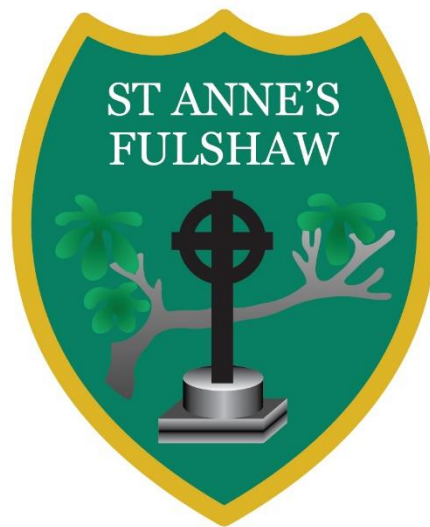




St Anne's Fulshaw CE Primary School

Music Development Plan 2024-25



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
Date this summary was published	30.09.25
Date this summary will be reviewed	31.08.25
Name of the school music lead	Jacky Chapman
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Jacky Chapman
Name of local music hub	Love Music Trust

Our Vision

Our vision is that music is fully embedded in every aspect of school life and our aspiration is that every child adopts a lifelong love of music.

Through playing, singing, creating and performing, our children will develop confidence, communication skills, thinking and creative skills and improve their emotional well-being. Children will find that music is enjoyable and relaxing which reinforces our whole school commitment to emotional wellbeing and good mental health. Children will use their resilience, creativity and courage when performing to an audience.

Music lessons are lively and interactive and aim to foster a passion for music in children of all abilities. The children will participate in singing, tuned and un-tuned percussion work, composition, and listening to live and recorded music. All children are taught the skills to be able to compose using musical instruments. Musical notation is taught and children across school are taught correct musical terminology e.g. rhythm, melody, pitch, dynamics.

Singing is a cornerstone of our music curriculum. Weekly singing assemblies take place to teach children how to sing with a sense of pitch and melody. They are taught how to warm up their voices, sing in rounds and harmony, and build up a repertoire of songs. We have a school choir which meet each week and perform throughout the year at a range of community events and with other schools at massed singing events. All pupils will learn at least one instrument for a minimum period of a year, and preferably two years, taking part in ensemble activity and performances.

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 Anne's Fulshaw, music is taught as a discrete subject but also across the curriculum. Children learn to play different tuned and un-tuned instruments during their time in school and our curriculum teaches pupils the musical elements of pitch, dynamics, tempo, form, timbre and texture, as well as musical notation.

Music lessons take place every week for 45-60 minutes and are taught by a music specialist from LMT. Teaching is supported by progressive planning through the Love

Music Trust Curriculum for all pupils, whatever their needs are. No child is excluded from taking part in and enjoying music lessons because of a disability or additional needs that they might have. Our provision is fully inclusive.

Children in Year 4 start to learn the clarinet or saxophone as a whole-class ensemble taught by a music specialist from Love Music Trust as part of the Wider Opportunities programme. This continues into Year 5 for the autumn term and then pupils have the opportunity to continue on for the rest of the academic year. Pupils can also continue with small group, paired or 1:1 sessions into Year 6.

Children's achievements are recognised via LMT certificates which are skills based and awarded against graded criteria.

Delivering regular performances, Church services, shows, concerts and events consistently demonstrates the school's commitment to maintaining a high quality music curriculum; and the skills developed by all pupils are testament to the quality of teaching, rehearsal, development and support given to children by all staff involved in their musical education. Extracurricular activities, such as Choir, group ensembles and peripatetic music lessons, also provide children with experience of making high quality music. To read in more detail about the music provision at St Anne's Fulshaw, please visit our music curriculum page.

<https://www.stannesfulshaw.net/page/music/133901>

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 Anne's Fulshaw CE Primary School, we offer a wide range of individual and small-group lessons, these include piano, guitar, violin, singing, saxophone, cornet and clarinet through tutors sourced via LMT. Teachers visit the school and teach children in a dedicated area.

