

Music development plan summary: Saint Sebastian's C of E Primary School and Nursery

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	15 th July 2025
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs Brigid Cook
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Berkshire Music Trust (Berkshire Maestros)
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rockademy

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 Saint Sebastian's CofE Primary School and Nursery, the National Curriculum is implemented through the Model Music Curriculum (March 2021), non-statutory guidance for teaching music using the Charanga scheme of learning. The curriculum ensures at least one hour of timetabled music each week in all classes (KS1 and KS2).

The Charanga topics include the following strands of Music:

- Musicianship
- Listening
- Singing
- Notation
- Playing instruments

- Creating: composing
- Creating: improvising
- Performing

A weekly singing assembly is held, allowing children to sing a range of songs as a group.

In EYFS the children are encouraged to share their thoughts, ideas and feelings through a variety of activities in music.

In KS1 the children will be taught to use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes. They will play tuned and un-tuned instruments, listen to a range of live and recorded music and experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using the inter-related dimensions of music.

In KS2 the children will be taught to sing and play musically with increasing confidence and control. They should develop an understanding of musical composition, organising and manipulating ideas within musical structures and reproducing sounds from aural memory. They will be taught to play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts and improve and compose music for a range of purposes. They will listen and recall sounds with increasing aural memory, use and understand staff and other musical notations and appreciate and understand a wider range of live and recorded music. They will also develop an understanding of the history of music.

In addition, KS1 and 2 have opportunities to perform in an annual musical production. A special award is given at the end of the academic year to pupils for their achievement in music.

Our school uses our local music hub, Berkshire Music Trust (Berkshire Maestros) to offer extra-curricular instrumental music lessons and Rockademy.

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.

Children are offered the opportunity to learn instruments through the Berkshire Music Trust (Berkshire Maestros) <https://www.berksmusictrust.org.uk> and Rockademy <https://www.rockademy.co.uk/>. Musicians from these organisations and other music groups are invited to perform for the children to introduce them to a range of instruments.

Choir club is offered as an extra-curricular activity.

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.

KS1 have the opportunity to perform in a Christmas Musical Nativity, whilst KS2 perform in a Christmas Carol service. Additionally, KS2 perform in a Summer Musical performance / play. All children have regular opportunities to sing together as part of assemblies and other school celebrations and church services.

KS1 children are invited in the Summer term to perform as part of a combined choir with children from other schools (Addington). KS2 children can join the school choir. and have opportunities to perform at school events and with combined choir events such as Crowthorne Carnival and Crowthorne CofE Church combined choir.

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Children also have the opportunity to perform in assembly as part of a small ensemble or as a soloist.

We have strong links with local St. Sebastian's Brass band with members being on our Governing body and the children have opportunities to see them perform live.

In the future

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

As a school, we aim to:

- Increase the uptake of instrumental lessons within our school
- Increase opportunities to see live music performances
- To have a planned music themed day as part of World Music Day (21st June)

Further information (optional)

For further information please contact our music leader, Mrs Brigid Cook.