Music development plan summary:
St Stephen Churchtown Academy

At St Stephen Churchtown Academy, music plays an integral role in inspiring children to develop a love of music, enabling them to deepen their self – confidence and creativity.

We aim for our pupils to:

Play, perform, and enjoy music to a range of audiences

Listen to and evaluate music from a wide variety of historical periods and genres

Understand and explore how music is created, produced, and communicated

Confidently explain and use vocabulary related to music

Experience playing an instrument

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026/2027
Date this summary was published	17/09/26
Date this summary will be reviewed	17/07/27
Name of the school music lead	Mrs M Mullin
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	ASONE
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

Pupils are taught music weekly using the Charanga Spiral curriculum. In addition music is incorporated across the school within daily routines and songs, break times, assemblies, curricular links and performances.

Our music offer:

- Our school music curriculum is informed by the National Curriculum, this is delivered using the spiral curriculum format from the Charanga programme.
- Example opportunities for pupils to learn to play an instrument, perform and sing are enabled through; School choir, drama club, Rocksteady, Listen, appraise, improvise and perform within the Charanga programme. Cornwall Music Service Trust and Cornwall Youth Choir
- St Stephen Churchtown Academy and the music lead works in partnerships with the ASONE Music Hub, Cornwall Music Service Trust, Cornwall Youth Choirs and the Aspire Music Network / Hub schools sharing instruments and resources.

All pupils access quality Wave one music teaching, pupils with Special Educational Need and Disability (SEND) are supported in the following ways;

The provision on offer for our SEN students in music reflects the intent of the subject itself. Our students, regardless of need, are encouraged to develop their musical knowledge encouraging them to listen to a variety of musical genres.

- Specific provisions for SEN children include:
- A safe space which encourages open discussion on the concepts being taught and provides the environment needed to take risks for new learning.
- The use of digital floor books within our lessons to evidence learning and encourage participation from all students. In this way, children who may not flourish in some areas of the curriculum feel secure enough to vocalise their learning during the practical aspects of the lessons, demonstrating good understanding in a way they would otherwise not be able to.
- Adult support when and as needed.
- Work can be differentiated based on the needs of the student, scaffolded in a way that makes it accessible to their individual learning need.
- Up to date working walls that the children can access easily. E.g. removable vocabulary cards.
- Adapted tools and equipment.

The National Curriculum for music can be found by following the link; National curriculum - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

St Stephen Churchtown curriculum for Music from EYFS to Year 6 can be accessed by following the links;

St Stephen Churchtown Academy - Curriculum Overview

https://st-stephen-churchtown.eschools.co.uk/storage/secure_download/bmNHcDZUU2h6V3B3OTR3ZWtzQVloZz09

Part B: Extra - 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.

At St Stephen Churchtown pupils are able to access Co-Curricular opportunities: Choir, Drama, Rocksteady, Cornwall Youth Choirs and Cornwall Music Service Trust.

Pupils are able to access a weekly choir club, a key stage two drama club and small group instrument and singing support.

Pupils are able to access a variety of instrumental lessons through the Rocksteady programme which takes pupils from reception to year 6.

Also consider including:

- Rocksteady offers the facility for children to learn the drums, guitar and keyboard. The programme offers an extra place for every Pupil Premium pupil enrolled.
- All Key stage two pupils are able to access the school choir free of charge for an hour per week. This has included ten weeks of additional CPD support from Talk More Cornwall Makaton signing choir.
- Space for pupils to rehearse and perform is allocated, for example the hall is booked out one morning a week for the Rocksteady programme.
- Instruments shared with hub schools within the trust.

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.

Set out what musical experiences are planned for the academic year, including regular events such as singing in assembly, musical performances, concerts and shows at the school, and trips to concerts outside of the school.

At St Stephen Churchtown pupils are offered a variety of musical opportunities; pupils are able to choose to get involved through clubs or are given the opportunity through arranged experiences this maybe through participation or in the audience.

Musical experiences are:

- Christmas concerts at the church for Key stage 1 and 2, performing Christmas songs and recitals.
- Nativity performance for EYFS including nursery.
- Keys stage 1 Christmas performance
- Drama performance to parents and the school for Key stage 2
- Choir Performance for parents
- Song Fest performance
- Cornwall Music Service Trust – Music programme for EYFS.
- Rocksteady concert for parents termly.
- Aspire Choir Summer performance
- Gabriele Roar Concert at Truro Cathedral

In the future

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

In the next academic year at St Stephen Churchtown Academy focus will be applied to developing the following areas;

- Utilise different areas of the Charanga programme effectively building upon good practice, recording and assessment.
- Implement and develop rhythm and pitch lessons
- Continue to liaise with Hub schools to develop sharing of class sets of instruments.
- Utilise the instrument teaching element of the Charanga programme eg recorder.

- Develop the school choir establishing pupils and encouraging new pupils from Years 1 - 6
- Develop music in assemblies linking with planned books and celebrations such as Christmas and Remembrance day
- Develop career links for pupils
- Keep links between twinned schools following the previous year's performance from The Baraka Opera Kenya.

Further information (optional)

Useful Links

St Stephen Churchtown Academy - Music 2023-2024

Curriculum Overview https://st-stephen-churchtown.eschools.co.uk/storage/secure_download/THBMcVQ0K2I3Lyt0ZHJ6Vkd0OHErZkpRVmlKdGNIMjREaGpkOFp6V2Uv

Music Progression Overviews

EYFS & KS1

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LKS2

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UKS2

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St Stephen Churchtown Academy Website - St Stephen Churchtown Academy - Home

BBC Teach - .co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-counting-songs/zn67kmn

BBC Music - BBC Music

Gov. - The power of music to change lives: a national plan for music education - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Gov. - https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-power-of-music-to-change-lives-a-national-plan-for-music-education#:~:text=T