

St Mary's C of E VC Primary School Music development plan summary:

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2025
Name of the school music lead	Mrs Angela Holliday
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	N/A
Name of local music hub	York Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	WCET York Music Hub York University Music Education Group

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, extra curricular music and musical events – 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

Our Music curriculum is predominantly through Kapow music. We use the condensed long term music plan across our school, enabling all children to access a broad range of musical experiences. This ensures that all children will have opportunities to work towards all of the National Curriculum statements for Music. The children work on either weekly one hour music lessons or blocked sessions within a half term if this is more appropriate to the unit being taught. Children in Year 3 and 4 also have access to a term of learning an instrument, through whole class ensemble teaching. For the academic year 2024-5 this is guitar.

All children across the school have access to individual music lessons in a wide range of instruments including, woodwind, strings, brass, voice and percussion. If children would like to, they are also able to study for instrumental exams in these too. We have good

links with York Music Hub and hope to be involved in more partnership music events during the 2024-25 year.

Part B: Extra curricular music

Children across our school have opportunities to learn an instrument in one-to-one or small group sessions in a range of instruments or voice. These include woodwind lessons, strings, keyboard, brass, voice and percussion. We have a range of tutors who visit the school weekly to teach children. This is on an individual / group paid basis.

Outside of music taught within lesson time, the children also have opportunities to join other music groups. We have a St Mary's band and this involves several children from the school, who have lessons with one of our tutors. From September 2024 there will be a Music club for children in EYFS and Year 1-3. This will focus on general musicianship and the early stages of learning to read musical notation. From the Autumn term 2024, we will also be developing the St Mary's Choir and this will enable children across KS2 to access additional singing and performance opportunities, in addition to that provided within class teaching and collective worship.

Partnership work with York Music Hub and York University's Music Education Group will also enable children to access other musical opportunities throughout the year and will help to support our co-curricular music provision.

Part C: Musical events

St Marys have a wide range of opportunities for musical events throughout the year. All children perform as part of our Harvest and Easter Services at St Mary's Church. This involves singing a range of different songs that have been learnt together in the weeks preceding the event.

At Christmas the children all participate in a 'Carols around the Tree' event for our local community. The KS1 children then work on a Nativity play together and the KS2 children perform in a carol concert.

In the summer 2025 we are commencing a new event at St Mary's, called the 'St Mary's Musical Showcase'. This will be an event open to our parents and local community where the children will all perform a song in classes together and our musical groups throughout the year will have an opportunity to perform also.

We intend to also allow the children opportunities to perform a short piece at pre booked times throughout the school year, within our Collective Worship. This will enable children to work on pieces and show what they have achieved. The audience will have experience of different instruments and genres of music, hopefully encouraging others to take up musical experiences within our school.

Children all have opportunities to sing weekly as part of our collective worship. They will learn a range of songs including hymns, songs from around the World, musicals and songs from different genres.

Future plans

We are adding a great deal to our music provision from this year, but we hope to develop this further still. Our work with York Music Hub and partnership with York University's Music Education Group will hopefully enable us to open up opportunities for children to experience playing different instruments, working with other schools in our local area and listening to concerts. We hope to also be involved in a Music Hub day in the next year or two.