

Music development plan summary: [Holy Cross Catholic Primary School]

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 to 2025
Date this summary was published	September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2025
Name of the school music lead	R T Mayor
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Services For Education Music Service
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.

Our Music skills progression curriculum can be found at <https://www.holycross-sch.net/attachments/download.asp?file=738&type=pdf>

Music at Holy Cross Catholic Primary School is taught in all classes from Foundation stage to Year 6. We aim to develop pupil’s knowledge, skills and understanding in music through a wide range of teaching styles. These include; actions and dance, whole class work, small group work and individual work. Staff work together to ensure music progression is evident throughout the school and pupils build on what they have been taught in previous years.

Our music curriculum allows:

- Pupils to develop their performance skills through learning to play tuned and un-tuned instruments, singing a variety of songs and rehearsing and performing with others.
- Pupils to develop their composing skills through creating musical patterns and exploring and organising sounds and learning to record these in a variety of ways.
- Pupils to learn to analyse and compare sounds, explore ideas and make improvements to their work, building on their appraising skills.
- Pupils to learn to listen with increased concentration to internalise and recall sounds.
- Teachers to plan lessons using Charanga music scheme, with a termly focus-based approach to support teachers in engaging all of our pupils during music lessons. These lessons include a variety of adult lead and child-initiated activities. Each unit of work has a cross curricular focus and a musical focus, which allows pupils to progress throughout their primary school experience. Children with SEND are individually supported in class depending on their various requirements, for example: use of ear defenders when music lessons are louder than average, teacher's ability to differentiate their lessons and use planning to challenge all pupils depending on their ability. We have taken into consideration the model music curriculum recommendations (2021) and ensure all pupils are taught 1 hour every other week or equivalent
- Pupils to understand possibilities and joy music can bring both now and in the future.

Part B: Extra-curricular music

This is about opportunities for pupils to sing and play music, outside of lesson time, including choir and ensemble, and how pupils can make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

Holy Cross Catholic Primary has dedicated teachers who use their expertise and time to engage and enrich the children in opportunities for music beyond the classroom.

These include:

- Holy Cross School Choir
- Holy Cross School Ensemble

- Key Stage 2 choir
- Guitar and violin lessons are offered during school time by Services for Education Music Service.

Part C: Musical experiences

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

- Weekly singing for whole school Mass taking place in school and church.
- Weekly singing for whole school assemblies – Gospel Assembly and Gifts of God Assembly
- Songs of Praise every two weeks for whole school
- Carol singing at a variety of local settings, including a local residential home, parish hall and department store.
- Young Voices concert for Holy Cross School Choir
- Creative Arts Evening for Holy Cross School Choir and Ensemble. Also opportunity for our musicians to perform.
- Youth Proms at Royal Birmingham Conservatoire for Holy Cross Ensemble
- Youth Proms in Symphony Hall for Holy Cross School Choir and Ensemble
- Nativity Plays, Carol Services, Passion Play

In the future

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

This year we are introducing:

- Composer of the Term.
- Termly performance opportunities for all classes to perform
- Key Stage 1 Choir
- Years 3 to 6 will be taught to play a musical instrument: the recorder and ukulele
- A World Music workshop for all classes during the Summer Term.

Further information (optional)

Reference: Music Action Plan 2024-2025

Visit the Services for Education website for information on local music opportunities for young people. <https://www.servicesforeducation.co.uk/music-service/>