We have a thriving Choir (open to all pupils in Year 2-6), which takes place weekly in school, run by our specialist LMT tutor. Currently 27 out of a whole school population of 90 attends Choir sessions and performs.

We also offer a windband ensemble group, taught by our LMT specialist tutor. Lessons run weekly. The windband joins the rest of the other musicians in school in performing during special Music Assemblies and at our Music Evening to an audience of their peers, friends and family members.

Peripatetic individual and small group lessons are funded by parents, however for those children who receive pupil premium, these lessons are heavily subsidised by LMT. All ensembles are free and accessible to all of Key Stage 2. We work closely with Love Music Trust to ensure we can offer the best possible music opportunities for our

children. If you have an enquiry regarding instrumental lessons on offer, please visit their website:

<https://www.lovemusictrust.com/parents-and-pupils/small-group-and-individual-tuition>

Musical Events and 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.

- All children from Reception to Year 6 take part in a weekly Hymn Practice which is planned out to support the assembly themes for the half term. This is led by our LMT specialist teacher and the songs / hymns / carols are then sung at Church the following Thursday and in other assemblies during the week
- Our instrumentalists are now playing pieces and their own compositions at selected assemblies during the week, across the year
- All children from Reception to Year 6 take part in a termly performance during their time at the school. For EYFS and KS1 these performances include a Nativity, St Anne's Music Evening, half termly class assemblies (including a music showcase) and a summer show. For KS2 pupils this includes a Junior Advent Service, St Anne's Music Evening, half termly class assemblies (including a music showcase) and a summer show. All pupils take part in our Harvest Service, Lessons and Carols Service, Easter Service and Leavers' Service with musical input from all classes. For selected pupils this also includes solo singing at the St Anne's Christmas Eve Service
- Annual whole school theatre visit to experience live professional performance including incidental music and featured music
- St Anne's Music Evening for parents and friends to enjoy pupil performances – this includes the choir, ensemble and any pupils who take part in Wider Opps or follow on tuition, as well as peri-taught instrumentalists, no matter what standard
- Choir sing at the following events: Sing the Christmas Story (LMT with other school choirs), Wilmslow Town Council Christmas Lights Switch On (every three years), the Love the Lane Christmas Market, Junior Advent Service, for the local care home (Chapel Court), Cheshire East Schools Music Competition
- Choir and ensemble, soloists and duettists perform at Wilmslow Library in the week before Christmas for an open audience
- Conductive Music digital music sessions for all year groups (2 days)

The vast majority of events are free to access or to attend. The school tries to walk to events whenever possible. On the occasion that pupils need transporting, the PTA has been kind enough to subsidise by paying for coach costs for all from the money raised during the year. Collections taken at musical events are also put aside to replace instrumental stock, purchase resources or to subsidise the cost of events for pupil

premium pupils. Where children attend LMT events, there is a nominal charge for parents to attend, however, we can subsidise this for families who need support.

In the Future

In the future we are committed to developing the follow areas in our music provision :

- Increased opportunities for pupils to perform for their peers regularly i.e. in hymn practice or assembly at school and in Church
- Increase leadership roles of responsibility for pupils i.e. develop music monitor roles for children who will care for and learn how to maintain instruments, and be more involved in the set up for Wider Opps sessions and choir
- Increase opportunities for the choir to take part in competitions to enable them to experience and learn from more experienced and skilled groups
- Working alongside our peripatetic music teachers to understand their planning and teaching and how this can be supported in school
- Begin to develop a second ensemble
- Improve links with Wilmslow High School in order to strengthen the KS2 to KS3 transition and encourage WHS to explore sending musicians to play at St Anne's Fulshaw, as well as receiving our own musicians and potentially providing a venue for future performances

A number of these commitments are planned to build on existing strengths, and the rest are included in response to our vision and self-assessment outcomes.

