

Music Development Plan Summary: *St. Edward's C of E Primary School*

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 2026
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Name of the school music lead	Jess Muckle
Name of local music hub	Leicestershire Music Hub

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 school uses its own scheme for music. Units from Music Express are used in Years 1-3 and 6 alongside planning that complements other curriculum areas, for example in Year 6 the music teaching includes music from World War 2 and in Year 1 the music complements their work on Jack and the Beanstalk.

The scheme covers the National Curriculum requirements as well as aspects from the model Music Curriculum (e.g. guidance for listening, composition and notation).

Curriculum time in music varies from year to year for example if Years 4 and 5 are taking part in Young Voices (once every 2 years) their weekly music time is up to 90 minutes per week. In other year groups music is taught in blocks throughout the year with approximately 45 minutes per lesson alongside music through:

- Listening to music entering and leaving Collective Worship with a PowerPoint of the composer
- Live music – annual music concert, pupils performing, older pupils from Castle Donington College performing

Music is taught by class teachers with support from the music coordinator.

The school has a range of music resources including:

- A class set of recorders and accompanying music books
- A class set of Dood clarinets
- A range of percussion instruments
- Chrome books for music technology

Singing

- Foundation Stage: Singing is part of daily routine
- Years 1, 2 and 3: Singing a part of each Music Express unit along with separate dedicated singing units of work.
- Years 4 and 5: Every other year take part in the Young Voices Concert and have a term of coaching via the Young Voices website
- Year 6: Singing as part of the Music Express unit and singing in the Year 6 concert
- Collective Worship offer opportunities to sing each week

Use of instruments in lessons

- Foundation Stage: instruments as part of continuous provision
- Years 1-3: instruments used in Music Express Units and other units e.g. Y1 Jack and the Beanstalk. Selection of instruments to be used (taught how to play correctly and be able to name) outlined in scheme of work for each year group
- Year 4: Whole class instrumental tuition of recorders
- Year 5: Whole class instrumental tuition of Dood clarinets building on knowledge from Year 4
- Years 3 and 6: Chrome Books used for Music Tech.

Part B: Music Enrichment Opportunities

The School offers lessons in a wide variety of instruments for pupils who wish to learn. Our provider for this is Music Kids Academy (piano, guitar and other lessons if requested e.g. brass instruments) and Pulse Beat (drums, guitar, singing)

Children are encouraged to participate through taster sessions and both Music Kids Academy and Pulse Beat performing to the children.

Music Kids Academy and Pulse Beat offer free taster sessions on a wide variety of instruments.

Both Year 4 and Year 5 perform as an ensemble in the annual summer concert. Children who receive lessons in or outside school are also encouraged to perform in the Summer Concert and in Collective Worship throughout the year

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.

- Annual Summer Music Concert performed by pupils from the school – solos and ensembles
- Musicians from Castle Donington College visit in the Summer term e.g. past pupil playing trumpet to whole school
- Staff from Music Kids Academy and Pulse Beat performed to the children e.g. guitar teacher playing a range of musical genres
- Pupils who receive lessons within or from outside school perform in collective worship
- Annual musical theatre visit
- Autumn term choir performing in school and wider community
- Young Voices January 2026
- Additional whole school enrichment opportunities e.g. Singing lessons

In the future

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

Considerations for the future include:

- Encourage more children to perform at the Summer Music Concert
- Regular showcase events from Pulse Beat music for parents
- Extend music listening units to Years 2, 3 and 4 using the Model Music Curriculum recommended listening list.

Further information (optional)

Music Kids Academy

www.musickids.org.uk/free-lesson

Leicestershire Music Hub

<https://leicestershiremusichub.org/>

Pulse Beat

<http://pulsebeatuk.com>