

Music Development Plan Summary: St Andrew's Catholic Primary School

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Lucy Thomas, supported by Bethany McCleary
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Lucy Thomas
Name of local music hub	Solihull Music Service (West)
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Solihull Music Service Archdiocese of Birmingham Schools Singing Service Kapow Music Scheme

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.

The Kapow Primary Music Scheme provides teachers with lesson support for each year group in the school. It is ideal for specialist and non-specialist teachers and provides lesson plans, assessment and clear progression for each year group. Music lessons are engaging and practical as a result of this. The teacher skills videos are particularly useful as they provide CPD for teachers and improve staff subject knowledge. The Kapow Scheme supports all the requirements of the National Curriculum.

Music is taught for a minimum of 20 hours a year in every year group at St Andrew's. Pupils in Year Three, Four and Five receive weekly music lessons from external specialist teachers. Year Four receive weekly whole-class brass tuition led by Mr Anthony Jones through Solihull Music Service, and Year Three and Five are taught music by Miss Sarah Colgan through the Archdiocese of Birmingham Schools Singing Programme. In other year groups, the Kapow Scheme provides wide exposure to musical styles and genres from different times and places, and promotes the exploration of the language of music through activities based on active listening, performing and composing.

Knowledge organisers provide a foundation for the learning for each topic and include specific information on vocabulary, genre, style, instrumental parts for improvisation and elements needed for composition in each year group.

Part B: Extra – Curricular Music

Children in Year 4 and upwards are encouraged to continue with small group or individual brass tuition following their weekly teaching from Mr Jones.

We have an active choir who sing together each week after school and take part in many performances outside of school including singing at Lyndon Croft Care Home, charity events, Solihull Hospital, St Paul's Convent and performing for parents/carers.

Many of our KS2 pupils also participate in Young Voices, an extra-curricular club run by school staff where they have the opportunity to perform as part of a mass choir at the Resorts World Arena.

Part C: Musical Experiences, Events and Performances

At St Andrew's, our children sing in weekly hymn practice and celebration assemblies as a whole school. Children also sing in all school Masses.

Our children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 perform an annual Christmas Nativity to the school and their families. During this performance, children sing and perform to a live audience of families and the whole school community.

Children in Key Stage 2 also perform an annual Christmas Carol Concert to the school, parish and families.

Our Year 4 children perform a brass concert each term to parents/carers to showcase what they have been learning with Mr Jones.

Members of our choir perform at a variety of events throughout the year as listed above. Pupils who attend the weekly Young Voices club relish the opportunity to perform as part of a mass choir at the Resorts World Arena in January each year.

We look forward to participating in the 'Big Sing' for Year 6 pupils in the summer term of this year and allowing our KS1 pupils to take part in the musical 'Billy No Buzz' – both events organised by Solihull Music Service.

In the future

Further develop our singing assemblies and repertoire of whole school songs, including hymns which can be sung in masses and hymn practices.

Upskill other members of staff in the teaching of music. Draw on the expertise of music specialists we have in school, such as B McCleary, as well as learning from our external music teachers, to support all staff in deliver high quality, engaging Music lessons to all pupils.

Provide CPD to staff on how to teach the reading of basic notation – Solihull Music Service offer courses for this. This will make our Year 6 pupils more 'secondary ready'.