

Music Development Plan Summary: Stratford St Mary Primary Overview

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| Name of the school music lead | Anna Marshall/Julie Rivers |
| Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different) | |
| Name of local music hub | Suffolk Music Hub |
| Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place) | N/A |

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

At Stratford St Mary Primary, we follow the Kapow scheme of work for our music curriculum. The intention of using this scheme is aimed at helping children feel they are musical and to develop a lifelong love of learning. This is done through learning and developing knowledge and skills in a progressive way through: performing; composing; listening; learning about the history of music and inter-related dimensions of music (pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, texture, structure and timbre). They learn how music is written and develop other transferrable skills. The children are exposed to music across the world and across generations, teaching children to respect and appreciate the music of all traditions and communities. In assembly times, we have 'Music of the Week', which builds our children's awareness of a range of musical genres.

We teach music for one hour per week, each week and this is taught by the usual class teachers with lots of opportunities for singing, hands on activities and using a variety of instruments.

The expected impact of the music teaching and learning is that children will be confident performers, listeners and composers; show an appreciation and respect for a wide range of musical styles from across the world; understand how music is written down; demonstrate and articulate an enthusiasm for music and state their own preferences and meet end of key stage expectations.

Part B: Co-curricular Music

At Stratford St Mary, there are opportunities for children to sing and play instruments outside of lesson time and this includes using instruments in other lessons; singing in assemblies; accompanying visiting bands / groups when they visit school for special assemblies; in class and during after school choir club. We ask for a small donation for the after school club, but this is funded for children who are in receipt of PPG. The school choir has the opportunity to perform at the O2 arena as part of Young Voices.

There are plans to extend the opportunity outside of lesson time by offering individual and group tuition. There may be a small charge for this, but it is funded for PPG children. We are also looking for opportunities for the children who learn instruments outside of school to share this in school (e.g. playing in assemblies).

Part C: Musical Experiences

At Stratford St Mary, there are opportunities for children to sing, play and perform in harvest assemblies; nativities; carol services, Easter service and end of year performances. They perform to the parents, family and friends of the school and the wider local community. The latter includes performing the carol service in the church and at special events such as at the 'Village Christmas Lunch Day'.

Children have the opportunity to take part in the Young Voice choir on an annual basis and visit a theatre in London to experience a musical (older children). All our children have the opportunity to watch a visiting musical theatre group on an annual basis.

Other experiences include musical groups visiting the school and also our own students performing in school from their learning out of school.

There is a small charge for some of these activities, but these are fully funded for children in receipt of PPG.

In the Future

At Stratford St Mary, we have passionate and knowledgeable staff and have ambitious plans to further enhance the music provision over the coming years.

This will include more clubs which offer instrument tuition and also possible links with external organisations such as Rock Steady.