

Music development plan summary: St Christopher Primary School



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This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, extra-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

We aim to deliver one hour of timetabled curriculum music each week for all pupils in Key Stage 1 and 2, in the form of short sessions with different focuses across the week.

All pupils will attend a weekly music assembly led by the Music lead. This will champion music as a subject and promote the enjoyment of listening and making music. We will learn whole school songs that link to our School motto 'Aiming High' and our School values of kindness, respect and honesty. We will listen to and perform songs from a wide range of genres and styles and improve our use of musical vocabulary. There will also hopefully be opportunities for children to hear live musical performances in these sessions.

All pupils will have an additional two short sessions (15-20 minutes) timetabled each week that will be delivered by class teachers. One session (Let's Sing!) will focus on improving children's singing techniques and their understanding of tempo, pulse and rhythm through singing songs (which are age appropriate and increase with difficulty as they move through the school) and playing musical games. The other session (SQUILT – Super Quiet Uninterrupted Listening Time) will focus on children's listening skills and their appreciation of music. Children will listen to a variety of pieces of music throughout the year which span different time periods and genres and will have the chance to discuss the music and share their views. Children should leave St Christopher Primary school with a good understanding of musical genres and periods and some knowledge of great composers and musicians.

In addition, Year 5 pupils will have a weekly music lesson (1 hour) where they will have the opportunity to learn to play the keyboard.

Finally, there will be a timetabled 'Music day' each term for the whole school where a composition challenge will be set for each year group. This will also provide an opportunity for a performance at the end of each of these days.

Part B: Extra-curricular music

Key Stage 2 pupils can join our school choir which rehearses every week after school for 1 hour. This provides children with an opportunity to further improve their singing techniques and to work closely with an ensemble. It also provides opportunities for solo singing and singing in harmony.

Year 2 pupils can join a 'Music club' which takes place for 30 minutes at lunchtime every week. This provides children with an opportunity to play different instruments, develop musical preferences and further develop their singing and performing techniques – all skills that can then be built on as they move through Key Stage 2.

Part C: Musical experiences

Autumn Term performances:

- Choir - 'Christmas Cheer' concert
- Reception – Christmas Nativity
- Nursery – Sing-a-Long

Summer Term performances:

- Choir – 'Summer Sing' concert
- Year 6 – Musical production
- Year 5 – Keyboard/Music learning assembly
- Year 2 – End of year celebration assembly

In the future

- Year 5 pupils to visit a stadium and participate in the Young Voices Concert series as part of our School's '11 by Eleven'.
- Provide Year 3 pupils with an opportunity to learn a musical instrument through weekly music sessions.
- Look to increase opportunities for live musical performances in school.
- Look to increase opportunities for extra music tuition that we can offer as a school.

Further information

We will aim to keep our [X page](#) regularly updated with the Musical learning that is taking place at St Christopher Primary School.

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 they can go to for support beyond the school.