

Music development plan summary: St Mary and St Benedict Catholic Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 - 2025
Date this summary was published	July 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2025
Name of the school music lead	Melanie Thomas
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Coventry Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	AC Academy

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.

All pupils receive hourly music lessons from Nursery through Year 6, following the 2014 National Curriculum for Music. Pupils in EYFS, Year 1, and Year 2 follow the Charanga Music Scheme. Some key features of Charanga include:

1. **Interactive Lessons:** Charanga offers ready-made lesson plans and interactive materials that align with the National Curriculum. Teachers can follow the structured content or customise lessons to suit their class.
2. **Musical Skills Development:** The program focuses on developing various musical skills, such as listening, composing, improvising, and performing. It covers a wide range of musical styles and genres, helping children explore diverse musical traditions.

3. **Instrumental Learning:** Charanga includes lessons on playing instruments like recorders, ukuleles, and keyboards, making it accessible to both beginners and more experienced learners.
4. **Digital Resources:** The platform is highly interactive, with digital tools that allow students to create music, record their performances, and practise their skills online or at home.
5. **Inclusivity:** Charanga is designed to be inclusive, with resources catering to different learning needs, ensuring that all pupils can participate and enjoy music.

In Years 3 and 4, children have a weekly one-hour recorder lesson, while in Years 5 and 6, they receive a weekly ukulele lesson. These lessons are delivered by Coventry Music, our music hub, and are aligned with the National Curriculum objectives.

Part B: Co-curricular music

Some pupils in Years 4, 5, and 6 receive additional instrumental tuition provided by Coventry Music. Currently, 4 pupils are learning to play the keyboard, and 8 are learning to play the guitar. There is no charge to parents for these lessons. Pupils also have the opportunity to practice what they've learned in their lessons, in the Music Room during their free time.

We collaborate with Armonico Consort and AC Academy to offer singing tuition every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. The academy is open to former pupils as well as pupils from other Coventry schools. Each term, children attending the academy have the opportunity to perform publicly. Last year, they performed at the Royal Albert Hall.

Part C: Musical experiences

As a Catholic school, the children have regular opportunities to sing during Mass (both in school and at church), as well as in liturgies and assemblies. We also hold a weekly hymn practice on Thursday afternoons.

We host three musical performances each year: the EYFS nativity, the KS1 nativity, and the KS2 musical production. All children participate as part of the chorus, and some are selected to sing solo parts.

Each year, we host the 'Mousike Ensemble,' where our Year 2 pupils sing alongside other Year 2 pupils from schools across the city. The children learn a set of songs to perform together, and each school presents its own 'Showcase' performance.

In the Summer Term, we hold a concert where children receiving musical tuition have the opportunity to perform for an audience of KS2 pupils and parents. Teachers from the Coventry Music Hub are also invited to attend if possible.

In the future

Live Music concerts
Singing Festivals