

Sheldwich Music Development Plan Summary:

Detail	Information
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Name of local music hub	Kent Music
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Drumming for Drums Kent 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.

If you would like to read in-depth about the music curriculum for each year group at Sheldwich Primary School and the key endpoints and progression throughout children's time at Sheldwich, then please visit the link below:

<https://www.sheldwich.kent.sch.uk/music/>

Children at Sheldwich have a deep experience of Music during their curriculum time. Each class across both Infants and Juniors enjoy 1 hour a week of Music, in which they either learn an instrument or enjoy the study of music more broadly, depending on year group and term. The music curriculum at Sheldwich uses aspects of the 'Model Music Curriculum', as well as utilising instrument tuition from both teachers within the school and teachers provided by external sources. The children's music lessons draw on the fundamental idea that children learn music by making music. As well as listening and appraising quality pieces of music, the children have ample chance to play instruments, sing and experiment with digital music tools too. We provide opportunities for both Year 1 and Year 4 to learn the Djembe through our close relationship with 'Drumming for Drums.' Year 5 learn the Glockenspiel as a whole-class, taught by the music coordinator for two terms. Finally, our Music Hub 'Kent Music' provides a whole year of

recorder lessons for Year 6, enabling them to gain a mastery of the instrument and deepening their music theory understanding.

As well as the week-to-week running of Music as a subject at Sheldwich, the children get to experience a Performing Arts Week once a year, in which a whole week is dedicated to music and performance. These weeks are themed differently each year, but themes have included Film Music, The Great Composers, The Beatles, Jazz, and Blues. These weeks are an excellent opportunity for the children at Sheldwich to dig deep into their understanding of a specific genre or style, experiencing performances from professional soloists and ensembles, as well as collaborating with local businesses and secondary schools for theme-related workshops and classes.

Part B: Music Tuition, Choirs and Ensembles

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.

There are many opportunities to learn musical instruments at Sheldwich, aside from the whole-class lessons. We have excellent peripatetic teachers that teach in school hours, in our music room. There are currently opportunities to learn both piano and guitar at school. We have good relationships with private instrument teachers and teachers from Kent Music. Children can choose to learn the guitar in small groups or individually. Within these lessons, children can choose to take Graded Qualifications alongside their tutor, if they wish. The range of musical instrument tuition can change depending on interest from parents. Parents/Carers can register interest for a particular instrument via this link:

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=9on5pNfwO0uaSENq5Xir_fBWDbxfxM9EjpPcpyeqQBJUM1IzT0IUWVNXVVdFR1VYRERCQUE5SEFOUy4u&route=shorturl

Details for financial support with lessons from Kent Music can be found here:

<https://www.kent-music.com/financial-assistance/>

The children at Sheldwich have excellent extracurricular opportunities in regards to music, with after school clubs offering wide-ranging experiences and learning. We provide a school choir ensemble, offering high-quality vocal tuition and multiple opportunities to perform as a group throughout the academic year, both in school and in the community, at local events and celebrations. There is also a Music Technology club available in which children can learn complex skills related to music production and composition. The children have the chance to create a finished song, produced to a very high standard by themselves during their time in the club. As well as this, during

our Performing Arts Week, we put on a 'Sheldwich Has Talent' show, where children have the opportunity to perform – many of our talented children choose to perform as a group or solo act.

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.

At Sheldwich Primary School, the children are exposed to many musical experiences. Each year, the entire school performs in class groups at our Harvest Festival, Christmas Service, and Easter Service, all held at our local church and serve the community as well as the friends and family of the school. In addition to this, each year, we enjoy separate productions and versions of the Nativity story, from Class R (a musical interpretation) and Class 2 (a dramatized interpretation) – both performed on multiple dates during December. Toward the end of the year, Class 6 also have the opportunity to perform a musical production before they move onto secondary school.

On a week-by-week basis, the children have opportunities to sing in assembly, often preparing for a celebration or a service at our local church, or singing seasonal songs, developing their enjoyment of singing and their understanding of singing as part of a group.

Children singing in our Sheldwich Choir are able to perform in the community regularly. We often sing at Christmas Markets and Light Switch-On events, while also singing at Summer Fetes and Fairs.

Those who learn Piano at Sheldwich get the chance to perform some of the pieces they have been learning throughout the year at an end-of-year production to family and friends.

As previously mentioned, Sheldwich put on a Performing Arts Week, in which the curriculum focus for each class turns to Music for a week. These weeks are themed differently each year, but previous themes have included Film Music, The Great Composers, The Beatles, Jazz, and Blues. The children have many opportunities to perform pieces they have been learning in groups or as a class during this week, as well as unique opportunities to watch professional musicians perform and learn from professionals in workshop scenarios. These weeks have been heavily supported by Kent Music, YMS (Canterbury) and by personal contacts of our Music Coordinator.

We have a great relationship with some local secondary schools and colleges, who regularly invite groups of children from Sheldwich to watch their productions of popular musicals at local theatres, for a subsidised fee.

In the future

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

Throughout the next academic year, we are looking to strengthen class teachers' confidence when teaching music, enabling them to feel comfortable teaching melodic instruments and teaching singing. This will be possible via CPD sessions with the Music Coordinator and our good relationships with peripatetic teachers and our Music Hub - Kent Music.

We will continue to fund instrument sessions with our skilled-outsourced peripatetic teachers and look to further opportunities for external performances. We are looking at investing in a new class set of instruments to vary the type of instrument learnt at Sheldwich, enabling a broader musical experience for the children. As well as this, the Music Coordinator is planning to introduce an instrument ensemble group later in the year, so that children learning an instrument can have the opportunity to play in a group setting.

All children are musicians. We want this idea to drive music at Sheldwich forward in the future.