

Music development plan summary: St Barnabas C of E (VA) Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Dr. B. Charles
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music	Mrs. M. Duncombe
Name of local music hub	Kent Music

This is a summary of how St Barnabas C of E Primary 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.

Our Vision permeates throughout our curriculum at St Barnabas. As a school we agreed our Whole School Intent that during their time at St Barnabas’ School, we aspire for all children to:

Master skills, knowledge and understanding across a broad and rich curriculum.

Ask questions and think critically.

Fluently express the ideas of themselves and others.

Read with intent and for enjoyment.

Become numerate and financially responsible.

Problem solve and demonstrate entrepreneurship.

Understand, appreciate and engage with their surroundings.

Appreciate design and aesthetics in order to create things that are useful/beautiful.

Develop a positive sense of self.

Build effective relationships.

Manage risk and stay safe.

Perform.

Compete.

Lead and act with agency.

We aspire to create a vibrant and inclusive musical environment where every child can develop a lifelong love and appreciation of music.

Access for all:

We envision music education that is accessible to all students, regardless of their background, abilities, or interests. We believe that every child has the right to experience and engage with music in meaningful ways. We strive to provide a diverse range of musical opportunities that cater to different learning styles and preferences.

Progressive Curriculum:

We aim to provide a comprehensive music curriculum that integrates various aspects of music, including singing, playing instruments, listening, composing, and music appreciation. Our curriculum, which follows the non-statutory guidance for teaching music from Key Stages 1 to 3, encourages students to explore different musical genres, traditions, and cultures, fostering an appreciation for music from around the world.

At St Barnabas C of E Primary we have created our own curriculum document: (<https://www.st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum+Guiding+Document&pid=118>)

Dedicated time given to pupils is currently 1 hour divided into a 45-minute lesson and a 15 minute choral worship per week.

Children in EYFS are provided with musical experiences including singing together, improvising with instruments and listening to music.

Active Engagement:

We believe in active engagement with music. Our vision emphasises hands-on experiences, practical activities, and active participation. We encourage students to actively engage with music through singing, playing instruments, movement, and ensemble work. We aim to create a supportive and interactive environment where students can express themselves freely and confidently.

Specific programmes we have in place at St Barnabas C of E (VA) Primary include:

- All Year 2 children learn the Ocarina
- In Year 4 we work with the Kent Music Hub to provide lessons in Ukulele. This runs throughout the year for these children.

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.

We are a singing school and as part of our Whole School Intent we believe in the power of performance.

At St Barnabas we offer the opportunity to learn to play the Ocarina in Year 2 and the Ukelele in Year 4. We offer the opportunity for our children to continue their studies in the Ukelele through individual lessons or through small group lessons.

Outside of lesson time, children are welcome to sign up for a range of ensembles. These include Singing club (KS2), Young Voices (Yr4-6) and Recorders (Yr4 -6).

Also consider including:

- what instruments are offered, charging and remissions information, and if the tuition is subsidised or free, including for parents or carers in particular circumstances (e.g. pupil premium eligibility).

- how pupils can join choirs or ensembles and from which year groups, charging and remissions information, and if the tuition is subsidised or free, including for parents or carers in particular circumstances (e.g. pupil premium eligibility).
- information on where pupils can rehearse or practice individually or in groups.

Part C: Musical experiences

Community Engagement:

We believe in the importance of our local community and fostering partnerships with local musicians, artists, and cultural organisations to enhance students' musical experiences. We aim to provide opportunities for students to perform in community events, collaborate with professional musicians, and contribute to the cultural life of their communities

This year, pupils will have the opportunity to sing every week in assembly. This includes opportunities for small groups to lead a section or perform solos or duets.

Children who undertake music lessons in an instrument will have opportunities to perform in a concert showcasing their learning.

The whole school will participate in events such as Harvest, Christmas, Easter, St Barnabas services either through whole school or Key Stage songs or smaller ensemble

Performances. At Christmas children in EYFS and KS1 will have their first experiences of performing for an audience through the nativity. In KS2 Christmas is celebrated as part of a KS2 Christmas celebration.

Children in Year 3 and 4 have the opportunity to rehearse and perform a play at the Trintiy Theatre in a week. This is a new challenge and this year the children performed Peter Pan.

Children in Year 6 rehearse and perform a play as part of their end of year celebrations and this year performed 'Troy story,'

The Singing Club will rehearse in preparation for the Tunbridge Wells Singing Festival where they will perform their own pieces and also as part of a larger ensemble with other Tunbridge Wells Schools.

The Young Voices Choir will rehearse in preparation for performing as part of a mass ensemble.

In the future

In future years we would like to broaden the range of instruments pupils choose to have lessons for.

We will continue to look at how we can use the range of instruments available to support classroom learning.

We will also look to establish a link with a local group or secondary school to provide opportunities for the pupils to see live performances.