# Music development plan summary: Holy Trinity CE (A) Primary School

## Overview

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| Detail | Information |
| Academic year that this summary covers | 2025-26 |
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| Name of the school music lead | Jess Atkins |
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| Name of local music hub  | Sussex Music Hub |
| Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)  | West Sussex Music |

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.

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| To read more about the provision of music at Holy Trinity Primary School, please visit our music curriculum page on our website: <https://www.holytrinity-cuckfield.w-sussex.sch.uk/web/music/624476> Music at Holy Trinity Primary School is taught in all classes from EYFS to Year 6. The children have a half hour music lesson each week as well as a half hour hymn practise assembly to make up the total of one hour timetabled curriculum music, although some classes do an hour long music lesson fortnightly instead or block this subject in different terms. At Holy Trinity, all children sing each day during whole school worship and take part in regular whole class music lessons where they are able to develop their singing and performance skills and learn about pitch, tone and melody. Staff work together to ensure music progression is evident throughout the school and pupils build on what they have been taught in previous years.This academic year we are moving over to the GetSet4Music teaching scheme which we believe will further improve music teaching at Holy Trinity. The scheme is written by qualified music teachers and has full EYFS Statutory Framework and National Curriculum coverage. There is a clear progression of skills and knowledge across lessons and over the year groups and each lesson has a supporting presentation and listening extracts.The interrelated dimensions of music weave through the units to encourage the development of musical skills as the learning progresses through listening and appraising and differing musical activities including creating, exploring and performing. Children with SEND are supported to access the music curriculum across the school as inclusion is particularly important to us and we want all children to have the same opportunities. Lessons can be adapted if needed and children are always able to access ear defenders if required. GetSet4Music will also be used to teach children songs related to other areas of their learning for example Year 6 have a unit on WW2 to link to their history topic and Year 1 have a unit on Superheroes to link to their Power of Reading book “Traction Man is Here”.Following a successful introduction last year, children in Year 3 will again have the opportunity to learn the recorder for a term this year. Year 3 teachers purchased a class set of recorders using money from the PTA and teach the instrument to the children for a whole term. This is in line with the DfE’s Model Music Curriculum which states: *In Years 3 or 4, it is recommended that each class should start a whole-class instrumental programme lasting a minimum of one term. It will enrich your school’s curriculum and upskill class teachers whilst providing your pupils with an inspiring and life-changing opportunity.* We will look ahead to formalising this with the help of West Sussex Music in the years ahead. |

## Part B: Extra-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.

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| At Holy Trinity, West Sussex Music Services and other external providers offer the following music tuition, either 1-1 or in small groups. Music teachers come to the school to provide these lessons in our dedicated music room. The instruments we currently offer are:* Piano
* Flute
* Recorder
* Keyboard
* Singing
* Drums
* Guitar

External music provision is also provided by Rock Steady, where children learn a range of instruments and perform in an ensemble during weekly lessons and termly performances to parents.We also run two after school singing clubs that are open to all children from Year 1 - Year 6. These children perform at a variety of school and local events throughout the year. All the above are paid for privately by parents but Pupil Premium children are entitled to one free club or music lesson of their choosing each term. |

## 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.

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| At Holy Trinity, children are given a range of opportunities to both watch and participate in musical performances throughout the year. We have collective hymn practice once a week for half an hour where the whole school learn and practice a range of modern songs and traditional hymns. These are often performed at our church services including the KS1 and KS2 Harvest Services and Christingle Services in the Autumn term, the KS1 and KS2 Easter Services in the Spring term and the termly KS2 Eucharist Services.Children in EYFS rehearse and perform a Nativity to the rest of the school and their parents/carers each November/December.Children in Year 1 and Year 2 rehearse and perform a Nativity to the rest of the school and their parents/carers each November/December. Children in Year 4 rehearse and perform a play to the rest of the school and their parents/carers each Spring.Children in Year 5 have the opportunity to rehearse and perform an opera with the external providers Opera Brava. This includes expert singing tuition by professional opera singers. The opera is performed to the rest of the school and their parents/carers each Spring.Children in Year 6 rehearse and perform a play to the rest of the school and their parents/carers each Summer. Year 6 have also acted as a choir lead for the CofE church schools service at Christs Hospital.All children also have regular opportunities to perform in class during their music lessons and at the end of the units. This is usually singing but can also be instrumental performances.The school’s singing clubs also have regular opportunities to perform at the school’s Christmas fair, the school’s Summer fair, the local church’s Remembrance service and Christmas tree festival and also visit older people’s homes around Christmas to perform. |

## In the future

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

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| We plan to use this academic year to formalise an agreement with West Sussex Music to enable them to visit and deliver a term of whole class instrumental lessons - including instrument loan for the duration of the term. We believe this is such a valuable opportunity and will help ignite a love of music in our children right at the start of KS2. We also hope to strengthen our links with West Sussex Music by making the most of the training and CPD they have on offer as well as attending some of their events that bring local schools together. Finally, we are looking into more opportunities for our children to experience live music in school and a range of other contexts. |