

Music development plan summary: Sticklands Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2023-2024
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Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2025
Name of the school music lead	Caroline Hart
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Dorset Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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

Music at Stickland's is taught across the school using "Sing Up", a music education organisation in England that provides schools and teachers with online resources for singing and music-making activities. This meets the requirements the statutory requirements for Early Years Foundation stage and the National Curriculum for Music. We cover a wide range repertoire, approaches and musical traditions. We support a fully integrated approach to musical development including the integral strands of singing, playing, improvising, composing, listening and appraising music. Music is not only taught as a separate lesson but is used in many other areas across the curriculum to support learning.

We have been fortunate to be able to offer a 10-week musicianship course for year 3 and year 4 children. An instrument is chosen to be taught by visiting music teachers for a term and ends with a fantastic performance for both parents and whole school.

Part B: Co-curricular music

Sticklands School offers Violin lessons from Year 2 up delivered by a peripatetic teacher. This allows children to develop an interest in a string instrument and build confidence to play in front of an audience. It also teaches the discipline of looking after, practicing and learning an instrument.

We also have a Performing Arts Club that runs after school 3.15pm -4.15pm in our school hall. This combines music with drama and movement. A school choir has been offered to children in Year 2 upwards. These are available to book through Arbor at no cost.

Part C: Musical experiences

Regular performances with our showing assemblies, which reflects our topics taught each term, in front of both the whole school, or parents helps to build confidence and develop further musicality.

As part of the music curriculum Year 5 and Year 6 children take part in collaborative singing with Dorset Music Services, which encourages links with other schools.

In the future

It is Sticklands School 150 year celebration this September and will be an opportunity to perform songs, sketches and dance as we look back at Victorian schooling and celebrate with a special tea party.

In 2024-2025 academic year we will see the children in KS2 singing at the bi-annual carol concert at Melbury House in front of packed parental audiences. Hopefully this will be followed by a village Christmas concert for the general public

Further information

For other opportunities to get children involved with music try:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/dorset-music-service/playing-opportunities/playing-opportunities>

Dorchester Area Schools Partnership (DASP) Music Ensembles

Do you play an instrument or sing? Do you love performing? Do you want to make new friends? Then join DASP for weekly music ensembles and tuition in Dorchester. Open to all young people in the local area with no audition. From £25 per term. Groups offered include:

- Training String Orchestra (grade 0 to 2)
- Training Windband (Grade 0 to 2)
- Orchestra (Grade 2/3+)
- Jazz Band (Grade 2+)
- Skylarks Choir (Year 3-6)
- Treblemakers Boys Choir
- Ukulele Group (Beginner & Intermediate)
- and much more!

Pop Club

Each week Pop Club members in Dorchester get the chance to take part in a wide variety of musical workshops and perform using a professional sound system under the guidance of music producer Mickey Wills. A fantastic opportunity for young people to discover and experience live music performance. Pop Club also plays live at gigs and festivals throughout the year.

Come along to Dorset Arts Centre in Dorchester on Saturdays: phone 01305 266926 to book and for details or email: enquiries@dorchesterarts.org.uk.

