

Mexborough St John the Baptist C of E Primary School

Music Development Plan



'Together we believe, together we succeed'



Music at MSJ



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2022-23 and 2023-24
Date this summary was published	July 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2025
Name of the school music lead	Rachel Luty
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	N/A
Name of local music hub	Doncaster Music Hub https://doncastermusichub.org
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

Summary

This is a summary of how Mexborough St John the Baptist C of E Primary School delivers music education to all our children across three areas:

- ♪ Part A Curriculum music
- ♪ Part B Extra-Curricular Music
- ♪ Part C Musical Experiences

We also outline within this plan, our future considerations around the music provision at school.

This information is to help children and parents or carers understand what our school offers and who we work with to support our children's 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 children can achieve.

At Mexborough St John the Baptist Primary School, music is taught following the Charanga music programme where children will develop their understanding, make musical judgements, apply their new learning, develop their aural memory, express themselves physically emotionally and through discussion and create their own musical ideas. Children will not only learn about music but become musicians who are able to share and perform using their new skills.

Each Unit of Work comprises the of strands of musical learning which correspond with the national curriculum for music:

1. Listening and Appraising
2. Musical Activities:
 1. Warm-up Games

2. Optional Flexible Games
3. Singing
4. Playing instruments
5. Improvisation
6. Composition

3. Performing

Charanga Musical School Units of Work enable children to understand musical concepts through a repetition-based approach to learning. Learning about the same musical concept through different musical activities enables a more secure, deeper learning and mastery of musical skills.

Our website outlines the long term and medium-term planning for Music and can be found here [Music | Mexborough St John](#)

Music is taught to each class for the equivalent of one hour per week.

Children access additional singing through assemblies and extra-curricular choir.

The Model Music Curriculum, along with the National Curriculum underpins our ethos and methodology in approach to teaching Music across school.

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.

As stated within Part A, Mexborough St John the Baptist Primary School works in collaboration with the Doncaster Music Hub to enable and support additional music tuition for groups of children. In addition, we offer a recorder club for our KS1 children allowing them to learn different notations and how many beats they are worth.

The table below outlines the uptake of additional music tuition across our school during 2023-24

Number of Children	Instrument	Individual or group tuition
31	Guitar	Group
10	Recorder	Group

We host an extra-curricular choir group – this is open to all children in school. Performances from the choir happen throughout the year including at special events and celebrations.

School has taken part in a wider National Initiative called Young Voices, where children sang at The Utilita Arena in Sheffield as part of a wider National project. Our choir was also part of the local community Christmas light switch on and performed at the local care home.

Our local Music Hub in Doncaster hosts holiday and weekend music groups, these are open to children in KS2.

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.

As briefly mentioned in Section B, our choir regularly sing at celebration events.

All of our children are active singers during Christmas performances, which are performed for our families as well as at other times in the year. School does not charge for any performances.

As a school, we work with the local community. Therefore, we are regularly part of the Mexborough Christmas light switch on where we join other schools to perform and sing Christmas Carols. We also attend the local care home to continue to provide for the local community.

Our Young Voices group consisted of 24 children from across KS2, they attended and performed at the Utilita Sheffield Arena as part of 'The World's Largest Choir'. They were both part of the huge choir, but also had the opportunity to listen to professional and other performers too. Weekly after school and lunchtime clubs were held in preparation for this performance, which was also attended by families.

In Year 4, children have the opportunity to learn how to play the guitar. We work with Doncaster music school who provide quality first teaching to our pupils. Within this, children are able to demonstrate how to use the instrument safely and understand the importance of good posture when playing an instrument. Children are able to perform simple rhythmic and melodic patterns on their instrument and understand tempo and pulse allowing them to maintain a rhythmic pattern in ensemble. They are able to recognise and play pieces with 5 notes in and develop a resilient attitude to learning. At the end of the year, they perform and demonstrate their skills and achievements to the whole school. The school pays for the Doncaster music service.

In the future

This is about what Mexborough St John the Baptist Primary School is planning for subsequent years.

- ♪ Evaluate and enhance our curriculum offer and the use of Dimensions.
- ♪ Our Young Voices will continue for children in Y3, 4,5 and 6.
- ♪ We will seek additional community / wider music links to support children's wider participation in music, this will also effectively support our careers work and our value of aspiration.
- ♪ Signposting on a more regular basis to music opportunities within the local community and beyond.

- ♪ Consider more regular musical performances for families and local community groups both as participants and observers.
- ♪ Work with our local feeder secondary school to explore possible music focused transition.
- ♪ Consideration of a 'Little Voices' singing after school / lunchtime opportunity for our KS1 children.
- ♪ Work in closer partnership with ROSIS and Doncaster music hub to broaden musical experiences for our children and families.

What our children say about music in school.

- ♪ 'I enjoy music because I can imagine the instruments that are being played'
- ♪ 'My favourite part about music is getting to play lots of different instruments'
- ♪ 'I love singing different songs in music'
- ♪ 'I like to close my eyes and use my imagination when I listen to a song'
- ♪ 'I enjoy learning how to play the guitar and different song.'
- ♪ 'Finding the beat is my favourite part of my lesson.'
- ♪ 'I look forward to learning new songs in our music lessons.'
- ♪ 'When I first started to play the guitar, I knew nothing about the different strings and songs but now I know lots.'