

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



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Date this summary will be reviewed	Summer Term
Name of the school music lead	Miss C Barton
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	N/A
Name of local music hub	Lancashire
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

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 Saint Clare's, we provide a high-quality music education that enables children to develop a love of music while increasing self-confidence, creativity, and a sense of achievement. We aim to provide a high-quality music education that engages and inspires children to develop a love of music and nurtures their talent as musicians. Through our bespoke curriculum – supported by resources in Charanga Music - and using cross-curricular links to other subjects, children can perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, styles and traditions. They learn to sing, use their voices, and create and compose music on their own and with others.

Children in KS2 build on the skills acquired in KS1 so that, by the end of year 6, they sing and play with increasing control and self-confidence. They deepen their understanding of music in the world and the significance of music through history. Children are encouraged to explore their own musical preferences and discuss these with confidence.

We believe it is crucial that our children are familiar with the whole range of musical genres and musicians/composers and pride ourselves on offering mood music during independent work and in assemblies.

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 progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

Here at Saint Clare's, singing is at the heart of any musical experience. Throughout Early Years and Key Stage 1, the children have the opportunity to receive specialist teaching to build on their confidence in performing and their musicality in understanding tempo and rhythm.

Performance is a key aspect of life at Saint Clare's. All children have the opportunity to perform every year they are in school:

EYFS and Key Stage 1 Nativity plays for parents and parishioners.

Key Stage 1 following their specialist teaching block.

Year 3 Easter Play for parents and parishioners

Year 4 Let's Go Sing Concert in King George Hall Blackburn

Year 5 Harvest and Advent Services

Year 6 Summer Production.

Children can learn a musical instrument in KS2 with our peripatetic music specialists, Mrs Calman, Voice and Keyboard, and Mrs Coupe, Brass. We also have a choir open to KS 1 and 2 pupils, which performs at local care homes and festivals.

Year 3 children access keyboard lessons as part of their music curriculum and finish each term with a concert for families. This is a fantastic start to stretching the children's musical skills.

All children participate in extracurricular enrichment through the school choir and keyboard. These groups rehearse at various times throughout the year, working towards key performance opportunities.

The school signposts pupils to music tuition at Lancashire School Music Service. For example, we share the most up-to-date flyers at parents' evenings, sometimes inviting LMS staff to speak to parents at these events. Private lessons are also taken up across the school.

Part C: Musical experiences

This is about all the other musical events and opportunities we organise, such as singing in assemblies, concerts and shows, and trips to professional concerts.

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EYFS and Key Stage 1 Nativity plays for parents and parishioners.

Key Stage 1 following their specialist teaching block.

Year 3 Easter Play for parents and parishioners. The children will also have the opportunity to perform twice with their keyboard skills.

Year 4 Let's Go Sing Concert in King George Hall Blackburn

Year 5 Harvest and Advent Services

Year 6 Summer Production.

As a whole school, we take a lead on parish masses on Holy Days of Obligation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation celebrations.

As a whole school, we visit the theatre at Christmas to experience a performance of life music.

We ensure that music is at the heart of our many services during the liturgical year.

In the future

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

In the future, we hope to facilitate a live performance of orchestral music for our pupils either within the school setting or as an enrichment for an individual year group on a yearly rolling programme.

Further information (optional)

Information on the Lancashire Music Hub can be accessed from here.

<https://www.lancashiremusichub.co.uk/site/>

DfE guide for parents and young people on how to get involved in music in and out of school and where they can go for support beyond school.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/music-education-information-for-parents-and-young-people>