

Music development plan summary: *St Francis Catholic Primary School*

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 - 25
Date this summary was published	October 24
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Name of the school music lead	Aaron Sim
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Leicestershire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Melton Music Tuition IRock

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.

To read in more detail about the provision at St Francis Catholic Primary School, please visit our Music curriculum page [Music - St Francis Primary School, Melton Mowbray \(st-francis.leics.sch.uk\)](https://st-francis.leics.sch.uk/music)

Music is taught in class every week and is informed by Charanga. We work to the aims of the National Curriculum so that all pupils;

- Perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians

- Learn to sing and to use their voices, to create and compose music on their own and with others, have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, use technology appropriately and have the opportunity to progress to the next level of musical excellence
- Understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated, including through the inter-related dimensions: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate musical notations.

Our curriculum supports a school wide vision for music – to engage and inspire pupils to develop a love of music and their talent as musicians, and so increase their self-confidence, creativity and sense of achievement.

Lessons are a minimum of 40 minutes and are taught by class teachers (Charanga) or a music specialist (Instrumental ensemble teaching). This musical learning is further supplemented by weekly singing assemblies for the whole school, lasting 30 minutes.

Children in EYFS, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 receive weekly music lessons following the charanga scheme of work. They learn the core music skills and also experience creating notation and sound using glockenspiels

Children in years 4, 5 and 6 learn an instrument as a whole-class ensemble taught by music specialists from Melton Music tuition / Leicestershire Music Service. This academic year the pupils are learning to play: The Ukulele – Y4, The Clarinet – Y5 and Brass instruments – Y6

All pupils, including those with additional needs are supported to develop and succeed musically. We ensure our lessons are fully inclusive with adaptations made where required.

We cover different genres of music weekly and discussing the history of the different genres, learn some artist/composers for each genre and finally listen to pieces from each genre.

At the end of the year the year 5/6 pupils will record a piece of music to share with the school.

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.

We have a partnership with Melton Music Tuition who come into school and currently offer 1:1 Ukulele lessons for pupils in school who would like to undertake them. These lessons happen once weekly.

At St Francis we are also in partnership with IRock School Of Music. Once a week children join to form a band where they have the opportunity to be a vocalist, drummer, guitarist or a keyboardist.

Each year our UKS2 children partake in the Memphis Choir where we join together with other Catholic schools to create a large choir and perform in the Christmas Carol concert at De Montfort Hall.

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.

Children will have the opportunity to perform or experience high quality music this academic year. Please see below for a list of those opportunities:

- Weekly hymn practice
- 1x Termly performance from IRock bands
- Each class to perform a song of their choice at our Macmillan Coffee Morning
- End of year performance by our UKS2 children with their woodwind or Brass instruments
- EYFS/KS1 Nativity performance
- Y3-6 Carol concert performed in a local church
- Children performing at the Christmas Wreath festival at a local church
- Memphis Choir performance at De Montfort Hall.

In the future

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

In the subsequent years to come, we are planning to build on our music progress by re-evaluating the current curriculum and look at possibly moving over to follow the model music curriculum in its entirety.

We are going to continue to develop children's composition skills and the notation of this.

We will look at how we can develop a school choir from our Memphis performance group, and children's performance skills with more opportunities to perform throughout the year, with our local music hub and in the community.

We would love to provide our children with more opportunities to watch live music performances and develop a strong pupil voice.

Furthermore, we will continue to provide our staff with CPD to continue to develop their confidence and subject knowledge.