

Music Development Plan Summary: Stanton School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-2027
Date this summary was published	September 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2027
Name of the school music lead	Henry Nelson-Lucas
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Milton Keynes Music Hub and Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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: Music Curriculum

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.

At Stanton School we offer children from Year 3 to Year 6 one hour of music education a week. Lessons take place in our well-resourced Music Studio which has a wide range of instruments including a class set of guitars, keyboards, glockenspiels, samba drums and recorders.

In each year group, the children have a different focus instrument that they use to cover the strands of the music curriculum including performing, song making, composing, improvising and listening.

Singing is at the heart of our school, and the children enjoy whole school singing in assemblies including the weekly singing assembly.

Every half term, a child from each year group is presented a 'Champion of the Arts' award, which recognises their achievements in the arts.

Stanton offers a bespoke curriculum and takes inspiration from Charanga and Sing Up.

Planning, policy and progression documents are reviewed yearly.

Stanton is an ArtsMark Gold School awarded 2023/2024.

Our full curriculum can be found here: <https://www.stantonschool.co.uk/page/?title=Music&pid=164>

Part B: 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.

In the autumn term and spring term, children in Years 5 and 6 have the opportunity to join the *Young Voices* choir. From the spring term, children in Years 3 to 6 can also join the *Stantoneity* choir, which rehearses weekly after school. These choirs offer a valuable opportunity for children across the school to come together, learn a variety of songs, and develop their performance skills. Each term, the choirs perform to the whole school, celebrating their hard work and musical achievements. *Stantoneity* also collaborates with the *Singing Peppers Choir* from our federation partner, Pepper Hill School, giving pupils the chance to perform at joint federation events and a variety of community events and venues, including the GXO Fun Day, Christmas celebrations at GXO, and the St Barnabas Wives Group in Leighton Buzzard. All after school clubs are free of charge.

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.

Throughout the year, children have a number of opportunities to join in large-scale performances in school.

Children sing regularly as a whole school in the weekly singing assemblies and in special/religious event celebrations such as Harvest and Christingle.

All the children learn songs for their year group Christmas production, which is performed to parents in school and children from Pepper Hill Infant School.

At the end of the year, Year 6 perform a musical theatre show for their 'leavers production', to celebrate their time at the school. This is performed to parents, the rest of the school and the children from Pepper Hill Infant School.

During our Mother Language Days in June, we have a visit from an African musician and storyteller. The children learn about a country (Brazil, France and Ghana). They listen to and discuss the music as well as having the opportunity to learn songs linked to that country.

We have termly Federation assemblies with Pepper Hill Infant School where the children from both schools all sing together as well as perform songs to each other. These assemblies will have a theme or occasion, 'Lowry Arts Week', 'Christingle' and 'Anti-bullying week'

In addition, the choir performs for local companies and community groups, including events such as the GXO Family Fun Day, where they share their enthusiasm for music with the wider community. This year, Stantonicity will also be performing at the opening of the Christmas Tree Festival in partnership with St Barnabas Church, Linslade.

Outside of the school day, Year 5 and 6 children are offered the opportunity to perform as part of an 8,000-strong choir for Young Voices. The children will learn and rehearse songs and choreography in the months leading up to the concert at O2 Arena, London in February. This is of no cost to parents.

The annual Music Roadshow, provided by Milton Keynes Music Service, gives children the opportunity to experience live concerts performed by professional musicians. Featuring a range of genres—from rock and brass to woodwind ensembles—the roadshow exposes pupils to diverse musical styles and instruments. This inspiring event helps to spark interest and encourage a lifelong passion for music.

Every Friday the children arrive to school to music being played through speakers to promote our 'Feelgood Friday' as well as at lunchtime. Each week, the class with the highest attendance earns the privilege of choosing a song to sing during Friday assembly. They also get to select a song to add to our Stanton School playlist, which is played outside on the playground as part of *Feel-Good Friday*, to celebrate their achievement and contribute to the school's positive atmosphere. Music is present across the curriculum, using songs and rhymes to help learn and memorise facts, times tables and brain gym which uses actions to music.

In the future

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

- Looking ahead, we plan to offer a Musical Theatre Club, where children will be introduced to performance techniques and repertoire from the West End and Broadway. The programme will also include a visit to Milton Keynes Theatre, giving pupils the opportunity to experience live professional show.
- To further create and strengthen links between the schools in the Federation to offer more opportunities for collaboration between our children.

Further information (optional)

Further information and resources can be found on the following websites:

Milton Keynes Music Service: <https://miltonkeynesmusicservice.com/>

Charanga Music Scheme: <https://charanga.com/site/musical-school/charangas-schemes/>