

Music development plan summary: St John's Primary Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs Tamsin Ballard
Name of local music hub	Lincolnshire Music Service https://lincsmusicservice.org/
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Jam Music The Peri Group

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.

Our school curriculum for music can be found here, including our intent, implementation and impact statements and the progression of skills linked to our Sing Up scheme of learning. [St John's Primary Academy - Music](#)

Children have opportunities to sing or play an instrument during lesson time with additional time in weekly key stage assemblies and through extra-curricular groups and ensembles.

St John's has links with the local music hub and other music education organisations such as Jam Music and The Peri group who provide one-to-one tuition and after school provision.

Our current provision for whole class instrumental teaching allows children to experience a range of tuned and untuned percussion instruments. EYFS and KS1 children use hand bells and boom whackers, year 3 and 5 have whole class ukulele lessons, year 4 and 6

use glockenspiels with the intention to include other instruments in the future such as recorders.

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 John's, children from year 4-6 can learn piano, guitar or drums in one-to-one lessons provided by Jam music with a small charge. We have a ukulele club after school which is open to key stage 2 with a small charge. There is provision for pupil premium children to have a subsidised price for lessons. We have now introduced woodwind instruments such as the flute recently, again with a small charge.

There is are is a singing group in KS2 which is open to everyone and free of charge.. Children who take part in the choirs sing in the local community for Christmas events and local services as well as music festivals and concerts for charities such as Age UK.

We have a separate music room with a piano where the lessons take place as well as one in the hall for use in assemblies and for singing groups.

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.

- Weekly singing assemblies (20 minutes each) for KS1 and KS2
- Harvest festival (each key stage performs a song and/or poem)
- EYFS nativity performance (all children take part and perform once to the school and once to parents)
- KS1 nativity performance(s) (all children take part and perform once to the school and twice to parents)
- KS2 Christmas concert(s) including a 'Pre-concert' concert where individual children have a chance to perform chosen pieces on instruments. (all children take part and perform to once to the school and twice to parents)
- Year group assemblies (1 per term per year group performing to parents)
 - Visiting pantomime at Christmas (children have a chance to see a live performance from a local amateur dramatics group; small voluntary contribution)
- Easter assembly (each year group performs a song/poem/prayers)
- Lincoln Music and Drama Festival (for KS2 singing group)
- Priory Music Festival as part of the Priory Federation schools.
 - Year 6 end of year performance e.g., Jungle Book, Lion King, Oliver with a Twist (year 6 children perform to the school and multiple performances to parents)
- Future plans for singing in concerts for Age UK

In the future

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

- timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week of the school year
- continue to offer access to lessons across a range of instruments, and voice to increase including woodwind, string and brass instruments
- a school ensemble, band or group such as a wind band/string group or recorder ensemble.
- Increased opportunities to hear live music performed from a wider range of musicians and from a range of musical genres.
- Further development of our bespoke music curriculum linked to Sing Up and linked to the needs of the children in our school
- More opportunities to listen and appraise music and links to music in other areas of the curriculum.

Further information

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 to go for support.