



Music Development Plan 26-27

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026/2027
Date this summary was published	(revised)
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2027
Name of the school music lead	L Stanley
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Oldham Music Centre
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Sparkyard Rock Steady Front Row Music

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, extra-curricular music 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

St. Anne's is a musical school, with Music playing an important role in school life and being woven into different aspects of our curriculum and wider school experiences. Music is taught for one hour each week using Sparkyard. As a school, we have carefully planned and prioritised key areas of musical learning to ensure that every year group develops a broad range of musical knowledge and skills across the year. This ensures that pupils experience a variety of musical activities and develop their skills progressively as they move through the school.

Across their weekly Music lessons, pupils have opportunities to develop a range of musical skills, including singing, listening, composing, performing and playing instruments. A range of percussion instruments and glockenspiels are predominantly used, with pupils in all year groups having opportunities to play and develop their instrumental skills.

For one half term of the year, each year group will complete a Creative Music Project. These projects have been developed with support from the Oldham Music Service and provide pupils with the opportunity to practise, apply and showcase the musical skills

they have developed throughout the year. The projects also provide opportunities for cross-curricular links, allowing pupils to connect their musical learning with other areas of the curriculum and demonstrate their creativity and musical understanding.

St Anne's works with Oldham Music Hub to support our staff CPD and curriculum offer.

Here is a link to our Music Impact Statement:

<https://www.stannescelydgate.oldham.sch.uk/information/statutory-information/curriculum>

Pupils enjoy half an hour whole-school singing practise per week. Pupil voice has shown pupils' thorough enjoyment of this part of their week. A diverse range of song types, artists and genres are celebrated in these singing sessions. Pupils use these sessions to practise songs for upcoming events such as school festivals at Church as well as singing purely for enjoyment.

During a child's Reception year at St Anne's, we begin to lay down the foundations for music in KS1 and KS2. We do this by encouraging a love for music and singing.

The children are given access to musical instruments both inside and outside the classroom and, during continuous provision time, are encouraged to explore and experiment with them to create different sounds. Our outside space also includes a 'stage' with props and microphones which the children thoroughly enjoy.

In Reception, we sing every day. This helps children to develop a good sense of rhythm and pitch and are important for language development and helps children to learn new words and to remember information.

Part B: Extra-curricular music

This year, pupils at St. Anne's will have the opportunity to take part in Rocksteady Music in-school rock and pop band lessons. The sessions are delivered during the school day and provide pupils with the opportunity to learn and perform as part of a band. Pupils can develop their skills through playing vocals, keyboard, drums, guitar and bass, allowing them to experience a range of different instruments and musical roles. The band-based approach encourages pupils to develop their musical skills, confidence, teamwork and performance skills in an enjoyable and supportive environment.

The children also can access small-group instrumental tuition in guitar, keyboard and ukulele through Front Row Music. Lessons take place in small groups, allowing pupils to learn alongside their friends in a supportive and enjoyable environment. Their provision focuses on developing pupils' practical musical skills through popular and well-known songs, while building confidence, encouraging performance and fostering a genuine enjoyment of music.

Parents and carers in year groups Rec-Y6 are given the opportunity to sign up children for lessons for a fee.

Pupils in receipt of PPG are invited to learn an instrument as part of their entitlement and to ensure inclusivity.

Children can perform for their peers across the year, to celebrate their instrument tuition progress.

Teaching staff create and lead singing ensembles for special local events such as the village Christmas lights switch on. These small choir groups are available for pupils in Year 3 - Year 6 and free of charge.

Part C: Musical experiences

Daily Collective Worship provides pupils with whole-school singing practise alongside weekly whole-school singing assemblies. A wide range of songs are celebrated and sung, including hymns and seasonal songs.

St Anne's will enjoy a day of African drumming lessons and experiences for each year group from Reception - Year 6. This special whole-day event is paid for by our PTA fundraising.

Each year, St Anne's enjoys a travelling pantomime show in the school hall, where pupils experience being part of an interactive audience.

Pupils in KS1 and Year 6 attend concerts at The Bridgewater Hall where Halle for Youth Concerts are enjoyed.

Pupils have opportunities across the year to present learning to their peers in Collective Worship time, for example, Black History Month, where each class presents learning on a person of significance. Pupils enjoy learning and performing songs to share as part of their presentations.

This academic year will also host a live performance, playing popular songs to the whole school. This will enable all pupils to experience and participate in a live 'gig'!

In the future

- School performances to showcase learning across the curriculum is something that we are working towards.
- In-keeping with the locality and local history we also need to re-source the tuition of brass instruments.

- Music production using digital resources (Garageband) is something that we would like to do, to widen our music experiences.

Further information

Here are some useful links:

<https://oldhammusicservice.co.uk/>

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/contact/>

<https://frontrow-music.com>

<https://app.sparkyard.com>

<https://www.singup.org/>