

# Music Development Plan

2025 - 2026



# Overview

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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 Francis CE Primary School, we use Music Express for our curriculum teaching in music. This scheme of work provides systematic lessons for all pupils from Nursery through to Year 6. They provide a clear progression in terms of skill, knowledge and vocabulary.

Children are exposed to a variety of musical skills throughout their lessons including appreciating, playing and composing. There are multiple opportunities to re-visit previous learning to build upon it and develop their musical ability.

Our weekly lessons also feature a section called Composer of the Week. This is bespoke to our school and it gives our pupils a different composer to learn about through an on screen fact file before then listening to a piece of their music and evaluating what they have listened to - responses are recorded in floorbooks.

As a school we have a range of different musical instruments available for curriculum lessons which are utilised well and respected by pupils.

Staff receive CPD that follows their feedback on what will best support them in their teaching of music.

# **Part B: Co-Curricular Music**

St Francis CE Primary School and Nursery has a rich history of providing music tuition to its pupils. We have developed a reputation in the city for the high level that we provide.

Every year, each year 4 child receives a free 'taster' half term of an instrument that they have chosen. This gives them a full 6 weeks to explore whether this is something that they want to pursue. On average between  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{2}{3}$  of pupils continue with their lessons and parents begin paying for their tuition. We do use pupil premium funding for these lessons where and when appropriate.

We also have weekly **Choral Worship** sessions which are led by a professional choir leader and pianist. Children learn different warm ups, songs and singing strategies.

We also run two ensembles:

**A choir for children from years 1 - 6, led by a professional choir leader and pianist.**

**A concert band for children from years 4 - 6 who have instrument tuition within school.**

Both of these ensembles incur a small charge, and where appropriate we support families to ensure their children can attend.

These opportunities allow our pupils to develop their musical ability outside of their curriculum lessons by utilising skills and knowledge they have learnt in a performance/rehearsal process.

# Part C: Musical Experiences

There are numerous musical events throughout the academic year at St Francis CE Primary School and Nursery that enrich all pupils musical experiences, skills and knowledge. None of these incur costs to partake in but some require tickets to be purchased for parents.

## **Whole School:**

Weekly Choral Worship  
Daily Singing in Collective Worship  
Nativity Performance

## **Choir:**

Young Voices (Utilita Arena)  
Christmas Fayre  
Summer Fayre  
Youth Proms (Symphony Hall)  
Visits to local care homes

## **Concert Band:**

Nativity Performance  
Easter Service  
Christmas Fayre  
Summer Fayre  
Area Gala Performances (Birmingham Conservatoire)  
Youth Proms (Symphony Hall)

We also hold an annual Music Celebration Evening at St Francis Church where all our instrumentalists perform either solo or within a group. Our ensembles also perform. Families and staff are invited to attend.

# Future Plans

We have a dedicated music studio within our school which is used predominantly for instrumental lessons and choir rehearsals. We would like to expand this so pupils can use the space in their lunch times to rehearse.

We also plan to expand on recorded performances within curriculum lessons so floor books contain more links to performances of pupils, demonstrating their new skills through different musical performances.

We will continue to develop our Composer of the Week to include different composers, from different genres and different areas of the world to broaden the children's understanding of music in general.

On the whole we aim to continue to deliver the offer we currently have to our pupils and build upon to ensure that we can confidently say that we offer one of the best Primary School music offers in the city.