Music development plan summary:
St James C of E Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	11/9/2026
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Name of the school music lead	Jenny Herbert
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Lee Cowden
Name of local music hub	Surrey Arts
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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 James we use the music scheme Charanga which is informed by the Model Music Curriculum and embeds the National Curriculum for Music.
- The children receive an hour of Music teaching each week. The scheme which we follow gives the children opportunities to learn to sing and play an instrument during lessons. The children mostly use glockenspiels, recorders and keyboards when playing instruments. There is also a focus upon Listening and Appraising, using appropriate language to describe what they hear. The structure of the sequence of lessons ensures there is time for composing and performing as a class or ensemble.

- The school has strong links with our local music hub, Surrey Arts. Specialists from the hub come into school and deliver whole class lessons where the children learn a specific instrument.

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 James we offer the opportunity to join a choir in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 run by members of staff. This is offered for free and is open to all children.
- Our local hub, Surrey Arts, come into school and offer Guitar, Drums and Piano tuition. There is a fee for this service which parents pay directly to Surrey Arts. Lessons are within school time and take place in our Music room.

Part C: Musical Events

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.

- Every week there is a singing assembly where the children perform songs chosen carefully by staff. They sing in classes, year groups, key stages and as a whole school.
- St James has strong links with our local church. There are times throughout the year where different year groups and key stages visit the church and perform songs related to different events. Key Stage 1 perform a Harvest Assembly in the church, with harvest related songs. Key Stage 2 visited to recognise Remembrance Day and sing songs in tribute to this. At Christmas Upper Key Stage 2 hold a carol concert, performing to parents and carers in celebration of the occasion.
- At Christmas the Infants perform a Nativity for the parents which includes age related songs. Lower Key Stage 2 also learn and perform traditional Christmas songs for parents.
- Each year group performs an assembly to parents which includes singing as part of the performance.

- Our choir has performed for the other children in school as well as outside of school. They have been invited to perform alongside other schools and local fairs.
- Year 6 put on a production each year with a strong singing element. Every child is involved in some way. There are opportunities for individual children to take on solo singing parts.
- Throughout the school year individuals who have had lessons with Surrey Arts have the opportunity to perform to their peers and parents.

In the future

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

- As a school we always seek to promote professional development and look for opportunities for our staff to access good quality CPD so that our Music curriculum is delivered to a high standard.
- We will continue to look for opportunities for our children to perform both in school and in the community. We will offer the opportunity to join a choir to as many children as possible.
- The children need to be exposed to and enjoy live performances each year so we will endeavour to seek individuals or companies to come in and perform for our children.
- We will try to provide Music clubs in school that can be run by teachers so that they are accessible to all.