

Music Development Plan Summary: Eccleston Lane Ends Primary School



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024/2025
Date this summary was published	July 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2025
Name of the school music lead	Mrs N Davey
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Miss S Bond
Name of local music hub	St Helens Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rocksteady Music School

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

At Eccleston Lane Ends we aim to engage and inspire all children to develop a love of music through listening, playing, composing and singing. When teachers deliver music lessons, their aim is to offer children happy and rich musical experiences that enhance a child's awareness of their own abilities and strengths as a learner. Children will have the opportunity to evaluate a range of music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers. We are committed to ensuring children learn beyond the classroom through an understanding of the value and importance of music culture in the wider community and that they are able to apply musical skills, knowledge and experiences in a variety of different contexts.

In music at Eccleston Lane Ends, we deliver a clear and comprehensive scheme of work in line with the National Curriculum through Charanga.

Music is taught weekly from EYFS to Y6 and our curriculum ensures that pupils sing, listen, play, perform and evaluate. This is embedded in the classroom activities as well as the weekly singing in assemblies, various concerts and performances and the learning of instruments.

In years 2 and 4, children have whole class instrumental lessons and in Year 4 this is provided by specialist teachers from St Helens Music Service. In Year 2, children are

currently learning how to play the recorder and in Year 4, a brass instrument. The teachers integrate skills in playing, singing, listening, appraisal, reading notation, improvisation and composition through the teaching of their specific instrument. From Year One the children also have the opportunity to learn how to play the glockenspiel, this is then built upon in KS2.

We value the importance of quality first teaching and recognise the need for teachers to have a strong subject knowledge in music. Ongoing CPD is provided to teachers in the form of teacher videos for each music unit throughout the scheme. Teachers of classes who receive whole class instrumental tuition will take part in the music lessons and develop their subject knowledge through learning a musical instrument alongside the class. Staff are able to access training via National College Online.

Part B: Co-curricular music

At Eccleston Lane Ends children are provided with opportunities beyond the National Curriculum to further and support their understanding. These include having visitors with a musical talent, visiting concerts and school productions. External interests and talents are also encouraged and showcased in class and star assembly, ensuring that everyone is challenged regardless of previous musical experience.

Our school offers a variety of additional musical opportunities:

- Sing and Sign sessions in EYFS: Block of 10 weeks - supported by 'Hands' sign language service.
- Songfest: EYFS local schools collaborative performance concert - led by St Helens Music Service
- Young Voices (Lunchtime club for KS2 children). This is a free club for children to attend and is a weekly choir practice led by the schools music lead.
- 'Play on': Small group instrument tuition is offered to all Year 5 and Year 6 children annually. This is at a small cost for weekly tuition and is led by visiting tutors from St Helens Music Service. (This would be a termly cost)
- Children from Year 1 to Year 6 have the opportunity to be part of a band and take part in weekly practice either learning vocals, drums, electric guitar or keyboard. These sessions are led by Rocksteady Music and at the end of each term the children have the opportunity to perform to the wider school community and their families.

Part C: Musical experiences

At Eccleston Lane Ends we utilize strong links with the music service to encourage instrumentalists to progress and build upon their talent. Parents and carers are fully supportive of music making and we have a good support and turn out at performances.

- Weekly singing assemblies linked to school values - whole school.
- Link with local college students - performing arts - drama performance annually to whole school. All children can be members of the audience.
- Annual visit to Christmas Panto in Liverpool for children from EYFS to Year 6. (This is part of the trip allocation for all children and families will be asked to contribute towards the ticket cost and transport)
- Termly Rocksteady whole school celebration concerts for all children to be able to enjoy and be part of the audience.
- Whole school Christmas carol concert at St James' Church.
- Christmas nativity performances- EYFS/KS1 and KS2.
- Young Voices - Performance at Manchester Arena (KS2). A choir of 50 children participate annually. (No cost required to attend or take part in the concert).
- Singing opportunities for EYFS perform on Mother's Day, Father's Day, Sign Language celebration assembly and Christmas.
- KS2 visits to Liverpool Philharmonic for selected classes to enjoy being part of an audience listening to an orchestra. (A small cost towards the transport required by parents).

In the future

-Musical engagement with feeder secondary schools to look for further opportunities to work with secondary colleagues for transition.

-Explore partnerships with local music venues or organisations to offer our pupils unique performance opportunities in inspirational professional settings.

-To investigate additional funding for music in school through hubs/charities/fundraising. To proactively try to find additional funding to support children at Eccleston Lane Ends. (e.g. through PTA events; local charities; fundraising in school from performances).

Further information

St Helens Music Service: <https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/music>

Rocksteady Music School: <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com>

Charanga Music: <https://charanga.com/site>