

# Music development plan summary: [St John's C of E VA First School]

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
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Name of the school music lead	Emma Wolland
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Teresa Gilbert
Name of local music hub	Somerset Music
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rock Steady Music School

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 events – 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.

## Curriculum music

At St John's CEVA First School, our Music curriculum is underpinned by the Charanga teaching resource. Informed by the Model Music Curriculum, this carefully mapped programme meets all requirements of the National Curriculum and ensures progression in musical knowledge and skills. Through our Music curriculum, pupils develop an enjoyment of singing, are introduced to a wide range of musical styles, and gain practical experience of playing both tuned and untuned instruments.

We recognise that music is a powerful tool for enhancing learning and development, offering opportunities for personal expression, creativity, and emotional regulation. Therefore, we ensure that all pupils are able to access high-quality music teaching. Pupils with special educational needs are supported through inclusive activities that promote participation and engagement. A wide range of instruments are used to meet individual needs, enabling all pupils to participate effectively. In addition, structured learning challenges are carefully designed to cater for the diverse learning needs of all pupils.

Information regarding the time allocated to Music each week, across all key stages and throughout each half-term of the academic year, can be found in the Curriculum section of our website. [Curriculum](#)

## Extra-Curricular Music

At St John's CEVA First School, pupils have opportunities to learn an instrument in addition to their classroom music lessons, including one-to-one piano tuition and small-group electric instrument sessions delivered through Rock Steady Music School.

### Rock Steady Music School

Lessons cost £34.85 per month, with no payment required in August. Payments can be cancelled at any time. Parents will receive regular updates on their child's progress through the parent timeline. The children also perform in concerts at the end of each term.

### Bursary Provision

We are able to offer one bursary place per year for Rock Steady Music School. This is available to a pupil who has a clear interest in music and is eligible for Pupil Premium.

### Piano Lessons

Piano lessons are charged at £150 for a 10-week block, which works out at £15.00 per session.

We work in partnership with Somerset Music Hub and Jackdaws to provide pupils with singing opportunities within the wider community. Pupils are also able to join the school choir, which is led by a member of St John's Church. Through choir participation, pupils have regular opportunities to perform in school during collective worship, as well as in church services and other community events.

## Musical Events

As a school, we enjoy singing together regularly during Collective Worship throughout the week. Across the academic year, pupils take part in a range of performances that combine music and drama, providing meaningful opportunities to develop confidence, creativity and performance skills.

- **Autumn Term:** Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity performances
- **Spring Term:** Year 3 production linked to an area of learning
- **Summer Term:** Year 4 end-of-school production

In July, Year 3 pupils also participate in the *Come and Sing* schools' singing festival, organised by Jackdaws.

## In the future

At St John's CEVA First School, we are committed to the ongoing review and development of our Music curriculum. We utilise the latest scheme updates, enhancements and moderations provided by Charanga to ensure that our curriculum remains engaging, creative and responsive to the needs of our pupils.

As opportunities arise, both within curriculum music and through extra-curricular provision, we aim to offer pupils a wide range of musical experiences. We also continue to develop our involvement in the local community and church events, further enriching pupils' musical, spiritual and cultural journeys and broadening their experiences of music beyond the classroom.