



# Music development plan summary: St Mark's

## Overview

| Detail   | Information         |
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| Academic year that this summary covers   | 2024-2025           |
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| Name of the school music lead  | Mrs Bishop          |
| Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different) | NA                  |
| Name of local music hub  | Hampshire Music Hub |
| Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)            | NA                  |

## 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 music curriculum at St Mark's ensures children take part in a range of musical activities, including singing, playing instruments and listening to and appraising a variety of music from all around the world and from different time periods.

Music lessons are planned following the Charanga scheme, this scheme is informed by the governments model music curriculum, this ensures there is a clear sequence of learning and curriculum coverage.

Music lessons are taught weekly by class teachers.

Lesson are the following length:

Key stage 2 from 45minutes to 1 hour

Years 1 and 2- 45 minutes long

Reception- lessons are 30 minutes long

In these lessons pupils are given opportunities to explore skills and knowledge of rhythm, pitch, tempo, composition and improvisation through practical experiences of singing and playing. Teachers utilise resources for pupils with SEND through the scheme to support pupils with additional educational needs.

## Part B: Co-curricular music

St Mark's offers weekly small-group tuition sessions in Guitar. These sessions are available to all Key Stage Two pupils. Sessions cost £10 per lesson, lessons are 30 minutes in duration. Sessions are held in a small room in school so that pupils can receive specialised advice and feedback in a smaller setting. As well as pupils receiving feedback weekly in their sessions, the tutor also provides feedback to parents directly and provides online practice sessions outside of school available to these pupils.

Pupils can join the school choir which runs weekly in school. The school choir is free to all pupils from Year 2 through to Year 6. This is a singing ensemble which comprises of around 20 singers. As well as singing as a group, pupils have opportunities to practice and perform solos or duets. The choir perform at whole-school events at St Mark's Church, like Harvest Festival, as well as events held in the wider community, like 'One Day at Christmas'. This is held at the Farnborough International Exhibition and Conference Centre each year. At this event the choir sing Christmas songs for vulnerable members of the community.

A Hand Bells club is run in school where pupils learn the skill of bell ringing. Pupils practice ensemble pieces within a small group. The club is available to pupils from Year 1 to Year 4 and is free for pupils to attend.

## Part C: Musical experiences

Pupils at St Mark's sing in weekly whole-school worship, learning and practising songs which are then performed at wider whole-school performances at St Mark's Church. Pupils perform at four main events throughout the academic year: the Harvest, Christmas and Easter services, as well as a special Year 6 Leavers Assembly at the end of the year, also held in the church. Additionally to this, there is a school carol service ('Carols Around the Campfire') which is held on the school grounds. At this event, pupils lead carol singing around a campfire. Parents, carers and members of the wider school community are encouraged to also take part in the communal singing.

Pupils from Key Stage Two will attend the Southern Pro Musica Children's Concert at the G Live Theatre in Guildford in 2025. Pupils listen to and watch a full professional orchestra perform an hour long set of musical classics. Pupils also take part in audience participation, interacting with the musicians on stage, the instruments and the conductor to better understand each musician's role within an orchestra. Every year, we aim for all children at St Mark's school to experience a range of musical genres and influences.

## In the future

Pupils across St Mark's will be exposed to playing a wider variety of instruments in Music lessons. Recorders will be added to the instruments that are taught in lessons, with staff CPD being provided to support the teaching of this.

Pupils will attend a music workshop run by Hampshire Music Services at The Wavell School, a lead school for music for Hampshire. The workshop will allow pupils to experience ensemble playing and singing taught by a music specialist as well as opportunities to play a variety of instruments as part of a World Music workshop.

KS1 and EYFS pupils will take part in sessions with visiting professional musicians who will perform for the pupils and take part in a Q&A.

Pupils who play an instrument will be invited to perform pieces of music they have been learning to the whole school as part of weekly worship.