

Music development plan summary: Holy Trinity Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Kasey Argent
Name of local music hub	Kent & Medway Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rocksteady Music for schools 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

We currently deliver weekly timetabled music lessons which are supported by the Charanga scheme of work, now in its second year at our school. This scheme is aligned with the Model Music Curriculum, and you can find the skills and progression document on the school's website. Beyond timetabled lessons, teachers weave music into daily classroom life, using activities such as body percussion 'brain breaks' to develop pupils' sense of rhythm and pulse throughout the school day.

Our vision for music includes:

1. **Broad and Balanced Curriculum**

- Delivering a curriculum that reflects the MMC's guidance, offering all pupils access to high-quality music education that is ambitious, progressive, and inclusive.

- Embracing a diverse repertoire, introducing pupils to a range of musical traditions, genres, and cultures to foster understanding and appreciation of music from around the world.

2. Practical Music-Making

- Emphasising active engagement with music through singing, instrumental performance, and composition.
- Providing opportunities for every child to learn an instrument, participate in ensembles, and experience the joy of collective music-making.

3. Developing Musicianship

- Equipping children with essential musical skills, including listening, performing, composing, and appraising, to build a strong foundation for lifelong musical engagement.
- Encouraging creativity, self-expression, and critical thinking through improvisation and composition opportunities.

4. Celebrating Progression

- Establishing clear, structured progression routes from Early Years through Key Stage 2, ensuring that each child is supported to develop their potential and achieve musical success.
- Providing pathways for children to continue their musical journey through partnerships with the Kent & Medway Music Hub.

5. Inclusivity and Accessibility

- Removing barriers to participation, ensuring that every child, regardless of ability or background, has access to enriching musical experiences.
- Fostering a culture of respect and collaboration through music, promoting inclusion and celebrating diversity.

6. Engaging the School Community

- Building a vibrant musical culture within the school by hosting performances, worship, and celebrations of learning.
- Strengthening partnerships with parents, carers, and the wider community to showcase and share the joy of music.

7. Enrichment Opportunities

- Providing access to live performances by professional musicians to inspire and motivate pupils.
- Offering extracurricular music clubs, choirs, and instrumental groups to deepen engagement and develop talents beyond the classroom.

By embedding these principles, Holy Trinity aims to make music an integral part of every child's education, ensuring they leave primary school with a love of music, enhanced confidence, and the skills to explore and enjoy music throughout their lives.

Part B: Co-curricular music

We are proud to offer a vibrant and diverse co-curricular music programme that enriches pupils' musical experiences beyond the classroom. Our aim is to provide every child with the opportunity to discover their musical talents, develop new skills, and experience the joy of making music together.

1. **Specialist Music Lessons**

- Children have the opportunity to participate in weekly one-to-one music lessons. Pupils learn a variety of instruments, helping them to develop confidence and technical proficiency.
- For the 2026-2027 academic year, Kent & Medway Music Hub is providing a peripatetic teacher through Kent Music funding to deliver weekly ukulele tuition to Year 6. This gives every child in the year group the opportunity to learn a string instrument with specialist teaching and supports clear progression in instrumental music.

2. **Rocksteady Lessons**

- Every Monday, pupils can participate in Rocksteady lessons, where they learn to play as part of a band. Instruments include voice, guitar, bass guitar, keyboard, and drums. This engaging programme teaches children how to perform as an ensemble and builds their teamwork and musicality. Children also perform the skills they have learnt to the school as well as parents.
- To ensure inclusivity, pupils eligible for Pupil Premium funding are supported to access this opportunity.

3. **Weekly Choir**

- The music lead runs a weekly choir session, open to all pupils across the school. The choir provides a welcoming space for children to explore their singing abilities, learn a varied repertoire, and perform at school events and within the local community.

4. **Extracurricular Music Clubs**

- We offer a range of extracurricular music clubs, run by our staff team. These include a KS1 music club, ensuring our youngest learners can engage with music beyond their lessons, and a KS2 music club where

children explore a different instrument each week, broadening their skills and musical curiosity.

Through these co-curricular opportunities, Holy Trinity fosters a love of music, builds confidence, and creates a thriving musical community where every child can find their voice and flourish.

Part C: Musical experiences

We pride ourselves on offering a wide range of musical experiences that inspire, engage, and nurture a love of music in all our pupils. Through regular activities, special concerts, and valuable partnerships, our music provision ensures that every child has opportunities to develop their musical talents and appreciation.

