

St Matthew's C of E Primary School

Music Development Plan Summary:

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
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Name of the school music lead	Kathryn McLoughlin
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Gulen Halil (DHT leading Curriculum)
Name of local music hub	North London Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Enfield Music Service (EMS)

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, extra-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.

At St Matthew's, we have weekly timetabled music lessons with the music lead in all year groups as well as 'music of the week' during collective worship. Children in EYFS have weekly lessons of 30 minutes, as well as other opportunities for music making within continuous provision. Children in KS1 and KS2 have weekly lessons of 60 minutes. We use the Sing Up music scheme for our lessons which meets the requirements of the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (Expressive Arts), the National Curriculum for Music, and suggested approaches of the Model Music Curriculum (Singing, Listening, Composing, Performance/Instrumental Performance). By using this scheme and its progressive week-by-week lessons, we are guaranteeing to meet all the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum and pupil progress is evident through our progression documents and pupil voice. Discussions with children have demonstrated an increasing knowledge of key music vocabulary being recalled. Pupils, including SEND, are engaged and active during the lessons.

Singing forms part of every music lesson and we have a wide range of percussion instruments that are used in the lessons and our curriculum. In collective worship, music of the week ensures a variety of music and genres are listened to and discussed.

The following whole class ensemble teaching takes place as part of the Music curriculum: Year 3 - Recorders (one term) with the music lead; Year 4 – Violins (two terms) with a tutor from EMS supported by the music lead; Year 5 Ukulele (one term) with the music lead.

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 Matthew's we are fortunate to have many opportunities for the children to develop their music skills.

The school choir (for children in Years 4-6) rehearses during the Autumn term to prepare songs for our KS2 Carol Service. This year, the choir will also rehearse in the Spring term, to learn songs for Prom Praise for Schools which takes place in the Royal Albert Hall every two years, with hundreds of children from London and beyond, taking part. Sign up for choir will be via the club letter and follows our charging policy for clubs of £2 per week, payable by ParentPay.

A range of music tuition (one-to-one, paired or small-group) is available at St Matthew's via Enfield Music Service (EMS) with opportunities to have Piano, Keyboard, Violin and Trumpet lessons from Year 2 upwards. These lessons take place during the school day. Information about the cost of lessons and how to sign can be found here: [EMS Instrumental Lessons](#). If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, please contact the school office to request information about subsidised lessons.

We are also able to offer free Drumkit lessons, generously funded by a former pupil, these are offered to children on a rotational basis and information will be sent home via a letter.

A six-week, free lunchtime Ukulele club will be offered for Years 5 and 6 in the summer term. Sign up for this will be via the summer term club letter.

EMS also offers out of school hours music clubs, including Beginner Keyboard Band and Ukulele Club, more information can be found here: [EMS Music Clubs](#).

Part C: Musical performances & 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.

Singing is a strength of our school. Singing collective worship takes place on a weekly basis, with a wide range of songs being learnt and performed as part of collective worship throughout the year. The children take part with confidence and enthusiasm.

During the year, our children have opportunities to take part in a variety of performances, including: EYFS Nativity and festive songs; KS1 Nativity; KS2 Carol Service; class collective worship, based on our values; Cultural Diversity Day; Y6 end of year production; end of term services in St Matthew's Church and occasional Sunday services in St Matthew's Church. -

This year, there will be free, in-school workshops for KS2 with visiting musicians from the Philharmonia Orchestra and All Souls Orchestra. The children will be able to experience listening to live music and participate in music making activities.

Year 5 will visit the Royal Festival Hall to be in the audience for a Philharmonia Orchestra Schools' Concert. The cost of this trip will be £4, payable via ParentPay.

Year 3 will participate in the Spring term EMS Music Partnership Festival and Y6 in the Summer term EMS Music Partnership Festival. These are wonderful opportunities for classes to join with other schools and sing together. There is no cost to parents.

A visiting musical drama company will visit in the Summer term and perform a musical show to all children. The cost of this event will be £3, payable via ParentPay.

In the future

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

In the subsequent years to come, we will continue to build on our music progress by re-evaluating the current curriculum, as and when there are changes in the national curriculum and model music curriculum.

We will continue to develop our school choir and ensemble opportunities, with further opportunities for pupils to perform throughout the year, both in school and in the local community.

We also plan to provide our children with more opportunities to watch live music performances and continue to develop a strong pupil voice.