



# Music Development Plan Summary: Squirrel Hayes First School

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	September 2024
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs Erica Pickford
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Entrust Music Service Staffordshire
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	The Music Partnership

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 Squirrel Hayes First School we teach music in every year group from Nursery to Year 4. Our Music curriculum is informed by the 'Model Music Curriculum' and we use the 'Charanga Model Music Curriculum Scheme' to support our planning and delivery of its teaching and learning. For further details, please visit our Music Curriculum Page:

<https://www.squirrelhayes.staffs.sch.uk/page/?title=Music&pid=87>

We have adopted a 'spiralled' approach to the teaching and learning of knowledge and skills within music. This enables our learners to revisit prior learning, embed and rehearse their musical skills in a variety of different contexts.

Weekly Music lessons for learners in Year 1-4 last for a minimum of 45 minutes however, musical learning is further supplemented each week through explicit Music focussed assemblies, Singing (20 mins) and Listening and Responding (20 minutes).

Learners in years 1- 4 learn as instrument as a whole-class ensemble, this is taught by a staff member in Year 1 and a Music Specialist from Entrust Music Service for Years 2 – 4. (Year 1 Glockenspiel, Year 2 & 3 Recorders, Year 3 & 4 Ukulele) Whole class ensemble learning culminates in a concert/performance where the learners perform songs and played pieces together as a group and alongside other learners from schools across the county.

As a school we work in partnership with The Music Partnership and participate in local and larger venue concerts. The Local Music service also visits school annually to inspire our learners through a live music performance.

## **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 Squirrel Hayes First School we currently offer music focused extra-curricular activities through lunchtime clubs and after-school learning provision.

Learners within Key Stage 1 and Key Stage Two are given the opportunity to attend a lunchtime Recorder Club where they practice and further develop their musical skills and work towards the performance of different musical pieces as a collective group. Performances take place during assemblies and special events organised by the school.

We are currently building upon previous 'Choir Performances' as part of the 'Young Voices' with the development of our own school choir. Children across Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 have the opportunity to attend our Choir sessions as part of an extra-curricular after school club. There is no cost to the attendance of this club and 'Pupil Premium' funding has been used to purchase 'Sing Up' subscription to support a progressive planning approach and interactive resources and support materials.

Information about local musical groups and music tuition is available through school newsletters and our school website. Learners can access expert tuition and support at the Local Music Centre in Stoke-on-Trent. The music centre runs on weekdays Monday to Thursday from 5:45pm – 7:15pm and learners of all ages are welcome.

## 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.

Learners at Squirrel Hayes First School will have the opportunity to perform or experience high quality music this academic year through the following Activities/events:

- All learners singing and performing in the Christmas Celebration at St Lawrence's Church
- Learners in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 performing and singing in the Christmas Performance in school.
- Choir performing at local venues at Christmas.
- Choir and ensembles from Year 1 to Year 4 performing in our Annual Musical Showcase.
- Learners in Year 4 singing and performing in the Leavers Assembly.
- All learners singing as part of a variety of celebration assemblies held over the year.
- Learners from Year 2 to Year 4 performing in the WCET Concert at the 'Symphony Hall' Birmingham. Transport to this event will be paid for using Pupil Premium Funding.
- Learners of all ages will experience a live music performance from Entrust Music Service. Held in school.
- Recorder Club and Choir performing during planned events across the annual school calendar.

## In the future

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

In future years, our Music Development Plan aims to achieve the following:

- Work in partnership with local schools and the Music Service to promote access to individual and group lessons/tuition, subsidised by grants.
- Explore a new Music scheme with a more 'joined up' approach to music provision within the curriculum and extra-curricular opportunities.
- Further develop performance opportunities for our young musicians throughout the school year.
- Explore further whole-class ensemble projects and event participate across the County.