Regular Experiences

- **Daily Singing Worship:** Singing is at the heart of our school life, with daily singing worship taking place both in class and as a whole school.
- **Yearly Performances:** Every year group participates in performances, with special events at Christmas and a memorable end-of-year production by Year 6.
- **Rocksteady Performances:** Pupils have the chance to experience live music from Rocksteady, who perform to the school and parents three times a year, showcasing pupil achievements in rock and pop music.

Special Concerts

- **Trust Choir Concert:** Schools within our trust come together to celebrate their collective musical talents in an inspiring choir concert.
- **Young Voices:** Pupils have the opportunity to take part in the yearly Young Voices event at the O2, one of the largest choir concerts in the world, providing an unforgettable experience. We have secured funding through the Young Voices charity so that children who would otherwise face financial barriers are able to take part.
- **Mayor's Carol Service:** Children sing in front of the mayor during a special Christmas church service, sharing the joy of the season with the local community.
- **Talent Show:** Pupils from across the whole school are encouraged to showcase their talents during our end-of-year talent show, celebrating creativity and performance.

- **Local Events:** We liaise with local organisations to perform in the community, such as singing Christmas carols at care homes for the elderly, bringing joy to others while developing pupils' confidence.
- **Darent Valley Hospital:** We work closely with Darent Valley Hospital, with our choir performing there to raise money for the hospital's chosen charities — sharing music with the wider community while developing pupils' confidence and sense of social responsibility.
- **Workshops:** Music workshops allow pupils to refine their skills and share what they have learnt through performances for the school and parents.
- **Watching Live Performances:** Pupils are given opportunities to attend live performances, such as the annual pantomime at Woodville Halls, enriching their cultural and musical understanding.

Partnerships

Holy Trinity Primary School is fortunate to have strong partnerships that enhance our music provision:

- **Gravesham Music Centre:** Situated at Mayfield Grammar School, the centre provides valuable resources and opportunities for our pupils to further their musical education.
- **Kent & Medway Music Hub:** Our collaboration with the hub ensures access to expert guidance, training, and additional musical experiences. During the 2026-2027 academic year, Kent Music funding is also enabling the Hub to provide a peripatetic teacher to deliver specialist ukulele tuition to Year 6.

These varied and meaningful experiences reflect our commitment to ensuring every child at Holy Trinity develops a lifelong appreciation for music while building confidence, creativity, and a sense of community.

In the future

We are committed to further enhancing the musical experiences we provide for our pupils. Looking ahead, we plan to implement the following initiatives to enrich our music provision and ensure every child has the opportunity to thrive musically:

- **Extend Instrumental Teaching Through Kent Music**
During the 2026-2027 academic year, Kent & Medway Music Hub is providing a peripatetic teacher through Kent Music funding to deliver weekly ukulele tuition to Year 6. We will embed and evaluate this specialist provision, monitor pupil progress and engagement, and explore opportunities to extend instrumental teaching to further year groups in future years. We will continue to build on Kent

Music-funded staff development from previous years, ensuring consistently high-quality music teaching in every classroom.

- **Embed and Refine the Charanga Scheme**

Following its successful introduction last year, we will embed the Charanga scheme of work across all year groups, refining our delivery to ensure clear progression of skills and knowledge from Early Years to Year 6.

- **Grow Opportunities for Key Stage 1 Pupils**

Building on the KS1 music club now running, we will continue to grow the opportunities available to our youngest learners, ensuring they can engage with music beyond their regular lessons.

- **More Music Workshops and Visits from Musicians**

We plan to organise music workshops throughout the year, giving pupils the chance to learn from professional musicians and explore new techniques, instruments, and styles. Following Gravesend Grammar School for Boys joining our trust, we are working with their music lead to run workshops at our school, and visits from musicians will continue to inspire pupils, broaden their horizons, and foster their appreciation of music as a dynamic and creative art form.

- **Weekly Music Assemblies**

Children will be exposed to a different genre of music each week through music assemblies, taking place before collective worship in the hall. These assemblies will introduce pupils to music from classical to contemporary, and from global traditions to popular styles, helping them develop a deeper understanding of music's cultural richness and encouraging open-mindedness and curiosity.

- **Showcasing Musical Learning**

We will provide regular opportunities for pupils to showcase their musical learning through performances for their peers and families. These events will celebrate their achievements, build confidence, and strengthen the connection between school and community.

Through these initiatives, Holy Trinity will continue to nurture a vibrant and inclusive musical culture, ensuring every child can explore, enjoy, and excel in music.