

Music development plan summary:

St Mary's Catholic Primary School



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 / 2025
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Name of the school music lead	Carole Priestner
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	West Lancs
Name of other music education organisation(s)	

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.

At St Mary's Primary School we follow the National Curriculum for Music through the use of the Charanga Music scheme for all children from Nursery to Year 6.

This scheme ensures that all children build on and develop their musical skills. All children have the opportunities to listen to, respond to and appraise a wide variety of different types of music. They will explore the musical skills of pulse, rhythm and pitch through games and challenges. They will sing different genres of songs and explore singing alone, in small groups and as a whole class whilst listening to others.

They will be given the opportunities to learn both tuned and untuned musical instruments which they will confidently be able to name, know how to look after them and understand how different sounds can be created on them. This will lead to a knowledge of how music is created and written down and how notes can be read. There will also be opportunities for the children

to improvise, while playing, compose and play their own music. This will lead to them rehearsing and performing to others.

All children from Nursery to Year 6 will have access to the music curriculum and support will be provided as required to pupils with any needs or disabilities.

Music is taught regularly throughout the year in the EYFS class for an hour each week. In the KS1 and KS2 classes Music is taught for a minimum block of 6 weeks each term for each class. Each lesson will be a minimum of one hour depending on the skills and challenges of that specific lesson.

Part B: Co-curricular music

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.

Within the school week there are opportunities for children to learn, rehearse and perform songs outside of the music curriculum. This includes songs and rhymes to reinforce other subjects such as Maths and RE.

The school has regular visits to church for services and important events such as Harvest, sacraments, end of year mass. At these times, parish musicians will attend to join with the children to sing known songs.

The children in the EYFS class have access to a variety of percussion instruments and are able to use these to explore how music is created in their continuous provision times.

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.

Every Christmas the children in the EYFS and KS1 classes will have the opportunity to perform in a Christmas production. This will include learning, rehearsing and performing a variety of songs and using percussion instruments as fits the performance. These concerts will be performed for both the other children within the school but also for the parents, families and local community members.

In the Spring term the Lower KS2 children will have the opportunity to perform an Easter production. Again this will include a variety of different songs and will be performed to both

the other children within the school but also for the parents, families and local community members.

In the summer term the upper KS2 children will perform an end of year production. Again this will include a variety of different songs and will be performed to both the other children within the school but also for the parents, families and local community members.

Throughout the year all of the children may have the opportunity to experience other musical performances such as school trips to see plays in local theatres or visits from theatre groups. Local community theatre groups are advertised within the school so the children have the chance to attend with their families to watch different musicals and performances.

This year a local harpist came into school to teach the children about her instrument and how it is played and then performed a selection of different songs for the children to enjoy.

In the future

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

We aim to continue to give our children a rich experience of music through lessons, experiences and performances throughout the year. Where opportunities arise we will arrange trips to see performances, or arrange for visiting musicians to perform in our school.

The Music co-ordinator will continue to monitor the provision of music throughout the school and also audit the instruments available and ensure that this is added to over time as the budget allows.

The school is also looking to participate in the Young Voices concert in 2026.