green CE Primary School](#) This has pictures of the children engaged in musical activities.

We also have a curriculum page with our statement about music and the curriculum map, [Music | St Michael's Woolmer Green CE Primary School](#)

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.

Your local [music hub](#) should also have a local plan for music education in place from September 2024 that should include useful information.