

At Allanson Street, we belong, believe, aspire and achieve

Mission Statement

At Allanson Street Primary School, we give every child the life chances they deserve regardless of their starting point or the obstacles they may encounter.

Children leave us well equipped with the knowledge, skills and values needed to become happy, confident, productive citizens ready and willing to make a positive contribution to the world.

Respect

Kindness

Resilience

Aspiration

Integrity

Pride

Courage

Independence



Music Development Plan

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Allanson Street Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 - 26
Date this summary was published	July 25
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 26
Name of the school music lead	Julie Matthews
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	St.Helens Music Service
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

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.

The different aspects of the arts (which includes music) are encompassed within Expressive Arts and Design in the Foundation Stage Curriculum. However, elements can also be found in other areas of learning (Physical Development, Literacy and Mathematics). This curriculum lends itself to an integrated approach to learning. Nursery and Reception teachers plan quality learning opportunities for music using the Early Years Curriculum. There is an emphasis on independence and self-initiated learning, which enables foundation stage children to freely explore musical instruments and pursue their own creative interests and talents in addition to the planned learning experiences.

In Key Stages 1 and 2, children have 1 hour of music every week. Music is taught in class and is informed by the model music curriculum. Years 1 – 6 music is taught following the Charanga scheme of work, informed by the Model Music Curriculum.

Lessons include listening and appraising, singing, playing instruments (tuned and untuned), improvisation, composition and performing.

Throughout the year, Year 4 learn an instrument (flute) as a whole class ensemble, taught by a music specialist from the St.Helens Music Service, as part of the Wider Opportunities programme.

This musical learning is further supplemented by weekly, half hour singing sessions, led by a specialist music teacher, during which a range of songs from different genres and styles is learnt, rehearsed and performed. This is another valuable learning opportunity to reinforce and further embed musical vocabulary, skills, knowledge and understanding.

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.

The curriculum is also supported by other enhancements. There are opportunities for children to listen to music from a range of historical periods, styles, traditions, and musical genres. There are multiple performance opportunities, for all children, from nursery to Year 6, throughout the year, including Christmas productions, assemblies and end of year performances.

We have a school choir, which is accessible to all KS2 children, who participate in large-scale events when opportunities arise, such as Young Voices, as well as smaller events - both in and out of school. They value the opportunity to perform in our local community such as at local care homes. whilst also gaining credits towards our Steps to Success Programme.

We have a range of music tuition offered to our KS2 children. Small group tuition is provided for pupils to learn keyboard, guitar, violin, brass instruments and flute. There is no cost to our families for this tuition and instruments are loaned by the St.Helens Music Service.

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 sing in twice weekly collective worship assemblies, during which, a range of hymns and modern songs are sung.
- Each year, our Year 6 children visit the theatre to see a musical theatre production.
- Year 1 attend 'Songfest'
- The school choir performs at events in the community such as Willowbrook Hospice Christmas Fayre, singing carols at the local care home,
- The school choir performs at our Steps to Success graduation ceremony
- The school choir takes part in the Young Voices concert in Manchester.
- Year 6 perform a 'Night at the Musicals' event at the end of the school year.
- KS1 children perform at Mother's Day and Father's Day events as well as a Nativity play.
- KS2 children perform a Christmas show.
- EYFS children perform Christmas shows for their parents / carers.

Parental attendance is high at our school events, which are free to attend. There is no cost for the musical theatre trip or the Songfest visit; these costs are paid for by school and from Pupil Premium funding.

In the future

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

We plan to use this academic year 2025-2026 to make some strong links with other music venues to enable our pupils to have a widened experience of live music in a range of contexts.

We endeavour to make links with the local secondary school whereby secondary pupils can perform to our pupils and both schools can work collaboratively.

The subject lead teacher is currently researching new schemes of work on offer to support staff in delivering the best possible music education to our pupils.