

Music development plan summary: St Matthew's Church of England Primary School

All schools should have a music development plan from academic year 2023-24. Schools are expected to publish a summary of their plan on their website from academic year 2024-25.

This template is designed to support schools to produce the summary. It should set out how the school will deliver high-quality music provision in curriculum music, co-curricular music and musical experiences, taking into account the key features in the [national plan for music education](#):

- timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week of the school year for key stages 1 to 3
- access to lessons across a range of instruments, and voice
- a school choir or vocal ensemble
- a school ensemble, band or group
- space for rehearsals and individual practice
- a termly school performance
- opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year

The summary should reflect your school's music provision for the given school year and your plans for subsequent years. It should also refer to any existing partnership with your local music hub or other music education organisations that supports the school with music provision.

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Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
Date this summary was published	November 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2025
Name of the school music lead	Alison Hardy
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Stephen Murphy
Name of local music hub	Stockport Music Service
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.

At St Matthew's Primary School, we follow a spiral curriculum aligned with the National Curriculum and the Model Music Curriculum. Our curriculum is carefully curated using and adapting the Sing Up Music scheme.

Music is taught weekly in lessons lasting a minimum of 40 minutes, delivered by class teachers or specialist Music teachers. Weekly singing assemblies are held for each Key Stage, and regular singing takes place in class. Our 'Whole School Songs Overview' reflects our school culture and values. Music lessons are inclusive, ensuring all learners, including those with Special Educational Needs (SEND), have access to an adapted and accessible curriculum.

In Music lessons, children explore a wide range of both tuned and untuned instruments, including glockenspiels and drums. Year 5 and 6 pupils participate in whole-class Ukulele sessions, taught by specialist Music teachers from Stockport Music Service.

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.

At St Matthew's, we take pride in our school choir. The choir runs year-round and participate in several performances both within the school and in the community. Our choir performs in annual community events, including visits to York Street, Bamford Grange Care Home.

The school has participated in the Halle's 'Come and Play' concerts in conjunction with the Music Service and other local schools and was involved in a multi-arts event with

the Halle and Northern Ballet School, which culminated in a performance at Halle St Peters.

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 at St Matthew's take part in weekly celebration assemblies in which they practise and perform the whole school focus song for the term. Music is also incorporated into class assemblies, Harvest, Christmas and Easter celebrations.

Our Year 5 and Year 6 ukulele musicians perform concerts for the whole school and parents, incorporating music performance into their end of year production.

We hold a range of Christmas events which are a mix of children's own performances and enrichment opportunities such as a pantomime visit each year.

Our Nativity performances from our Nursery and Reception children incorporate singing and dancing and are a highlight of the festive period.

In the future

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

In future years, our Music Development Plan aims to enhance our existing provision by achieving the following:

- Diversifying our music offering with the introduction of an African drumming ensemble and expanding the range of instruments available in lessons.
- Participating in 'Come and Play' at the Bridgewater Hall with the Hallé Choir for our Year 3 children.
- Develop individual and group tuition opportunities across the school.
- Further developing performance opportunities for our young musicians across the school.
- Continuing to improve our music environments by investing in new instruments and equipment.