

Music Development Plan – Summary 2026-2027

Staverton Primary School

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026 to 2027
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Name of the school music lead	Ruth Nelmes
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	NMPAT New for 2026-2027 Rocksteady

The Music Curriculum - Core
<p>At Staverton CE Primary School Music is taught weekly by a Class Teacher or HLTA from Yrs 1 to 6. Each class has a one-hour lesson per week with children working as a whole class or in small groups. In our Nursery and Reception class, music is taught every week and is revisited throughout the week.</p> <p>Planning is based on KAPOW ensuring our planned curriculum matches the scope and ambition of the Model Music Curriculum: 2021 – the curriculum map for music can be found on our school website. Content is adapted and scaffolded so that it meets the needs of our school to ensure that all children are able to access the curriculum. Additional resources such as a range of percussion instruments are used to supplement the scheme and children with SEND have additional adult support to enable them to access music lessons.</p> <p>Our music lessons are taught using the same quality first teaching principles that we use across all other curriculum areas, based on the Rosenshine Principles. Within music, planning also identifies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Musical elements to be addressed • Key vocabulary • Background information and teaching tips • Assessment opportunities. <p>The whole programme of musical education focuses on practical music making for all, through singing, performing and associated listening, appraising and compositional tasks. To ensure a broad, high quality and progressive listening diet there is a listening programme for KS2 and KS1 materials which have been selected from a wide range of high-quality music encompassing many cultures and historical periods.</p> <p>First Access with NMPAT</p> <p>Staverton Primary School has a close relationship with NMPAT which underpins our First Access offer, ensuring that all our children have the opportunity to play a musical instrument as they move through our school.</p>

New for 2026-2027 – our children in Year 3 and Year 4 are taught brass as a whole class from a specialist teacher from NMPAT during the autumn term of 2026 for one hour each week. There will then be the opportunity for these children to opt-in to small group lessons for the spring and summer terms of 2027. Our hope is that this new approach will foster more opportunity and longevity to the learning a new musical instrument for pupils in this cohort.

New for 2026-2027 – we have a new partnership with Rocksteady and in the spring and summer terms of 2027 we will have a new rock band at Staverton Primary School!

We recognise that Music can play an especially important role in the development and wellbeing of children with SEND. We therefore:

- Encourage all children with Special Educational Needs are to express themselves through music.
- Ensure that any interventions are not timetabled in a way that prevents SEND pupils accessing the music curriculum.
- Adapt instruments, where needed, to allow all to participate fully in musical tasks and/or focus on those instruments that are easier to manipulate.
- Work with specialists to meet the needs of children with hearing impairments.
- Adapt other resources according to need, e.g. large print for lyrics and xylophone labels for children with visual impairments.
- Provide ear defenders if needed.

The Music Curriculum – Additional Opportunities

Instrument Lessons

Peripatetic music teachers offer lessons in:

- *Strings (violin)*
- *Brass (trombone, trumpet / cornet, horns, euphoniums)*
- *Keyboard*

These lessons are held within school hours and monitored by the Music Curriculum Leader. The lessons have to be paid for by parents/guardians. Our pupil premium is used to enable disadvantaged pupils to access them if they choose (this is also the case for Rocksteady). Instruments are available on loan from the music service for any child wanting to participate in these lessons. An annual report is written by the peripatetic teachers and parents/guardians can request a meeting to discuss their child's progress. Details on applying for these lessons are sent out to parents/guardians on a regular basis and further information can be found on our school website.

Extra-Curricular Music Activities

Children have opportunities to take part in free extracurricular activities at lunchtime or after school, including:

A School choir

The school has a positive working relationship with NMPAT and actively encourages children to join one of the local Music and Arts Centres. Some of our past pupils now play brass at County level.

Musical Experiences

Children at Staverton Primary School have many varied opportunities to perform, experience and engage in musical experiences as they move through the school. These include:

- *Young Voices*
- *The Big Sing – Y4 joining other Y4 children within PDET at the Derngate theatre*
- *School productions – Annual Nursery, Reception and KS1 Nativity and KS2 Summer Production*
- *Performances from NMPAT musicians – biennial band performance with singing and different ensembles at various times of the year e.g. brass ensemble*
- *Participation in church services*
- *Our choir joining the church choir annually for a Christmas carol concert in church*
- *Staverton's Got Talent where children showcase their musical talents*
- *Children playing musical instruments during Collective Worship*
- *Staverton's Got Talent*
- *Annual Pantomime productions*
- *Rocksteady*
- *School choir*

Future Plans

- *Rocksteady Rock Band (new for January 2027)*

During the 2026/27 academic year, Staverton Primary School, is intending to extend and deepen its offer in music by:

- *Accessing CPD for all staff from Kapow*
- *Induct a new music curriculum leader*

Within the next three years we aim to:

- *Extend the range of after school clubs to include a recorder or xylophone club*

Additional information can be found on the Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust (NMPAT) website [Home - NMPAT](#).