

Music development plan summary: St. Lewis' Catholic Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Anne-Marie Harvey
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Liverpool
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 St Lewis', we provide a high quality music education which enables children to develop a love of music whilst increasing self-confidence, creativity and a sense of achievement. Our aim is to provide a high quality music education that engages and inspires children to develop a love of music and nurtures their talent as musicians. Through our scheme (Kapow Music) based upon the National Curriculum, and using cross curricular links to other subjects, children have the opportunity to perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions. They learn to sing and to use their voices, to create and compose music on their own and with others using instruments and computer programs.

Children in KS2 build on the skills acquired in KS1 so that, by the end of year 6, they sing and play with increasing control and self-confidence. They deepen their understanding of music in the world and the significance of music through history. Children are encouraged to explore their own musical preferences and discuss these with confidence.

Children have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument in KS2, with our peripatetic music specialists. We also have a choir which is open to KS 1 and 2 pupils and they perform at local care homes and festivals.

We believe it is crucial that our children are familiar with the whole range of musical genres and musicians / composers and pride ourselves on offering music every morning to the children as they arrive in school as well as celebrating inspirational musicians with our 'Little People, Big Dreams' books and Amazing People Schools initiative.

During music lessons and in assemblies, all pupils have opportunities to sing and play musical instruments.

Part B: Extra-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 St. Lewis' we offer our pupils the opportunity to become a member of the school choir. The choir meets weekly, after school to learn and rehearse a wide range of songs and perform at various events throughout the year including at Church, at our annual Christmas Carol Service and in Christmas and End of Year productions. Additionally, the choir perform in the community, for example at the Warrington Winter Wonderland Festival and at a local Care home.

Pupils can access one to one and small group music lessons through access to peripatetic teachers that come into school. They have the opportunity to learn: keyboard, recorder, guitar and ukulele. Tuition is paid for by parents.

We work in partnership with our local Music Hub to support us in the development of music opportunities.

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.

All pupils participate in singing twice a week in assembly and have opportunities throughout the week to sing during collective worship in their own class and in music lessons.

Musical Performances

KS2 Carol Concert

EYFS Christmas Production

KS1 Christmas Production

KS2 End of year production

Warrington Winter Wonderland – Choir

Holcroft Grange Nursing Home - Choir

Additionally, Pupils participate in singing during whole school Masses and in individual Class Masses.

In the future

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

We hope to develop our enrichment of music for our pupils through participation and attendance at external music concerts, visiting local orchestra productions and whole class instrument teaching. Furthermore we hope to be able to invite musicians into school to perform for the children.

Another aim is to increase music lesson time to 1 hour for all pupils.