Music development plan summary:
St Lawrence CE Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of local music hub	Hampshire Music Service

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

St Lawrence CE Primary School believes in the importance of music education and has seen first-hand the legacy that high quality music teaching can leave.

In the music education we offer, we ensure that there is support for all our children including disabled pupils and those pupils with special educational needs (SEND)

Our school curriculum for music is published on our website and shows a clear progression of skills and knowledge: Curriculum | St Lawrence CE Primary School (st-lawrence.hants.sch.uk)

Key Stage 1

Each class a music unit in each term (45 mins per week in a half term). We also have singing assemblies once a month and we also sing every day in Collective Worship.

Key Stage 2

Each class a music unit in each term (45 mins per week in a half term.) in In Year 4, there is a unit for instrumental teaching (ukuleles). We also have singing assemblies once a month and we also sing every day in Collective Worship. KS2 children also take part in Music Workshops at the local Secondary School.

The school music curriculum uses the National Curriculum and uses a range of resources including: Hampshire Music Service, BBC Ten Pieces and BBC Bring the Noise.

Our children have opportunity to learn to sing in singing assemblies and when we practise and rehearse for performances such as the Key Stage 1 nativity and Key Stage 2 Christmas cantata.

Our Year 4 children also have opportunity to join with other primary schools in Alton and work with the local secondary school to produce a performance of “Night at the Musicals”. This started from an idea with the Head of Music at Amery Hill and the Music Subject Leader at the time from St Lawrence and is now in its 6th year.

Our Year 5 children are given the opportunity to perform live in a musical production. In April 2025, they did Wind in the Willows. This allowed them to sing in parts, in unison and some solos.

We work closely with Amery Hill’s Music Department and our children also go over there for opportunities such as African drumming, Gamelan and music tech.

We own a class set of ukuleles and so whole-class ensemble teaching occurs in Year 4 as we have a member of staff who teaches ukulele alongside listening to music, performing and composing.

We also have peripatetic music teachers coming in from Hampshire Music Service providing high quality lessons in flute, clarinet, saxophone, guitar and violin.

We are proud to be a Music Mark school and have been nominated for this for the last 4 years.

Part B: Extra-curricular music

All pupils in Key Stage 2 have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument in small groups or one-to-one with tuition given by Hampshire Music Service. As a school, we subsidise the cost of music lessons as we believe in the importance of learning a musical instrument. We also ensure that children who are eligible for pupil premium funding have access and opportunity to music lessons if they wish to pursue this.

Hampshire Music Service provides hiring opportunities for instruments with children receiving Hampshire Music Service peripatetic lessons.

From Hampshire Music Service, we currently provide peripatetic teaching in flute, clarinet, saxophone, guitar and violin. We will also look into possibilities for other instruments if requests for others are made.

We share information with children about opportunities for making music at weekends and after school; being part of Hampshire Music Service ensembles in the local area.

When children learn with Hampshire Music Service, they have the opportunity to achieve Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates of Achievements and can also take external ABRSM exams.

We also believe that every child should have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument and so therefore every child for 2 years of Key Stage 2 will learn to play the ukulele.

We are very proud to have a St Lawrence CE Primary Jazz band which meets weekly at lunch time and is run by a specialist teacher from Hampshire Music Service. This is completely paid for by the school so it is free for any child to attend. The children have the opportunity to learn pieces of music, learn to make music together and to have the opportunity to perform to a live audience.

We have a whole school choir as we believe that every child should have the opportunity to learn to sing, to sing in parts and harmony and that all children can sing and love singing together. This takes place in school time and is free.

Our children have opportunity to rehearse and practice individually if needed and also in groups. They also have the opportunity to rehearse as a key stage (when KS1 perform their nativity and KS2 perform their Cantata to a live band.)

We value highly our strong partnerships with Amery Hill Music Department and Hampshire Music Service.

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.

We believe that cultural capital musical experiences are vital for all our children and hope that the seeds we sow can lead to a lifelong love of music.

We plan musical experiences across the year. This includes:

- Regular singing in assembly (participating)
- Key Stage 1 nativity (participating)
- Key Stage 2 cantata with live band (participating)
- Year 4 performing with local schools in Alton and our closest secondary school (participating)
- Year 4 performing the ukulele to a live audience (participating)
- Year 5 performing a live musical production (participating)
- Music workshops at Amery Hill Secondary School for KS1 and KS 2 classes (participating)
- St Lawrence CE Primary Jazz band (KS2 children) performing to a live audience (participating)

- A trip to the theatre to see a pantomime or a musical (audience)
- A trip to Winchester Cathedral for the Year 6 Leaver's service and opportunity to sing with hundreds of other school children (participating)
- Weekly singing at St Lawrence Church with parents joining in (participating)
- Live music groups visiting the school and giving performances to all year groups e.g. Alton Chamber Orchestra, Brodowski Quartet, pantomime performances, Young Shakespeare Company, students from Amery Hill (audience)

Any trips or visits that are charged, may be subsidised by the school or the PTA. Children who are eligible for pupil premium funding will have support with funding.

In the future

Improvements we plan to make for subsequent years in curriculum music, co-curricular music or musical experiences:

- Whole school music day 2025-26
- Developing the Year 5 production 2025-26
- Developing links with other schools – music cluster 2025-26
- Workshops at Amery Hill for KS1 classes – 2025-26
- Develop music tech opportunities 2025-26
- Continuing professional development for all staff (focus on composition and notation) 2025-26
- Trips to the Anvil, Basingstoke 2025-26

Further information

The Department for Education publishes a guide for parents and young people on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.

Hampshire Music Service is our local music hub and has a local plan for music education. Home - Hampshire Music Education Hub (hantsmusichub.org.uk)