

Music development plan summary: St Michael's CofE Primary School, Sandhurst

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs Keren Milanovic
Name of local music hub	Berkshire Music Trust
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	RockSteady

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.

Curriculum Music Overview:

St Michael's CofE Primary School, Sandhurst is committed to providing high-quality music education to all students. Our curriculum is designed in alignment with the non-statutory guidance of the Model Music Curriculum (March 2021) for Key Stages 1 to 3. The curriculum ensures at least one hour of timetabled music each week.

Year Group Allocation:

- **Key Stage 1:** 1 hour per week
- **Key Stage 2:** 1 hour per week

Opportunities for Learning:

- Whole-class ensemble teaching (WCET) is provided in Year 4, where pupils learn to play the ukulele.

- Singing is an integral part of the curriculum with weekly singing assemblies and classroom-based singing activities.

Partnerships:

- Our school works closely with the Berkshire Music Trust, which provides specialist music teachers for our WCET programs along with private 1:1 piano lessons. Children are entered for ABRSM grades individually when ready.
- RockSteady supports additional instrumental tuition and provides workshops and masterclasses. Children are potentially able to leave St Michael's with a Grade 2 Trinity College of Music certificate with their chosen instrument from RockSteady.

Inclusivity:

- We ensure access for disabled pupils and support for those with special educational needs (SEND). Our music curriculum is differentiated to meet diverse learning needs.

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.

Music Tuition:

- **Individual and Group Lessons:** Available for piano and guitar. These lessons are offered through Berkshire Music Trust.
- **Tuition Details:** We offer remissions for families eligible for pupil premium.

Ensembles and Choirs:

- **Choirs:** Key Stage 2 Choir (Years 3-6)
- **Instrumental Groups:** RockSteady bands.
- **Joining Information:** Pupils can join choir from Year 3 onwards. Participation is free of charge. Parents can sign children up to RockSteady from Ducklings to Year 6, there is a monthly charge for this.

Rehearsal and Practice Spaces:

- We provide designated spaces for rehearsals and individual practice in our music room. Choir practice happens in a classroom as more space is needed.

Partnerships:

- Collaboration with Berkshire Music Trust for ukulele teaching and additional performance opportunities.
- RockSteady provides weekly band sessions with termly concerts.

- Local STEM projects such as Luckley House Choral Day which happen annually for children in Years 5 and 6.

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.

Regular Events:

- **Assemblies:** Weekly singing assemblies for all year groups.
- **School Performances:** Termly concerts showcasing our RockSteady bands. Our annual Spring Term concert showcases our choir and individual children who have been learning to play a musical instrument both inside and outside school.
- **Musical Shows:** Year 6 perform their annual musical in the summer term. Ducklings and Key Stage 1 perform their Christmas play annually.

Trips and External Performances:

- **Live Performances:** Annual trip for Ducklings and Key Stage 1 to see our local pantomime in Camberley.
- **Participation:** Children from Year 4 and above can participate in the Junior Music Festival run by the Berkshire Music Trust. Costs are subsidised with free participation for pupil premium eligible families.

Partnerships:

- Partnership with Berkshire Music Trust for organising the Junior Music Festival.
- Collaboration with RockSteady for in-school workshops and performances.

In the future

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

Planned Improvements:

- Increasing curriculum music time to ensure a full hour of dedicated music education each week.
- Enhancing termly performances with more diverse musical genres and styles.

- Include a visit to a live musical performance.

Focus Areas:

- Expanding partnerships with additional music education organisations.
- Continuing professional development for staff to enhance music teaching skills.
- Further inclusion efforts to ensure all pupils, including those with SEND, have full access to music education.

Further information (optional)

For more details about St Michael's CofE Primary School's music development plan, visit our website or contact our music lead, Mrs Keren Milanovic.