



Music development plan summary: St Paul's C of E VA Primary School, Chipperfield

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 - 2026
Date this summary was published	July 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2026
Name of the school music lead	Sarah Smith
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Luke Varney
Name of local music hub	Hertfordshire Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Electric Umbrella Dan Tien

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.

- Music is an integral part of our school life and curriculum here at St Paul's. The people within our school community come from a wide range of musical and expressive arts backgrounds that we attempt to utilise and we aim to instil in our pupils the power of music as a form of communication.
- Our school's music curriculum is informed by the Model Music Curriculum.
- As a school, we currently use Get Set Music to support with the delivery of our curriculum. This scheme is promoted as a quality scheme that will not only provide our pupils with the necessary and relevant knowledge and skills for the primary curriculum but also support with teacher subject knowledge and CPD.



- For the 2025 - 2026 academic year, children are taught 6 units of work within the year, using Get Set to support delivery. These units have been carefully selected by teachers and senior leaders and allow children to develop both their singing and instrumental skills. Our pupils have access to whole class ensemble instrumental and vocal lessons. Some of our pupils also benefit from 1:1 music tuition led by a tutor from Hertfordshire's Music Service and The Dan Tien.
- For the 2025 – 2026 academic year, the school have continued to work alongside and support the Electric Umbrella, who heavily supported the school with musical education in 2023-2024.
- By using The Electric Umbrella to support the delivery of our music curriculum this year, we have been able to develop staff knowledge and understanding on how to make music accessible to all, ensuring that pupils with a range of special educational needs have had full access to the music curriculum and that our planned curriculum is not capping children, who may have needs in other areas of learning but not in music.

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.

- As part of our school ethos and aims, children in KS1 and KS2 take part in a weekly singing assembly lead by our music lead within the school. The selection of music used varies from songs that link to our school values and Christian ethos to songs which may be linked to while school events such as school productions.
- As part of our Collective Worships, pupils also have other opportunities within the week to sing collectively.
- Our Year 6 pupils, on an annual basis, take part in the national 'Voice in a Million' concert whereby children learn a range of songs and perform them as part of an ensemble at Wembley Arena.
- Some of our pupils benefit from weekly 1:1 tuition sessions where they are taught to play musical instruments by a tutor from the Hertfordshire Music Service or The Dan Tien. This service is voluntary and parents make the overall decision as to whether their child engages with these lessons. These sessions are currently funded by parents. Some pupils receive funded sessions from the school.



- As part of our extra-curricular provision, we run a weekly 'Performing Arts' Club, where children from across the school have the opportunity to learn contemporary / themed songs and music. These pupils have the opportunity to perform learned songs at events such as Mother's Day Assemblies. This provision accommodates up to 30.
- Some of our pupils have access to musical provision beyond school and attend local dance and theatre groups, leading to performances.
- The school has a dedicated music room as well as a gym and school hall that pupils can access when performing / rehearsing / engaging in music.
- Opportunities for teaching music within other curriculum areas is encouraged. Sing Up has been an excellent resource for staff using songs that relate to topics- this not only aids the learning of key facts, but also helps teach a range of song genres and types.

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.

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- Each year group takes part in a musical performance throughout the year which is performed to parents. EYFS complete a Christmas sing-a-long, KS1 perform a Christmas Nativity and KS2 perform an end of year production based on a different play. In 2025 – 2026, pupils in KS2 are performing Peter Pan.
- Pupils who access instrumental tuition have an annual performance to parents to showcase their learning and tuition.
- Pupils have the opportunity to perform at 'St Paul's Got Talent' PTA event in the summer term. This is voluntary event which pupils can access should they wish.



- In the 2025 – 2026 academic year, all year groups attended a live production at a theatre to enrich their musical development.
- A junk music workshop was organised in October for the whole school to take part in.
- The Year 6 Music Subject Leader creates timetables for children to play instruments to start and end assemblies throughout the year.
- Music is celebrated and communicated on weekly newsletters and in fortnightly Year 6 leader's assemblies to promote it across the school community.

In the future

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

In the 2026 – 2027 academic year, we plan to;

- Ensure each class continues to receive an hour a week music lesson as part of the taught curriculum.
- Continue to reflect on the planned curriculum to ensure that there is clear progression and pupils are receiving an effective balance of vocal and instrumental teaching and learning.
- Invest in whole class music tuition / lessons through the Hertfordshire Music Service, basing lessons on the age and stage of the classes involved.
- Invest in 1:1 music tuition for pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium Funding to broaden and enrich their musical experiences.
- Draw on Hertfordshire Music Service and members of our school community to support the professional development of staff throughout the year.
- Provide more opportunities for children to observe quality musical performances with children attending live theatre.
- Encourage people in the community to perform in assemblies- parents and carers- carry out an audit to find out who plays instruments.