

Music Development Plan Summary: St Keverne 2025-2026



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 - 2026
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Name of the school music lead	Danielle Pearce
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Beth Hancock
Name of local music hub	AsOne
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Cornwall Music Service Trust

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 events – 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 St Keverne all children have the right to access, enjoy, be inspired by and create music.

All children from year 1 to year 6 have discrete music lessons which reflects our commitment to a broad curriculum where all children can flourish. We recognise the link between music and academic achievement, life opportunities and social cohesion and as such are committed to high quality music education.

St Keverne's music education is informed by the national curriculum and delivered mostly through Charanga. Charanga follows a spiral approach to musical learning, with children revisiting, building and extending their knowledge and skills incrementally. In this manner, their learning is consolidated and augmented, increasing musical confidence

and enabling them to go further. We have adapted Charanga's units of learning to align with our mixed-age rolling curriculum.

We also offer 'First Access' musical instrument teaching. This involves external music teachers coming in to teach an instrument to the whole class for a 10 week block. Children have a chance to perform what they've learnt to the rest of the school at the end of the block.

SEND

Music plays a key role in supporting SEND children across the school.

In addition, music learning is supported by technology and Charanga. We have the use of technology across the school with access to based music exploration.

Charanga also has a range of SEND resources and apps including their units 'Anyone Can Play' and a number of signed songs. These are available for any children where it helps them to access the music curriculum.

Other provisions are made for SEND children to ensure an inclusive curriculum.

Reception

In Reception, music is woven into continuous provision with opportunities to explore and perform. There is a focus on music to support *Communication and Language; Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Expressive Arts*. This is also supported through Charanga using the Original Scheme units for Reception.

Singing and movement take place daily in a fun and interactive way to build community cohesion and a sense of belonging.

Each unit involves a variety of musical activities, centred around given songs:

- Understanding Music
- Listen and Respond
- Learn to Sing the Song
- Play Your Instruments with the Song
- Improvise with the Song
- Composition - Compose with the Song, Create a Graphic Score (KS1) Compose with a Theme, Music Notepad, Quickbeats (KS2 only)
- Perform the Song

All children from Year 1 – Year 6 have access to 1 hour of music learning every week which may include singing assembly. This time may be broken up for younger year groups and SEND children.

Every music lesson at St Keverne should include:

- Understanding Music
- Listen and Respond
- Learn to Sing the Song

And at least one of the other key areas:

- Play Your Instruments with the Song
- Improvise with the Song
- Composition - Compose with the Song, Create a Graphic Score (KS1) Compose with a Theme, Music Notepad, Quickbeats (KS2 only)
- Perform the Song

In addition to working with the local music HUB to provide whole class instrument lessons, we also work closely with them to continue our CPD and provide wider musical opportunities in St Keverne as set out in Part B.

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 St Keverne we work closely with the local Hub – As One – and Cornwall Music Service Trust to provide opportunities for music learning outside of lessons.

Peripatetic Music Tuition

We currently provide opportunity for individual and group music tuition on the drums. These lessons are booked through the Cornwall Music Service Trust (CMST) and teachers and pupils are provided a quiet and safe space for dedicated tuition time.

Significant subsidies are available through CMST for Pupil Premium children as well as a number of other categories and these are well advertised to families and our Pupil Premium uptake of lessons is very high.

School Choir

We have a free choir which practises in school, at intervals across the year, this is open to all pupils and they take part in performance opportunities both in school and outside such as Carol Singing and at events linked to the school calendar.

Part C: Musical Events

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.

Assemblies and Performances

There are regular opportunities for children to sing, play and perform throughout the year in school. These include but are not limited to:

- Singing Assemblies
- Class Assemblies
- Harvest Celebration
- Christmas Assemblies in KS1 and EYFS
- Community Carol Singing in KS2
- St Piran's Day
- Songfest
- Summer shows in Key Stage 2
- Topic learning and music

Through the Hub, we gain access to opportunities to hear professional musicians in school and on trips, including through Song Fest.

We also aim to have close links with a local community to increase the opportunity of visiting musicians.

In the Future

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

Over subsequent years we will be working on these three areas:

- a) Confident and skilled music lessons taking place throughout the school.

This will be achieved through staff CPD and a visible lead who is available to ask for support and also to maintain high expectations. Pupil conferencing will be used to ensure all elements of the music lesson are being taught regularly and to assess pupils enjoyment and engagement.

We will also ensure that new staff are given a thorough induction into Charanga and the St Keverne' expectations, with an up to date Crib Sheet that can be used as a prompt for any staff.

b) School performances of a high quality with pride in singing and performing

This will be achieved firstly through regular, high quality singing assemblies which are supported by a team of staff; Increased confidence in staff in using music in their topic learning; signposting to resources which can be used for music opportunities such as 'Sing Up' as well as Charanga.

Regular performances will take place through class assemblies as well as seasonal opportunities.

- Individual music lessons growing in the school with small ensemble work.

We would like to have a wider range of instruments taught to pupils by the CMST and their peripatetic teachers.

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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.

Information on how you can sign up for individual music lessons at St Keverne can be found here: [Cornwall Music Service Trust \(cmst.co.uk\)](http://cmst.co.uk)

Please select New Student Sign up and then select St Keverne Academy from the drop down menu to see music lessons available in our school.

Opportunities and work provided through the Cornwall Music Hub – As One – can be found here: [COMMUNITY FEED | ASONE Hub \(asoneperform.com\)](http://asoneperform.com)

For more opportunities to explore music outside of school, we recommend the Chrome Music Lab: [Chrome Music Lab \(chromeexperiments.com\)](http://chromeexperiments.com)