

Music development plan summary: Stepgates Community School, Chertsey

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-26
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Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2026
Name of the school music lead	Rachel Bywater
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Tansy White
Name of local music hub	Surrey Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Kapow scheme of learning 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 other musical experiences the children can attain.

Our school music curriculum is informed by the [Model Music Curriculum](#) non-statutory guidance for teaching music from Key Stages 1 to 2, March 2021.

There are many opportunities that our pupils have to learn to sing or play an instrument, gain a greater understanding of musical history and learn about influential composers during lesson time. Our curriculum provides:

- 1 hour a week whole class teaching using our new Kapow Music scheme of work (as from October 2024). Children learn the art of listening and evaluating music, singing and playing musical instruments, performing and composing their own songs and instrumental music.
- singing and listening to a variety of musical genres to aid learning in all curriculum areas throughout the school, from Nursery to Year 6.
- teaching of our influential 'Composer of the Month' across a variety of genres throughout history

Details of our music curriculum for each year group can be found on our website <https://www.stepgatesschool.co.uk>

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.

In addition to teaching music within the curriculum, our school also provides the opportunity for children to learn a musical instrument (keyboard, bass guitar, lead guitar, keyboard or drums) or sing vocals through our partnership with Rocksteady. Children have one 30-minute lesson each week, learning new songs and rehearsing with their rock band. Rocksteady provide the instruments for the children to use during their lessons and they perform to the rest of the school in a special concert at the end of each term. Payments are made directly through Rocksteady. For further information, please visit <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>

Children in KS2 also have the opportunity to join a free after school singing club where they sing some of their favourite songs for pure enjoyment as well as in school and public performances.

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.

- All children from Reception to Year 6 are involved in regular whole school singing assemblies to promote the love of music.
- All children from nursery to Year 6 partake in a Harvest Festival service at a local church, where they are all given the opportunity to perform harvest songs for a large audience of parents and members of the local community.
- All children from Reception to Year 2 perform a free Christmas musical production every year in school for parents and members of the local community.
- All children from Reception to Year 6 partake in a traditional carol service at a local church
- All children in Year 6 are involved in performing in the leavers musical production. This is a free production for parents and all other children within the school, with matinee and evening performances.

In the future

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

Our school is looking to widen the opportunities for children to partake in more music making outside curriculum time. We are currently looking into providing the following future opportunities:

- Provision of both KS1 and KS2 music clubs after school, building on the aiming to provide a deeper understanding of instrument techniques and musicality (e.g. ukelele club). There will a small fee.
- Individual or small group piano lessons in partnership with Piano Fun Club. There will be a charge for lesson and the opportunity to hire instruments. (For more information see <https://www.pianofunclub.co.uk/>)
- Further paid instrumental and singing lessons with visiting music teachers.
- Participation in Young Voices at the O2 Arena.

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.

Surrey Music Hub also provides many musical opportunities for children in the local area. For more information contact <https://www.surreymusicclub.com/>