



SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Compassion, Courage & Respect*

# Music Development Plan

## VISION STATEMENT

Our **vision** for Silchester is for **everyone to flourish**.

Our school is a place of love, of belonging and family.

We have a heart for people, inspiring everyone to be the best version of themselves:  
for themselves, for others, for our community and for our world.

With our roots deeply embedded and nourished by our Christian values, we will **thrive together**.

We will reach out to each other, our community and the wider world with *Compassion* in  
our hearts.

We will live bravely, showing *Courage* to keep going when facing challenge.

We will *Respect* ourselves and others, embracing everyone's unique gifts,  
and value the contribution that we can all bring to God's world.

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 – 2025
Date this summary was published	December 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	December 2025
Name of the school music lead	Florence Rolfe
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Rachel Moir
Name of local music hub	Hampshire Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Basingstoke Primary Schools Music

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.

Silchester Church of England Primary School believes in the importance of music education and has seen first-hand the legacy that high quality music teaching can leave.

In the music education we offer, we ensure that there is support for all our children including disabled pupils and those pupils with special educational needs (SEND)

Our school curriculum for music promotes the knowledge and skills required to become a 'Silchester Musician' who will...

- Take part in fun, interactive music lessons, listening, responding and creating a variety of genres of music.
- Use repetition and variation in speed of sound to understand dynamics of music- getting louder and quieter in finer gradations. In this way children will learn: Tempo- getting louder and quieter in finer gradations.
- Respond to, recognise and distinguish between steady beat and rhythm pattern and how they fit together.
- Engage with varying genres, identifying instruments, sound, speed and dimensions of music.
- Perform actions in time to music, experience dimensions of music, feeling the beat and rhythm of music to identify and keep a beat.
- Demonstrate accuracy and control of correct technique on a range of un-tuned percussion instruments.
- Begin to play with musical intent, rehearsing and performing, singing and playing in time and follow a wider range of simple directions and respond to a wide variety of genres, giving their opinions and immersing in how music moves them and makes them feel.

Our progression of skills and knowledge for music is published on our school website:

[musicprogressiondimensionsandskillsoverview24-25\\_20241118100040869.docx](#)

As well as weekly music lessons following the Hampshire Music Schemes, our children have weekly singing practice in our whole school singing worships.

Our children also have the opportunity to join our school choir who regularly perform at events. We also practise and rehearse for performances such as the Harvest Festival, Key Stage 1 Nativities and Key Stage 2 Easter and end of year summer productions.

Built into the curriculum is an organised trip to the theatre so see a performance for all children in EYFS and learning songs for the leavers service at Winchester Cathedral in Year 6.

## **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.

All pupils have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument in small groups or one-to-one with tuition given by Hampshire Music Service and other independent providers.

Currently at Silchester, we have children learning keyboard, clarinet, flute, guitar and drums. Hampshire Music Service provides hiring opportunities for instruments with children receiving Hampshire Music Service peripatetic lessons. When children learn with Hampshire Music Service, they have the opportunity to achieve Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates of Achievements and can also take external ABRSM exams.

We have a whole school choir as we believe that every child should have the opportunity to learn to sing, to sing in parts and harmony and that all children can sing and love singing together. This takes place after school time and is free. Recently, our school choir have performed at the village fete, Christmas fair and carol concert. Children from the choir also join other local schools to take part in the annual BPSM (Basingstoke Primary Schools Music) Concert which is performed at our local theatre The Anvil.

Our children have opportunity to rehearse and practice individually if needed and also in groups. They also have the opportunity to rehearse as a key stage (when EYFS and KS1 perform their nativities and KS2 perform their Easter productions and end of year play. We also offer music concerts in school time where children can sign up to perform.

A highlight of the Silchester PTA calendar is 'Silchester's Got Talent!' Every year, some children chose to perform a musical talent.

We value highly our strong partnerships with Hampshire Music Service and Charlie Webb – independent drum teacher.

## 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.

We believe that cultural capital musical experiences is vital for all our children and hope that the seeds we sow can lead to a lifelong love of music.

We plan musical experiences across the year. This includes:

- Regular singing in worships.
- Whole school harvest festival singing and instrument playing.
- EYFS and Key Stage 1 nativity.
- Year 4 Easter Production
- Year 5 & 6 end of year performance to live audience.
- Annual carol concert
- BPSM Concert at The Anvil
- Silchester's Got Talent
- Children learning a musical instrument perform to a live audience.
- School Choir performing at fetes, PTA events and school concerts.
- An annual theatre group to perform a play, musical or pantomime to the whole school.
- Year 6 leavers service at Winchester Cathedral

Any trips or visits that are charged, may be subsidised by the school or the PTA. Children who are eligible for pupil premium funding will have support with funding.

## In the future

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

Improvements we plan to make for subsequent years in curriculum music, co-curricular music or musical experiences:

- WOW Week to Music – 2025/26
- Develop music technology opportunities 2025-26
- Continuing professional development for all staff (focus on progression of musical skills) 2024- 25
- Explore Philharmonic Orchestra Schools Experience for a Key Stage 2 year group.

## Further information (optional)

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.

Hampshire Music Service is our local music hub and has a local plan for music education. [Home - Hampshire Music Education Hub](#)