



## Music development plan:

### Sherford Vale Primary School 2025-2026

#### Overview:

Detail	Information
Academic year	2025-2026
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Music Lead	Helena Irving
Name of local music hub	Devon Music Education Hub
Name of other organisations	Rocksteady Music School Charanga

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 Sherford Vale Primary School, our music curriculum is designed to inspire a lifelong love of music, foster creativity, and develop every child's musical skill and confidence.

Music is taught across all year groups using the Charanga music scheme, which meets the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum (2014). The curriculum is organised termly, enabling clear progression so that children build on their knowledge and skills over time. This ensures that each child, regardless of their starting point, can learn more and remember more.

#### **Curriculum Implementation**

At Sherford Vale Primary School, we implement the Charanga music scheme, a modern and interactive approach that fully aligns with the Model Music Curriculum (2021). Charanga is designed to make music learning accessible, engaging, and enriching.

The resources support a creative and active musical approach to lessons, connecting:

- singing and playing
- composing and improvising
- listening and appraising

The Charanga platform and resources also support whole-school singing through weekly singing assemblies.

Each unit follows a progressive structure, allowing clear development within and across year groups, with opportunities to evidence progression throughout the academic year.

### Whole-class ensemble

Across the school, pupils are introduced to playing the ocarina as part of their music curriculum. This accessible wind instrument provides an excellent foundation for developing key musical skills, including breath control, finger placement, and coordination, which are transferable to other wind instruments such as the recorder, flute, or clarinet. Through learning the ocarina, pupils also begin to understand the basics of reading music, including simple notation, rhythm, and pitch, supporting their wider musical development in an engaging and confidence-building way.

### EYFS

At Sherford Vale Primary School, music is woven into learning throughout the year and is a core component of Expressive Arts: Being Imaginative. Musical activities are aligned with the Early Learning Goals, supporting children's expressive and creative development from an early age.

### Inclusive Education and SEND Support

Our music curriculum is designed to be inclusive, with adaptations to support all learners, including those with SEND. Strategies include:

- additional time for learning
- alternative instruments
- sensory adaptations (e.g., ear defenders, rest breaks)

## **Part B: Extra-curricular music**

This refers to the opportunities available for pupils to sing and play music beyond lesson time, including participation in choirs, ensembles, and bands, and the ways in which they can continue to develop and make progress in music outside the core curriculum.

### Group Tuition:

Parents have the opportunity to sign their child up for peripatetic music lessons, delivered by 'Rocksteady' every Monday in school, where pupils have the option to learn electric guitar, keyboard, drums or vocals. A bursary grant has enabled us to give a Pupil Premium child the opportunity to learn an instrument at no cost to the family. We currently have approximately 40 children enrolled on 'Rocksteady' and it is proven a great success for children from Foundation to Year 6.

### School choir

The school music lead, Mrs. Irving, offers a no-charge Choir club, offered to pupils from Year 1 to 6. This club is run in Terms 2, 4 and 6. This provides a platform for children to develop their vocal skills and to rehearse for performances throughout the year. During Term 2, pupils rehearse for various Christmas community-based performances. In the Summer term, the children are given the opportunity to sing at the school fete.

### Orchestral instrument tuition

Key Stage 2 pupils are offered a course of orchestral tuition at Ivybridge Community College, at a small cost throughout the year. This opportunity builds links with our senior schools and provides opportunities to further their skills and confidence playing for an audience.

## **Part C: Musical events**

This is about all the other musical events and opportunities that we organise, such as singing in assembly, concerts and shows, workshops and trips to professional concerts.

At Sherford Vale Primary School, we believe in the importance of musical performance to build confidence, resilience, and joy in our children. We work with external providers to provide opportunities for children to engage in live music experiences. Our music curriculum is enhanced by school wide music events throughout the year:

### Christmas Nativity Performances:

Children in the Early Years Foundation Stage rehearse and perform a variety of Christmas songs, coupled with a simple re-enactment of the Nativity. Pupils in Key Stage 1 rehearse and perform a Christmas themed story, mainly purchased from Out of The Ark.

### Christmas Carol Concerts

Each year, we host an annual Christmas concert in which Key Stage 2 pupils perform popular and tradition songs for families and friends to listen and enjoy. In previous years, we have also enjoyed Christmas plays performed by the pupils and the PTFA provide warm mince pies and hot chocolate.

### Pantomimes

Sherford Vale Primary has provided school trips in previous years to see live pantomime performances at the Theatre Royal. Visiting theatre companies have also put on a special show for all the children to enjoy, such as 'Robin Hood'.

### Music workshops

Each year, the children are provided with a music workshop, from African drumming, 'Beat Goes On' body percussion and Taiko drumming. This provides the pupils with an education about different instruments, the culture behind the music and an experience to play alongside their peers with a qualified instructor.

### In the future

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

Whilst music opportunities at Sherford Vale Primary School are increasing, we are seeking to expand opportunities for additional performances throughout the year with neighbouring schools within the West Country Schools Trust.

We also are seeking to provide further CPD opportunities for staff to build their confidence in teaching the music curriculum.

Further information:

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