



Music development plan summary: St Bridget's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Natalie Palmer
Name of local music hub	Cumberland

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 St Bridget's we have timetabled music lessons in all year groups across each half term that develop children's skills in singing, performing, using instruments, as well as evaluating their work. We plan to offer a broad and rich curriculum for children of all abilities. We use the CUSP unity scheme of work to enhance our teaching, which aligns with the National Curriculum for Music. It develops children's knowledge and skills by building on their progression each week. Our curriculum is shared on our website for parents to view what the children are learning throughout the year. Evidence is collected in the form of photos, videos and from children's responses to music, as well as their own evaluations.

Observations have shown all pupils are engaged and active during the lessons, including SEND. We have a wide range of instruments that can be used in the lessons and our curriculum. Our EYFS and KS2 children have the opportunity to play a range

of percussion instruments throughout the year and build on their skills and knowledge. Our Y3 class are taught how to play the recorder. Our Year 5 class are taught each week by a specialist Music teacher, to play the ukulele and our Year 1 class are taught how to play the African Drums, also by a specialist teacher. Different genres of music are shared in class and teachers are confident with musical elements and teaching children how to listen and appreciate a piece of music. We have music in our daily collective worship times, as well as celebrating different genres of music during music sessions, as well in other subjects.

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 Bridget's, children have many opportunities to develop their music skills. We have singing assemblies that take place once a week, with a wide range of songs being learnt and performed. The children take part with confidence and enthusiasm. These songs are then showcased at our school events, such as Christmas Carol Service, Christmas Nativities, our Easter Service and our fairs and community events, as well as during class and whole school masses. All of our Year 5 class take part in weekly ukulele tuition from a specialist Music teacher and perform at the end of the year for the whole school, showing the progress they have made.

We have a school choir led by one of our talented school governors who perform at competitions and events in our local area. Throughout the year our children enjoy taking part in a Christmas production for our EYFS and KS1 children, music performances, carol services and an end of year production for our KS2 children.

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.

At St Bridget's, parents and carers are fully supportive of music making and we have a good turn-out at productions during the year.

Children sing in our singing assembly each week and also in our collective worship in whole school celebrations and in class.

Children also go to watch live music and performances each year, with Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 experiencing a pantomime, Year 3 and Year 4 watching a play at the theatre in the lake and Year 5 and Year 6 watching a musical at the cinema, such as Wicked.

In the future

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

In the subsequent years to come, we will continue to develop our school choir and children's performance skills with more opportunities to perform throughout the year, with our local music hub and reaching out to more of our community, for example care homes. We would also like to provide some in school performances for children to experience, linking with parents and carers with musical talents. Furthermore, we will continue to provide our staff with CPD to continue to develop their confidence and subject knowledge.