

Music development plan summary: Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
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Name of the school music lead	Caroline Pickering
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Hertfordshire 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.

At Holy Family, we have a timetabled music lesson each week from nursery up to Year 6. We introduced Kapow in September 2024 as a scheme to deliver our music curriculum. Class teachers will deliver the music teaching to their class every week. The music curriculum is clearly mapped out with a road map and progression of skills documents which are available on our school website.

By following the progressive lessons week by week, we are guaranteeing to be meeting all the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum. Kapow Primary offers full coverage of the EYFS, KS1 and KS2 Music curriculum. The curriculum is categorised into four strands, with one overarching strand called interrelated dimensions of music.

- Performing
- Listening
- Composing

- History of Music

In EYFS, children learn nursery rhymes and counting songs weekly and sing these in whole class and small groups. The children also have access to a range of un-tuned percussion instruments though continuous provision to create their own musical improvisations.

In Year 4, children will receive whole class instrumental tuition for one term. This will be supported by teachers from the local Music Education Hub. There is access to both rhythmic and melodic instruments in Key Stages 1 and 2; this may be as part of the whole-class instrumental programme and in other classroom teaching.

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 Holy Family we provide many opportunities for the children to develop their music skills and a love of music outside of their music lesson. We have a weekly whole school hymn practice, as well as a choir each week for all children in KS2. The children learn a wide variety of songs and take part with confidence and enthusiasm in performances for parents twice a year.

We also offer a music club as part of our after schools provision which children can sign up for, it is delivered by an external music service. These clubs have proved very popular. We also offer weekly one to one piano tuition. This is paid for privately by parents but the school will offer a subsidy for pupil premium pupils.

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.

Throughout the year, children at Holy Family, have a number of opportunities to join large-scale performances both in and out of school. .

Children sing regularly as a whole school in the weekly hymn practice and take part in whole school masses throughout the liturgical year, such as Easter and harvest. All ks2 classes perform a song as a whole class during our annual advent service. The KS2 choir rehearse weekly with a choir concert for parents twice a year, at the end of the autumn and summer term)

Other opportunities for music performance include:

- Nativity play, which is held annually for all pupils in EYFS and KS1

- Easter play, which is held annually for Year 3 and 4
- Year 5 and 6 production annually at the end of the summer term.
- International day – this is an annual event including instrumental and choral performances from countries around the world.

In the future

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

- Music at Holy Family has previously been taught by a music specialist. We would now like to develop the skills of class teachers by leading music lessons.
- To further develop the relationship with Hertfordshire Music Services.
- Our aim is to providing whole class instrumental teaching to at least one KS2 class per year. .
- Develop a school music ensemble with the goal of them accompanying in mass or assembly.