Music development plan summary: St Keyna Primary School

At St Keyna Primary School, all children have access to a creative and ambitious music curriculum, rich in opportunities for skills development and knowledge acquisition, which fires their passion for music and prepares them to become lifelong lovers of the subject.

Music teaching involves constant revisiting of skills and knowledge. St Keyna's music curriculum details how skills are acquired and embedded throughout the school. To aid teacher assessment and support learning, each term's topic is accompanied by a learning organiser that clearly sets out the key areas of learning in each strand of musical development – improvising and composing, singing and playing and listening and appraising. There are different elements contributing to our school's musical offer: class lessons; whole school singing; seasonal celebrations; class assemblies; special activities (e.g. Voices for Life), school choir; iRock bands; instrumental lessons through first access and opportunities to experience live music through visits to local secondary schools and visiting professionals. We give children the opportunity to perform to their peers as well as to the whole school community where possible.

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-2027
Date this summary was published	October 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	October 2027
Name of the school music lead	Victoria Norman, ALCM
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	WEMA – West of England Music alliance
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Voices for Life

Part A: Curriculum music

Each child should receive at least 1 hour of music teaching each week. This is comprised of a 45-minute music lesson in class and a 20-minute singing assembly every Thursday afternoon.

At St Keyna, we deliver a well-structured and inspiring music curriculum which is inclusive and accessible for all. It incorporates a wide range of musical genres, styles and traditions, including Western and non-Western music. The curriculum builds on and extends the students' prior learning and experience as they move through the school. There are opportunities for composing, performing, appraising and improvising music, ensuring a holistic approach to this wonderful subject. Our curriculum adheres to the National Curriculum 2014 and incorporates some elements of the Model Music Curriculum.

At St Keyna, we use Sing Up to support our classroom music teaching. This is an online scheme incorporating videos and interactive resources, ensuring the delivery of high-quality music education. Children in St Keyna use glockenspiels and untuned percussion to engage with music practically in the classroom setting.

Music at St Keyna is monitored in the following ways:

- Learning walks and observations
- Curriculum and action plan reviews
- Pupil voice
- Professional discussion

SEND provision:

At St Keyna, we are very mindful that our music curriculum must be inclusive and accessible to our children with additional needs. We adapt our lessons to accommodate these. Our support staff collaborate with teachers to provide targeted, timely assistance. Our aspiration is to make all our musical opportunities accessible to all and we engender a culture of acceptance and understanding within our music classes. We encourage peer support and ensure every child feels valued and included, enabling them to experience the joy of music in the way that works for them.

Part B: Co-curricular music

In addition to classroom lessons and singing assemblies, children at St Keyna make take part in the following:

Choir for children from year 2 upwards runs 3 terms per year.

Children in year 3 take part in whole-class toot lessons. A Saturday morning group is open to them, where they can experience playing in an ensemble with other instruments.

A WEMA-run choir is open to KS2 children on a Tuesday every week after school.

Children in KS2 can take part in piano, toot, brass and guitar lessons.

iRock bands open to all year groups

Part C: Musical experiences

Music is embedded throughout the school day in EYFS and features in all classrooms for a variety of purposes – from learning times tables to facts about sedimentary rock! Occasional concerts by visiting professionals mark some special weeks in the school, notably last year brass musicians from our music hub introduced the whole school to their instruments and gave an inspiring performance. We now have children having saxophone lessons as a result of this concert. iRock was introduced to St Keyna with a rousing concert in July 2025 and bands are currently rehearsing every week. The whole school takes part in a singing assembly led by the music lead every week, where the sense of community in the school is strengthened by the messages of the songs and musical progression is ensured by careful planning. The children regularly sing songs in three parts. Children in KS1 take part in music experiences provided by WEMA, such as 'Hear My Voice', where they join with other local schools to learn and perform exciting and inspiring songs. In Year 3, children have the fabulous opportunity to take part in weekly toot lessons delivered by experienced teachers provided by WEMA. They perform publicly at least twice during the academic year. Children at St Keyna also make the most of musical opportunities when they arise. This year, Year 3 are taking part in a project with Voices for Life called 'The Space Between the Stars', culminating in a performance at Prior Park in November. Year 4 will be will be taking part in 'Stardust', also with Voices for Life, and will be performing to a paying audience along with seven other primary schools in Bath Abbey in January 2027. Year 4 and 5 children also make the most of opportunities to access musical experiences, such as visiting the local secondary school for concerts and taking part in 'Big Sing' events where children have the benefit of expert tuition. At Christmas, all children in the school take part in music performances. Children in EYFS and KS1 perform musical nativity productions and children in KS2 perform to an audience in the Christmas Carol Concert. In the summer

term, the St Keyna Music Festival is a whole-school celebration where all classes perform a piece they have been rehearsing in their classroom lessons. Class assemblies will give further opportunities for music performance this year. In Year 6, the children put on a musical production in celebration of their time spent at St Keyna, performing to the whole school community. These performances are of an exceptional standard and provide a glorious snapshot of the musical talent within our school.

In the future

Plans for music at St Keyna include:

- Establishment and development of iRock bands throughout the year groups
- Development of further opportunities for individual and group tuition.
- Regular visits from professionals, exposing the children to more live music in school.
- Increasing links with other local and hub schools to provide performance opportunities and the sharing of expertise.

Further information (optional)

For children wishing to explore peripatetic music tuition visit –

https://wema.org.uk/young-people-and-families/learn-to-play-a-musical-instrument/

www.irockschool.com