

# Music development plan summary: [St Laurence CofE Primary School]

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2025
Name of the school music lead	Rachel Davies
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Shropshire Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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 Laurence Primary School, we teach our music lessons through Shropshire Music Service using highly skilled teachers. This allows our schoolteachers to observe and experience high quality music lessons which have been carefully planned to ensure all children progress and develop their musical knowledge and skills throughout each year group. Through music being taught by highly trained professionals, teachers are inspired and their own CPD is enhanced effectively. KS1 and KS2 classes receive 40 minutes of music delivered by the music service every other half term, which is supplemented by weekly singing practice and performance opportunities to develop their skills as musicians and performers.

Additionally, musical learning and experiences are further supplemented through weekly singing assemblies. Opportunities to sing across all class are provided frequently throughout the year.

## 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 Laurence's, children are offered a range of individual or small group instrumental lessons including guitar, piano, cello, violin and a variety of woodwind. These lessons are delivered by a peripatetic music teacher and paid for parents. However, in some instances whereby children are eligible for Pupil Premium funding can be supported by this.

Our school choir makes multiple trips around Christmas time to sing carols to the local community; a chorus made up of upper KS2 that perform at our local theatre and we have a choir that is run by Shropshire Music Service that is currently being developed.

We have a strong working relationship with Shropshire Music Service who continue to run a free ensemble called Stompers. All children who play an instrument are invited to attend. Sessions take place once a week at the school on Tuesday evenings.

## 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 Laurence's all children will have the opportunity to perform or experience a musical event. Please see below for a list of opportunities:

- All children take part in a Christmas performance.
- Class assembly performances throughout the academic year
- Year 6 leavers performance
- Visitors come into school to play different instruments for whole school assemblies and class sessions
- Church services lead by pupils
- Annual trips to Ludlow Piano Festival
- Assemblies lead by peripatetic teachers to celebrate pupil progress
- Pantomime visit (N-Y6)

## In the future

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

- Continue to monitor and ensure timetabled music lessons are delivered for one hour each week and that teachers are familiar with taught content and progression.
- Introduction of further whole class ensemble projects (*Discovery Demo due in Autumn Term*)
- Develop music sessions in the Early Years (*5 week free programme for Nursery children to be arranged in Autumn Term*)
- Increase and promote extra curricular music opportunities (*Big Sing due in Autumn Term 2024*)

## Further information (optional)

Music Mark reaccreditation in progress