

# Music development plan summary: Holy Rood Catholic Primary School

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024/2025
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Name of the school music lead	Cathy Evans
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Swindon Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

## Our Music Vision:

At Holy Rood, we believe that music is an important, creative discipline that helps us to understand and change the world. We want all pupils at Holy Rood to experience the beauty, power and enjoyment of music and develop a sense of curiosity about the subject. In order to achieve this, a high-quality music education should engage and inspire pupils to develop a love of music and their talent as musicians, and so increase their self-confidence, creativity and sense of achievement. As pupils progress, they should develop a critical engagement with music, allowing them to compose, and to listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions. In our school, we believe that children's involvement in music and singing during Mass and assembly will develop their growing awareness of their Catholic faith.

We aim to ensure singing is at the heart of every child's school life. We believe that singing together has power to build self-esteem and to strengthen our school community.

## Part A: Curriculum music

At Holy Rood Catholic Primary School, we aim for all pupils to:

- Understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated, including through the inter-related dimensions: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate musical notations.
- Create their own music and record it in a meaningful way so that it can be played again and performed to a small audience of their peers.
- Learn to sing confidently in a whole class ensemble, singing songs in rounds and simple two-part harmonies.
- Experience playing the glockenspiel and recorder as part of a class musical ensemble.

The music provision at Holy Rood is based upon the principles published within the model music curriculum. Our curriculum is bespoke to our school which allows us to cater for all our pupils, including those with SEND.

Our curriculum intent is as follows:

- Our children will be confident and accurate singers, able to perform in an ensemble.
- Our children will have the ability to read simple staff notation, and play and perform simple tunes on both the glockenspiel and the recorder.
- Our children will be able to create their own music, and record it in a way that is meaningful to them so they can perform it to a small audience.

In order to achieve this, our engaging and progressive curriculum will take the children on a journey where they will learn how to:

- Control their pitch, note duration, volume and tone when singing.
- Perform with enthusiasm and engage an audience.
- Critique their own performances in order to improve them.
- Distinguish between different genres of music.
- Use un-tuned percussion instruments to create a variety of sounds.
- Improvise rhythms and melodies using both their voice and a variety of instruments.
- Compose rhythms and melodies by recording in a variety of different ways such as graphic score, stick notation and written notation.
- Find and keep the pulse, including when the music is getting faster or slower.
- Read and understand a musical stave, including bars, note names, note duration, the treble clef, and repeat signs.

- Understand how music creates atmosphere and enhances things that we watch.
- Create music using digital technology.

## 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.

Children have had the opportunities to participate in the following:

- Musical theatre club
- Infant and Junior Choir
- Infant and Junior music festivals at our local theatre.
- Young Voices at the Resorts World Arena in Birmingham
- Year 5 have the opportunity to learn the Flute with Swindon Music Service

## 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.

At Holy Rood, our Catholic ethos shines through everything we do, and this includes our music and singing. This means that we always try our best, and sing enthusiastically during our school assemblies, Mass and our class music lessons!

- Throughout the school year, we hold regular singing assemblies in which the children are taught a variety of songs.
- The children have the opportunity to sing in both year group and whole school mass at least four times per year.
- All children have the opportunity to participate in the school Christmas performances. We hold two performances, one for EYFS and KS1, and one for KS2. These performances take place in our local church and are well attended by parents.
- All children in year 6 have the opportunity to perform in their end of year production.
- Children in KS2 are given the opportunity to attend the Young Voices concert in Birmingham with the Junior choir. They are able to watch other live musicians in addition to singing with the choir.

- Children are given the opportunity to attend the Swindon Infant Voice Festival or the Junior Voice Festival as part of the school choir. They perform in a theatre with other schools.

## In the future

We aim to create a strong musical culture at Holy Rood Primary School, and continue to provide a high quality of musical education for all pupils. We will continue to build on our existing music curriculum to ensure pupils leave us in year 6 with confidence in their musical skills and knowledge.

Our musical development plan includes:

- More opportunities for performing in assemblies. We aim for a termly musical performance in assembly.
- Increasing the profile of our Key Stage 1 choir and Key Stage 2 choir by providing more opportunities for performance.
- More opportunities for the children to experience a live musical performance by inviting bands and orchestras to perform to the children.
- Investigating cross curricular links and boosting the profile of music through other topics and curriculum areas, such as Black History Month.
- Opportunities for children learning the glockenspiel and recorder to perform to parents at the end of the academic year.
- Videos of performances to be made available for parents to view.

## Further information

Our school has links with Swindon Music Service. More information about them can be found on their website:

[Swindon Music Service \(smscio.org\)](http://smscio.org)