

# Music development plan summary: St Michaels' CE Primary School



## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	23.09.2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	23.09.2026
Name of the school music lead	N Kiddle
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Dorset Council
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.

We teach music weekly from EYFS to Year 6, with lessons lasting between 30 minutes and an hour, alongside a weekly singing assembly. Our music curriculum is informed by the national and model music curriculum, delivered via a curriculum vehicle (Charanga) enabling the curriculum to be taught confidently and skilfully. Musical concepts and skills are introduced and built upon in small sequential steps-ensuring pupils understand how music works. Children are active musicians and all lessons include understanding music, improvising, listening and responding, singing, playing instruments and performance.

## 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.

We offer opportunities for music making in addition to curriculum lesson time. This leads to opportunities for children to perform to a greater audience – school assemblies. We offer specialist music tuition in a range of instruments including violin and ukulele. We signpost families to live music opportunities within the local area. We have targeted pupil premium grant and additional funding where appropriate/ requested towards funding tuition/ instrument hire. Pupils and families are signposted to an active music group and the local Town band within our community which also provide music sessions to pre-school children at the play and stay sessions, held in the Children Centre on our site.

## 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.

Children in EY and KS1 are introduced to rehearsal and performance in the early days of their first year, singing songs in singing assemblies and performing their own Nativity scene at Christmas in church. This is supported further by KS2 pupils performing as a choir.

Pupils in year 4 take part in a singing project with multiple schools across our Trust. 'I Sing Pop' allows them to experience being taught as a small group and then performing as part of a massed choir.

## In the future

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

Continue to develop opportunities to children to receive and take part in high quality music lessons. All children access and engage with the music curriculum which is taught across the school. Teachers are able to deliver the music curriculum but need further guidance, training and support to be as effective as possible.

Facilitation of one-to-one and small group music tuition.

Experience 'live' music more frequently.