Music development plan summary: St George's Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2025
Name of the school music lead	Mrs Catherine Stokes
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Bolton & Blackburn with Darwen Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Guy James

Part A: Curriculum music

Please see the school website for St George's C of E Music Curriculum. This has been produced using the National Curriculum and Charanga music scheme, which is accessible by all children. Skills progression documents and the long - term curriculum map for the subject are also accessible here.

https://www.st-georges.bolton.sch.uk/curriculum/

Our curriculum is comprehensive and inclusive for all children; lessons are sequenced so all children can acquire the skills and knowledge required to be confident musicians. The lessons are structured, so children have chance to recall, recap knowledge from previous year groups and units, as well as time for teachers to model the learning before moving onto paired and independent practice. Questioning and feedback are also vital elements when delivering lessons and if necessary, teaching is adapted to support the children with their learning so it is accessible for all pupils.

Children in school receive a one -hour class music lesson each week, along with singing opportunities in weekly worship opportunities. The Charanga music scheme is used as a vehicle to help support teachers with the content and knowledge of teaching music. This is enhanced by wider musical opportunities allowing all children to be exposed to a wide range of different genres and experiences.

All children currently have full access to music. In KS1 we learn to play together as an orchestra from the very beginning of our musical journey. Reading & performing music in up to 8 parts on the Boomophones. This progresses into year 2 and key stage 2 as the performance pieces become more interesting and challenging.

Year 2 then progress from the Boomophones and Glockenspiel to the Steel Drums, where we learn about individual melody and solo parts. The end of year 2 sees the introduction of the string family and the ukulele. This progresses into year 3, 4 & 5 before transitioning to the guitar in year 6.

KS2 have the opportunity to work as a world music ensemble when they begin Bamboo Tamboo. This full class ensemble project progresses through to year 6, where complex percussion performances are enjoyed and appraised.

KS2 also sees the beginning of woodwind with a term spent playing the recorder, before continuing our work on the Steel tongue drums.

As they make their journey through school all the children will continually develop vital performance and instrumental skills with, tuned percussion, strings and woodwind. Glockenspiels are taught across the school to allow for progression.

Part B: Music tuition, choirs and ensembles

At St George's the children in UKS2 have the opportunity to sing in the school choir. This is open to all children and practises are held during lunch times to prepare for performance events (see Music Action Plan for listed opportunities) and to enhance the love of singing.
Children in the choir have the opportunity to take part in the Bolton Music Festival and local Westhoughton Presents concerts performing to large scale audiences in a variety of venues. Children in the choir enhance their own musical experiences and those of the local community by singing at Christmas time in local care homes.
A large-scale whole school "Proms in the Playground" event is held bi-annually where all children perform in a themed outdoor event for all stakeholders. This is

a wonderful showcase of all things musical St George's has to offer and provides all children with the experience to enjoy and perform live music.
All children also have the opportunity to learn an instrument within school. See below for an outline of the music opportunities available and the experiences linked to this. Children learning an instrument are given the opportunity to showcase their growing talents in a showcase for parents, organised at an appropriate point throughout the year.

Instrumental

Beginner Guitar Group
Trinity Graded Guitar Group
Guitar & Vocal Group
Beginner Violin Group
Drum Kit Lessons

Groups rehearsed for concert performances

Guitar Ensemble
School Band, [Vocals, Guitar, Drumkit, Violin]

Info taken from the SLA 2024

Service Description	
Pathway Music - Full Access A curriculum based multi-instrumental wider opportunities program	
· Curriculum planned and assessed full access music lessons. · Charanga and Kapow Supported. · Full class instrumentation, including Strings, Woodwind & Tuned percussion. · Minimum delivery 36 sessions KS1 – All Classes Delivered 2024 KS2 – All Classes Delivered 2024	
Live Music Demonstrations	
Live Music – The World Music Show	

Live Music – Violin and Guitar Demonstration	
Live Music - Brass Demonstration	
Instruments and Equipment Provided	
1 Term Hire - Class Set Woodwind Recorders	
1 Term Hire - Steel Tongue Drums	
1 Term Hire - Bamboo Tamboo	
Half term hire – Tenor Horn, Trombone, Cornet	
Annual Hire - Class set of ukuleles	
Annual Hire - 2X Class Set Boomophone	
Annual Hire - 1 x Electric drum kit	
Annual Hire - 1 x Group set of violins	
Annual Hire - 2 x Group set of guitars	
Instrumental Lessons · Minimum Delivery 35 sessions. Wednedays 12.30pm – 1.30pm	
· Small group and individual instrumental lessons: Brass, Violin, Cello, Piano/Keyboard, Guitar, Ukulele & Vocal, Percussion/Drum Kit	

We work closely with Pathway Music to provide a broad, varied and music specialist led music offer for all children.

Part C: Musical events

Musical experiences at St George's are planned throughout the academic year. Regular events, such as singing in worship, happens weekly for all children Singing is used to mark key worship events within and outside of school (e.g Harvest, Christmas and Easter.) Whole school Christmas and Easter services are experienced annually by all children where they perform to live audiences in church and/or school. Children sing in class worship and weekly clerical worship.

All children perform vocally for an audience during our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning; children sing in their phases to stakeholders, developing their courageous advocacy, for an important cause.

All children in school experience live vocal and instrumental music in school through interactive workshops e.g "The World Music Show" performed by our co-curricular music partner. This is free of charge to all children.

At Christmas time EYFS and KS1 perform their Nativity productions.

KS2 children perform a Carol Service annually in church or are involved with the i sing pop programme presenting two concerts for live audiences.

All children experience a live musical performance with an annual pantomime either in school or at a local theatre; there is no charge to pupils for these experiences.

A whole school "Proms in the Playground" event is held bi-annually (alternated with the Bolton Music Festival) where all children perform in a themed outdoor event for all stakeholders. This is a wonderful showcase of all things musical that St George's offers and provides all children in school with the experience to enjoy and perform live music on a large scale.

Children in Y5 visit Westhoughton High School every year to watch their end of year show. They also experience live music by being part of the interactive musical experience put on by the Bolton Music Service called "It's a musical Christmas" -the Mayor's Christmas Concert-at a local performance venue.

Children in Year 6 perform in several end of year Leavers' events. They present and perform vocally in a leavers' assembly and an end of year production.

All performances are attended well and all stakeholders of the school are invited. All performances have dress rehearsals where children in school who are not involved become their audience.
All our Year 6 pupils perform vocally in an annual Diocesan Leavers' service at Manchester Cathedral marking an important transition in their spiritual and educational journey.

A local cluster school leavers' church service is also attended where the children perform vocally with local schools.

In the future

Our on- going plan for the music curriculum at St George's is outlined in the Music Action Plan for 2024-2025. We will continue to review and revise the music curriculum offer for all children to ensure a high-quality music curriculum offer continues to be experienced by all our children. The music subject lead will continue to organise CPD for teachers and attend Primary network meetings and twilight sessions for subject leaders. (refer to School Development Plan for specific schedules)

We look to become involved in an event, offered every two years, by Bolton Music Service for children to attend a live orchestra event. This will be scheduled for 2025-2026 to develop our music offer for children.