Music development plan summary: St. Edmund's Church of England Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-2027
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Name of the school music lead	James Johnson
Name of local music hub	Kent Music Hub

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. Edmund's, music is timetabled in all year groups as well as music.

The school curriculum for music for each year group online. The curriculum plan can be found here: Curriculum YR - Y6

Each class receives an hour a week of set aside time for curriculum music in each key stage and term of the academic year. Some music is delivered by music specialists who are experts in their field of study. 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.

Children have the opportunity to sing daily in Collective Worship with a weekly taught choral worship in addition to the school choir.

Throughout their time at St. Edmund's, children learn the ukulele, trombone and xylophone.

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. Edmund's, we are proud to provide our children with numerous opportunities to develop their musical talents.

Choral worship is a highlight, where students enthusiastically learn and perform a wide variety of songs. All of Key Stage 2 participate in the Young Voices concert at London's 02 Arena. This is a fantastic opportunity to sing together and perform in a world class arena. The whole school learn the songs for this and perform a special concert to parents, carers and the local community called 'A Night of Young Voices'. This is performed in a local church and is very popular amongst our local community.

We also offer an extensive range of music tuition, allowing children from Year 1 to Year 6 to learn instruments such as keyboards, guitars, ukuleles, violins, clarinets, tenor horns, euphoniums, and trumpets. These can all be delivered by Kent Music or our private music tutor.

Additionally, our students enjoy performing in Christmas productions, musical showcases, and class assemblies, sharing their talents with peers and parents.

Some of our pupils also take part in partnership school performances outside of school, demonstrating their passion and commitment to music.

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. Edmund's, we maintain strong connections with the music service to inspire and support our instrumentalists in progressing to ensemble performances.

Parents and carers are highly supportive of our musical activities, ensuring a wonderful turnout at productions and events. Music is an integral part of our school life. Every morning, a variety of themes and genres are shared, fostering an appreciation for music throughout the school.

The children at the school regularly attend regular professional concerts. This includes trip to the Royal Albert Hall, Royal Opera House and other local professional venues.

We also attend the pantomime on an annual basis to ensure every child gets to see live show.

Our strong online presence promotes music actively, signposting parents and carers to additional opportunities to engage with and celebrate music.

In the future

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

- By December 2026: Introduction of a wider range of instruments on offer for small group or individual lessons.
- By July 2027: Introduction of further whole-class ensemble projects delivered by a music specialist.
- By July 2027: Develop a dedicated music teaching space for use by ensembles and class curriculum lessons.