

Music development plan summary:

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs R Roberts
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Bolton & Blackburn with Darwen Music Service Greater Manchester & Blackburn with Darwen Music Education Hub
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

At St Peter's we offer a wide range of musical experiences through whole class teaching each week (45 mins per week). We follow the Kapow scheme which is in line with the national curriculum expectations and EYFS outcomes to suit the needs of our children using a two-year cycle to cater for our mixed-age classes in Key Stages 1 and 2.

We use adaptive teaching methods as detailed in the Kapow Scheme to ensure all children including our SEND pupils have a robust and engaging music curriculum.

We highly value singing at St Peters and as part of our daily routines we regularly come together in worship using music to enhance our whole school assemblies. We also enjoy sharing performances such as KS2 choir, KS1 nativity, LKS2 ukulele performance and Year 6 production.

In Key Stage 2 children enjoy whole class instrumental lessons (WOPs) where they currently have an extended opportunity to learn how to play the ukulele. This

opportunity is delivered in conjunction the Bolton & Blackburn with Darwen Music Service.

As a school, we collaborate with the music hub to support our existing music offer and ensure we follow current recommendations and initiatives to further develop music at St Peter's. Our music coordinator attends local networking meetings and CPD offered by the music hub.

As a school we are signed up to the Music Mark School Membership which recognises our school demonstrating commitment to high quality musical education.

Regular opportunities to play tuned and untuned percussion are built into our music scheme; these include glockenspiels, chimebars, triangles, drums, tambourines, claves and boomwhackers.

Further information can be found on our school website in the curriculum section. These include: curriculum map, assessment statements and skills progression.

Part B: 'Extra-curricular music'

St Peter's currently has a KS2 choir where children can experience extra opportunities to learn to sing in unison and harmony with their fellow pupils. Rehearsals take place weekly throughout the school year and we sing a range of music from musicals to children's film music, assembly songs and modern religious pieces.

Choir members have the opportunity to take part in performance events in conjunction with Bolton & Blackburn with Darwen Music Service.

Part C: Musical experiences

Choir members are encouraged to take part in performances within and outside of school. This year we have been involved in a large Christmas Concert at Blackburn Cathedral where choir members sang with several other schools to put on a magnificent display of musical singing talent (in collaboration with the Music Hub) and a few days later they visited the Cathedral again to deliver an independent small lunch time Christmas Concert for parents and members of the public. In addition to this, we will also be taking part in a summer concert at Blackburn Cathedral ("Raise the Roof") this July.

These concerts not only give our children the opportunity to perform but they also reinforce links between music and the Christian faith; using music to celebrate and rejoice at special times of the year.

Presently, all these opportunities are free of charge to pupils; including travel to and from events during the school day.

At Christmas, pupils in KS1 all take part in a musical nativity and continue to embed their learning about the birth of Jesus through song. Also, this time, our EYFS students

make their singing debut with their Christmas musical singalong, which their parents delight in. Learning to play the ukulele is celebrated with a concert for parents at the end of each term and in Year 6 pupils use their musical skills to work together in the summer term to create an entertaining production which pupils, staff and parents all enjoy alike.

In the future

It is our intent that the continued attendance at Primary Music Network meetings and involvement with the Music Hub will help to guide our school to both maintain St. Peters current musical offer and build on strong foundations to extend musical learning opportunities.

As a school we also aim to enrich our musical offer by experiencing a wider variety of live musical performances. These could include “Come and Play with the Halle” for our ukulele players and/or inviting pupils from local secondary schools to showcase their musical skills to our young budding musicians at St. Peters.

We also hope to continue to extend our musical opportunities at St. Peters by investing in more tuned and un-tuned percussion and explore the idea of having a recorder club in the near future.

Further information (optional)

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how you can get involved in music in and out of school, and where you can go to for support beyond the school.