

# Music development plan summary: St Luke's CE School



## Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Ms F Akthar
Name of local music hub	Camden Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Musicalives The Camden 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

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 Luke's CE School, Music is taught using Charanga, a scheme of work which delivers all aspects of the National Curriculum for Music. It is planned in a 'spiral curriculum', within which children revisit existing knowledge and skills in each unit, building on them and extending them incrementally. In this manner, learning is consolidated and augmented, allowing for increasing musical confidence, while constantly being gently challenged to go further. As children from Years 1-6 are taught in mixed age classes, the curriculum map is designed on a two-year cycle to ensure that units of learning are not repeated. The units of learning for each cycle can be found on the curriculum maps on our website here:

<https://www.stlukesschool.org.uk/curriculum/curriculum-maps/>.

At St Luke's CE School and in line with our Christian Vision we believe that all children 'deserve an education of the highest quality' and all teaching is adapted to meet the needs of all children including those with SEND and EAL needs. Our approach to inclusion including the SEND Information Report can be found here:

<https://www.stlukesschool.org.uk/curriculum/equality-inclusion/> and our SEND policy can be found here: <https://www.stlukesschool.org.uk/parents/policies/>

Whole class music is taught weekly in all classes. Music lessons are led by a professionally qualified music teacher from our partner organisation, [Musicalives](#). Over the year, all children have the opportunity to sing and to listen and appraise, compose and perform music and by the end of their primary journey will have experienced playing instruments including glockenspiels, ukuleles and recorders.

## Part B: Co-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 Luke's CE School, our partnership with Camden Music Service allows children to make further progress in music outside of lesson time but within the school day. Individual lessons in piano and woodwind can be arranged by parents or carers via the Camden Music website: <https://camdenmusic.org/lessons-in-school/> and are usually held in the school library. Lessons are booked in ten week blocks, and the cost is as follows:

- 10 x 20 minute lessons - £137
- 10 x 30 minute lessons - £205

All Key Stage 2 children have the opportunity to join the school choir who meet weekly during lunchtime. There is no charge for Choir Club. Choir Club is led by our professionally qualified Music teacher and the children learn, practice and perform songs from a variety of musical genres, time periods and cultures. The Choir perform at various times during the school year, including during the Christmas Carol Concert and for the Evergreens (the local church seniors' group). They perform with other school choirs and instrumentalists from across Camden in the Camden Music Festival, and perform with other school choirs from across London (accompanied by a professional orchestra) at Prom Praise 4 Schools. These events happen biennially, so every year there is an opportunity for to perform as part of a massed ensemble in front an audience of approximately 5,000 at the Royal Albert Hall in central London.

Further opportunities for pupils to develop their musical skills outside of lesson times can be accessed through Camden Music. These include instrument hire, assisted instrument purchase and Saturday/ holiday CamJam sessions. Camden Music have a remissions policy to support children and young people in accessing these musical activities where finance is a barrier: <https://camdenmusic.org/remissions-policy/> Camden Music hold ABRSM exams at the end of every term for pupils who have lessons through Camden Music, or attend one of their weekend, holiday, or after-school groups.

## 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.

At St Luke's CE School, we sing as a whole school when we gather together for our daily act of Collective Worship. Once a week, body percussion is used to help children read notation and practice rhythm, and new songs are introduced regularly so the children have a growing and varied repertoire of songs which they enjoy singing.

Each term, each class has an opportunity to lead a class assembly and this is always enhanced by the performance of one or two songs which link to the learning for that term.

In Reception and KS1, the children will be learning songs for their retelling of the Nativity story, and in KS2 the children will be learning both traditional and contemporary carols to sing at our evening Christmas Carol Concert. During the school year, the whole school will be practising songs for our special church services (e.g. start of term, Harvest Festival, Easter) which will include revisiting old favourites and learning new songs. The Year 6s will be learning songs to perform at their end-of-year Leavers' Service. For all the occasions celebrated in church, parents, carers and family members are warmly invited to attend.

Every year, at the end of the Autumn Term, we book a theatre experience for the whole school. This year, 'West End in Schools', will visit the school to perform the pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast'. This theatre company employs trained actors drawn from the world of London's West End theatre to bring acting and music into school, and the tickets for this have been paid for by the PFA.

In March 2026, the school choir (approximately 20 children, representing over 20% of the pupils in school) will be participating in Prom Praise 4 Schools which will involve several weeks of practise, both in St Luke's and with school choirs elsewhere in the borough, before the final performance at the Royal Albert Hall. Free travel to this event will be secured under the TfL School Party scheme, and the full cost of participation in PP4S this has been borne by the school. Therefore, participation in PP4S is free for the children and tickets for parents/carers in attendance have been obtained at a reduced price.

## In the future

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

Our future plans for Music at St Luke's include:

- To provide further opportunities for children to perform in their local community
- To seek opportunities for children to work with professional musicians both within and outside school
- To continue our partnership with St Margaret's School to allow children to access visiting music workshops and the Apollo Music Project
- To build further links with UCS to provide music workshops for our children and sing carols in the community