

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

Overview

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| Academic year that this summary covers | 2025-2026 |
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| Name of the school music lead | Natalie Cavey Amanda McGarrigle |
| Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different) | |
| Name of local music hub | Kent 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.

To read in more detail about the provision for music at St Mary's CE (VA) Primary School, please see the curriculum progression document, or speak with Mrs McGarrigle.

All pupils at St Mary's CE Primary school receive:

- At least one hour of music teaching every week, which can be in the form of short sessions spread out across the week.
- Instrument tuition on a tuned instrument (Years 1-6) taught by a professional musician.
- Opportunities for composition with rhythmic and melodic instruments.
- Opportunities to sing for pleasure and to an audience.

Children in Years 1 and 2 learn the recorder as a whole class ensemble taught by a music specialist (Caroline Szram). They have opportunities to perform and compose throughout the year.

In Key Stage 2, the pupils learn either the violin or piano throughout the Keystage, and take examinations at the end of the Primary years/Key Stage 2

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.

At St Mary's we currently offer additional opportunities for key board lessons during lunchtime, and choir after school hours. We have a thriving choir who meet weekly and perform at the O2 (Young Voices) and for local events (Hospice at Christmas, Age Concern, local Care Home).

All music is funded by the school, but parents have the opportunity to purchase additional lessons for their child outside of school hours.

We work hard to provide a strong music offer to all of our children. If you have an enquiry regarding the programme we follow or music tuition our children access, please call the Headteacher (Amanda McGarrigle) on 01322 665212

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 have the opportunity to experience and perform high quality music this academic year. Please see below a list of some of the opportunities:

- Choir trip to the O2 for Young Voices
- Performing in assemblies.
- KS2 performing at a care home.
- Violin and Piano concerts.
- St Mary's has Talent concert.
- Christmas carol concert.
- EYFS Christmas sing along.
- Spring Concert.
- Toby Carvery performance for charity.
- Bob Marley sing-along live stream.

In the future

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

In the future our Music Development Plan aims to achieve the following:

- Introduction of more after school instrument options.
- Exploration of a music scheme which could better ensure consistency and progression across phases.
- Introduction of a band or ensemble lead by a music specialist.
- Further engagement with the community for performance opportunities.
- Ensuring that all pupils eligible for Pupil Premium funding and those that have SEND are offered all opportunities available.