

# Music development plan summary: Saint Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	July 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2026
Name of the school music lead	Miss Rachel Lankester
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Love Music Trust
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.

Nursery and Reception have daily opportunities to develop their musicality through daily singing and rhyme sessions, access to instruments, and weekly specific planned activities that follow skills and knowledge in progression with the rest of the school.

KS1 and KS2 have a 1 hour music lesson per week.

Our music curriculum is based around the Kapow scheme of work for music.

Curriculum music lessons are informed by the National Curriculum for Music, the Model Music Curriculum (non-statutory guidance for music teaching), and The National Plan for Music Education, and provide pupils with opportunities to:

- Listen to and evaluate music from diverse time periods and cultures.
- Learn how to create and control sound using their voices, as well as tuned and untuned instruments.

- Understand how music is communicated through various notation systems.
- Improvise and compose music.
- Perform musically in front of audiences of varying sizes. An instrumental scheme is also delivered by in Year 3 and Year 4 by the Love Music Trust and gives pupils an opportunity to learn the for a prolonged period, allowing them to develop technical proficiency on a single instrument.

Curriculum music is music taught in lesson time to all pupils.

## 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.

Rock Band (Rocksteady) is available for all children from Reception to Year 6. Children are taught their chosen instrument in an ensemble and perform a concert at the end of each term. Instruments are provided. We currently offer 1 bursary place for this and school-funded/match funded places for Pupil Premium children.

Piano tuition is available to children in Key Stage 2 and is taught on a 1:1 basis.

All children have access to instrumental lessons for string, brass, percussion, woodwind, keys and singing. These are taught during the school day and can be in a small group or on a 1:1 basis.

Our school Young Voices choir meets weekly and is open to all children from Year 4 to Year 6, 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.

Hymn Practice takes places weekly for all children from Nursery to Year 6. Children also perform hymns during Mass, including: Harvest, Christmas, Holy Communion, Stations of the Cross, May Procession.

EYFS and KS1 perform in a musical nativity each year, containing a range of songs. KS2 perform in a Christmas Carol Concert each year.

Year 6 perform songs in the end of year Leavers' Production.

Children who take part in Rock Band (Rocksteady) perform concerts for parents and whole-school each half-term.

Children who take part in Young Voices perform in the Young Voices concert in February.

## In the future

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

Saint Mary's Catholic Primary School is committed to continually enhancing musical offerings to pupils. Below are the improvements we plan to implement in the coming years. We welcome your suggestions and encourage you to contact the school if you have any ideas on how we can further improve our musical opportunities.

- We hope to identify further opportunities for music lessons, making them more accessible to families and increase the uptake of the current options.
- As the number of pupils playing a range of instruments increases, we hope to explore the creation of a school orchestra.
- We hope to develop a love of music and performance alongside other artistic subjects, through a whole-school celebration.
- We also aim to widen the variety of opportunities for pupils to watch and engage with musical performances.