

# Music development plan summary: St Andrew's CE Primary School, Boothstown



## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 - 2026
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs C Clay
Name of local music hub	MAPAS

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 St Andrew's, we have timetabled music lessons in all year groups. We use the Charanga music scheme for our lessons, which is aligned to the National Curriculum for Music. Music is taught for every half term in EYFS and for three half terms per year in KS1 & 2. The medium term plans include six sequenced and progressive lessons per half term. Whilst the Charanga scheme is used, it has been tailored for St Andrew's by our teachers. Pupils in Nursery also use the 'Can Do Music' as part of their learning.

Progress in music is evident through observations, class floor books and our sequence and progression documents. Discussions with children have demonstrated an increasing knowledge of key music vocabulary being recalled. Observations have shown all pupils engaged and active during the lessons, including SEND.

We have a wide range of instruments that can be used in the lessons and our curriculum. Our music appreciation ensures a variety of music and genres are listened to and discussed. Staff are confident with musical elements and teaching children how to listen and appreciate a piece of music.

## Part B: Co-curricular music

All of our Year 4 pupils take part in MAPAS's Wider Opportunities (WCIT) program, which provides them with a year-long opportunity to learn instruments and perform as a class. In doing so, they learn to play djembe drums; a range of brass instruments and learn to play samba percussion. All participating pupils are invited to perform in the summer showcase at The Lowry theatre. They also have an opportunity to perform in school, showcasing their music skills to the rest of the year groups.

We have an extensive range of music tuition available in school through MAPAS, with a range of instruments being learnt. These include: keyboard, guitar, violin and flute. These lessons are offered to children in Year 2 to Year 6. Instruments are offered to these children at competitive prices by the music team, so that they can practise at home. Lessons take place during school hours in our dedicated music room. Pupils who take part in these lessons are entered for exam grades where appropriate, and have opportunities to perform for the whole school in music assemblies. They are also encouraged to join ensembles outside the school mainly with the MAPAS music centre. At least twice a year, these pupils perform in a concert for the rest of the pupils and staff in school.

We also run after school choirs at St Andrews for both KS1 and KS2 pupils. KS1 choir have an opportunity to perform for parents in a short concert after school. Our KS2 choir have taken part in Young Voices in recent years, performing at the AO and Co-Op live arenas for a large audience. They have also been invited to perform at the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester for the last two years, as part of a charity Christmas concert. Pupils in Year 2 are offered a recorder club as part of school extra-curricular activities. Those who take part in our Mini and Junior Duke award scheme, most often include music as an element of their award, playing for others in order to evidence their skill.

We are fortunate to have a school orchestra, which is run at lunchtimes by school staff. This is open to any pupils who play an instrument. They have opportunities to perform at whole school concerts.

## Part C: Musical experiences

At St Andrew's we are fortunate to have many opportunities for our pupils to develop their music skills. We have singing assemblies in all phases that take place weekly in which a wide range of songs are learnt and performed. School pay for a subscription to Out of the Ark music, which introduces children to a wide range of new songs. A playlist has been put together for when children come into and leave assemblies, giving them experience of hearing new music and quiet time to reflect on it.

In addition, EYFS children learn nursery rhymes and well-known songs weekly and sing these in small groups or as a whole class. They also have access to a range of instruments and sound makers in continuous provision, to create their own music. The children take part with confidence and enthusiasm.

Our EYFS and KS1 children enjoy taking part in a Christmas production and all year groups enjoy music performances and singing within class assemblies which are performed to parents and peers. EYFS and KS2 also learn traditional carols to perform a Christmas carol concert for parents.

Each year the children enjoy taking part in DRUHM. This is an opportunity for cross-curricular enrichment for both Music and PE. We have also brought in a company called I Sing Pop, who teach Christian songs to the children, record them performing and organise a performance for parents. This took place in 2025.

Every Friday lunchtime, we play music into all of our playgrounds, providing pupils with a range of music to listen and move to.

## In the future

Looking ahead to this academic year, we aim to liaise further with MAPAS to find out what services they offer for children in Salford. We will inform parents of our findings to encourage more of our pupils to take part in music and performing arts opportunities outside of school.

We hope to achieve the music mark award and will liaise with MAPAS to do so.

## Further information

Find out more information about Music and Performing Arts Salford by clicking the following link:  
<https://sclmapas.co.uk/homepage?v=1717755214818>