

## Music development plan summary: St Aidan's Catholic Primary School

<b>Academic Year that this summary covers</b>	2024-2025
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<b>Name of the school music lead</b>	Miss L Estlin
<b>Name of local music hub</b>	Knowsley Music and Performing Arts Service (MPAS) known as LCRCA from September 2024

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 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.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Timetabling</b>	There are regular timetabled curriculum music lessons in all years plus other provision which totals 1 hour per week for all children.
<b>Curriculum design</b>	There is a whole school (Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2) curriculum in place which clearly maps progress and skills across the key stages. Our curriculum follows the Model Music Curriculum (March 2021) and we use Kapow schemes of work for both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Additional aspects are embedded into the planning such as whole class instrumental music and special musical events.
<b>Assessment</b>	Class teachers record progress using video/audio recordings including some written notes. Music Lead works with class teachers to monitor and support this process.
<b>Quality of teaching</b>	Music teaching is generally of a good standard, but there is still a need for further CPD and support in some areas. Music Lead to attend further music CPD: Primary Music Leaders Qualification in Autumn 2024.
<b>EYFS music</b>	Music is regularly planned in to EYFS timetables and is an integral and essential part of EYFS life. Songs and activities are appropriate to developing voices and carefully chosen to support early progress.
<b>Whole class instrumental provision</b>	Children learn to play an instrument as part of whole class learning during their time at school. (Wider Opportunities Provision) This is taught by a specialist brass music teacher weekly to year 4 children as a whole class. Children are given a full year to learn an instrument and as such develop basic skills and knowledge securely in that time. There are opportunities to perform as part of an ensemble with Knowsley's music service Tutti ensemble for beginner players.

<b>Singing</b>	Children only occasionally sing together as part of a larger group, maybe tied to performances or calendar events. Children sing during Gospel Reflection Assemblies which are sometimes held weekly. There are currently no school choirs taking place regularly although a choir is being organised for the academic year 2024/2025. Children sing as part of a small choir to visit residential homes in the local community at Christmas.
<b>Instrumental and vocal sessions</b>	Provision for disadvantaged groups to have instrumental tuition for a term is being introduced. It is timetables to start from September 2024. Sessions are to include a range of instruments and is taught for 1 hour a week by a specialist music teacher across KS2 classes who do not currently have instrumental lessons. Instruments to include: ukulele, clarinet and flute. There are local ensembles run by Knowsley Music Service which provide opportunities for children to continue to learn an instrument and play with other musicians, although this requires parents to take children outside of school hours. The ensembles offer an opportunity to play together and rehearse regularly.
<b>inclusion</b>	There are provisions to support less affluent families. Pupil premium funding is used to support pupils in engaging in music instrumental lessons for at least a term in school. Curriculum and instrumental lessons are planned to cater for children with different needs and abilities. Pupils have the opportunity to listen to and engage with music from a wide variety of different cultures, traditions and eras though a whole school listening calendar which has been tailored to school by music lead offering a weekly themed approach to listening and appraising music.
<b>Wider involvement</b>	The school has strong partnerships with Knowsley Performing Arts and Music Service which provides wider opportunities whole class instrumental teaching, small group instrumental teaching and monthly updates for ML. School is a Music Mark School and shows commitment to providing high quality music education.
<b>CPD</b>	ML is attending CPD in Autumn Term 2024: Primary Music Leaders Certificate. ML provides staff updates during Professional Development Meetings throughout the year. There are currently no links with other schools.
<b>Live music</b>	All children have the opportunity to hear live performances of music from professional musicians every term from Musical Monday's Initiative via zoom. These take place in the form of online concerts which are accessed in all classes. Children have the opportunity to ask questions live during the concerts via live chat.

### **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.

Some children are offered small group tuition for a term in the following instruments: guitar, ukulele, flute and clarinet. This offer also includes a loan of the studies instrument, free of charge and access to local borough wide ensembles. This is subsidised by school and is offered free to pupil premium eligible pupils. This opportunity will be run for the first time in school from September 2024.

### **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. Children have access to live online concerts via zoom as part of the Musical Monday's concerts, led by professional musicians. Singing is lead during gospel reflection assemblies every week, which gives children the opportunity to sing together hymns used in Church. Both LKS2 and UKS2 hold Christmas Carol Concerts for parents, organised by ML.

In the future children are to have access to live concerts, such as schools concerts held in the Liverpool Philharmonic. ML to investigate this next academic year. ML to explore access to Instrumental lessons for a wider group of children. ML to start a school choir with opportunities for a termly school performance. ML to work with MPAS to set this up with support from specialists.

### **Further information**

- Our music education is supported by:
- [www.knowsleyonlinemusic.co.uk](http://www.knowsleyonlinemusic.co.uk)
  - LCRC: new Music Education Hub Lead Organisation for the Greater Merseyside and Warrington hub.
  - [www.musicmark.org.uk](http://www.musicmark.org.uk): Music Subject Organisation