

Music development plan summary: St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	
Date this summary will be reviewed	
Name of the school music lead	Mr T Gillespie
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Warwickshire Music
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: 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.

Curriculum

At St Mary's Catholic Primary School, we use Charanga as our foundation scheme to teach Music across all year groups. More information, including objectives for each year group, can be found on the school website. Through Charanga, we mostly follow the Model Music Curriculum and aim to develop the musicianship of our pupils. Further to this, singing plays a pivotal role in our curriculum as we learn songs in each unit and develop our repertoire.

Music is taught in the classroom for one hour per week, with an emphasis on using instruments and voice, making music as engaging and practical as possible.

In Early Years and Key Stage 1, we teach and sing many songs and rhymes as part of their music curriculum.

Further Opportunities

Whole-class ensemble teaching for flute occurs in Year 3 and Year 4. Further information on this can be found below.

Through using Charanga, our aim is to eventually be able to offer an opportunity for children to learn an instrument for at least half a term. In doing so, they will be able to practise reading music and developing musicianship qualities.

Partnerships

We employ UpBeat through our partnership with Warwickshire Music Hub, allowing our Year 2/3 and Year 4 classes to engage in specialist instrumental teaching. Here, they learn how to play an instrument, focusing both on the ability to play individually and as an ensemble. Following their sessions of 6 months, they have the opportunity to perform to an audience – further information on this can be found in Part C.

Part B: Extra-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.

Music Tuition

St Mary's offer a range of peripatetic music instrumental lessons, including clarinet, guitar and piano through the Warwickshire Music Hub. This is offered to all students throughout Key Stage Two, and is for both one-to-one and small groups. Children have the opportunity to work towards grades in music, or simply play for enjoyment, and have the opportunity to share their achievements in our Weekly Celebration Assembly.

As well as this, there is a Key Stage One choir and Key Stage Two choir offered to all students throughout the school, this is free for them to attend.

Instrumental Lessons

The following instrumental lessons are offered: guitar, recorder and piano.

The tuition is subsidised/free for pupil premium children.

We have a dedicated music room where all instrumental lessons and choir practices take place.

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.

Hymn Practice

Hymn Practice occurs weekly, this is where we practise learning new songs, often aiming to sing this during our masses and therefore always aiming to sing at a high standard. We also manage to accompany every Hymn Practice with our unique school band consisting of multiple guitars, a recorder and a clarinet.

Performances

Children in Key Stage 1 perform for our Christmas Production.

Our children in Year 2/3 and Year 4 have an opportunity to perform what they have learned in their instrumental lessons on the flute after their 6-month long sessions. Our choirs and children who have peripatetic lessons also have an opportunity to perform in the Summer Term and showcase what they have been working on. Furthermore, during Hymn Practice, children play live music.

Our children in Year 6 also have a production at the end of the academic year to showcase both singing and acting.

Outside, on the Key Stage 2 playground, we have a dedicated area where children are encouraged to play a range of music instruments.

In the future

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

We will continue to develop our music resources in order to offer children the opportunity to learn and play a range of instruments by the time they leave St Mary's. We also plan on joining the Young Voices Choir where we will get the opportunity to be part of many schools and perform in front of thousands of others.

Further information

We are in the process of joining the Our Lady of the Magnificat Academy, thus opening the doors for even more opportunities for our music provision to develop and ensure that the children at St Mary's have an outstanding music education.