

Music development plan summary: *Abbey Catholic Primary School*

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	24-25
Date this summary was published	September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2025
Name of the school music lead	Katie Jenner
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Services for Education
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Birmingham Irish Association

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, extra-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.

Reception	Kapow 1 hour a week for 4 half terms
Y1,2,3	Kapow 1 hour each week for 3 half terms
Y4,5	Whole Class Brass Band lessons 1 hour each week
Y6	Irish music lessons 1 hour each week

	Topic 1	Topic 2	Topic 3	Topic 4	Topic 5	Topic 6
Rec	Exploring sound	Music and movement	Transport	Big Band		
Y1	Keeping the pulse		Sound patterns		Musical symbols	
Y2		Call and response		Instruments		Pitch
Y3	Developing singing technique		Pentatonic melodies and composition		Traditional instruments and improvisation	
Y4	SFE – Whole class cornet	SFE – Whole class cornet	SFE – Whole class cornet	SFE – Whole class cornet	SFE – Whole class cornet	SFE – Whole class cornet
Y5	SFE – Whole class cornet	SFE – Whole class cornet	SFE – Whole class cornet	SFE – Whole class cornet	SFE – Whole class cornet	SFE – Whole class cornet
Y6					Birmingham Irish Association – Whole class	Birmingham Irish Association – Whole class

Children receive a variety of music provision during their time at the Abbey. Children in Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3 are taught using units from the scheme Kapow. This provides children with a strong foundation for later in Key Stage 2. The scheme fulfils the statutory requirements for music outlined in the National Curriculum (2014). It also follows the principles outlined in the non-statutory Ofsted Research review series: Music and HM Government's National Plan for Music which explains how to build on the Department for Education's Model Music Curriculum (2021) to deliver high quality music in schools.

Children in Year 4 and 5 receive instrumental Brass lessons from a Services for Education staff. These are whole-class lessons, and each child is provided with a brass instrument which they take home weekly to practise. The Services for Education teacher uses Charanga as a teaching tool during these lessons and children have access to this at home to support their learning.

In Year 6 children learn the tin whistle and Bodhran drum through a partnership with Birmingham Irish Association. Children receive a weekly whole-class lesson from a Birmingham Irish Association musician.

SEND

Differentiation and support is put in place so that all children can access music in class. The music lead and SENCO regularly discuss and, if needed, put support place so that any potential barriers to accessing music lesson are overcome. For example, this may include an adapted instrument, adult support, adaptive technology or a quieter setting.

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.

Instrumental lessons	<p><u>Elective brass lessons</u></p> <p>When whole class brass lessons end in Year 5, children are offered to continue learning brass instruments in Year 6. There is a charge of £2 per week and it is led by a member of Services for Education staff. In discussion with the member of staff, children are given the option to learn a different brass instrument during these brass lessons such as trombone, French horn or Euphonium. This happens weekly for the duration of Year 6.</p>
Ensemble	<p><u>Choir</u></p> <p>Choir club is offered to Year 3 – 6 children. It is a weekly afterschool club and there is a £2 charge per week. This club is run by the music lead. The same group of children attend choir from September until February half term. It is then re-opened to a new group of children from February half term until July.</p>
	<p><u>Brass band</u></p> <p>Brass band is offered to all Year 5 children and Year 6 children who attend Brass Band elective. It is a weekly afterschool club and there is no charge. Brass band rehearse in the school hall with music stands. This is run by the member of staff from Services for Education and runs all year with the same children.</p>
	<p><u>Irish Ensemble.</u></p> <p>Irish Ensemble is a weekly lunchtime run by a member of the Birmingham Irish Association. It is open to children in Year 4, 5 and 6. This club has no charge and runs all year.</p>
	<p><u>Recorder Club</u></p> <p>Recorder club is an after school club and is open to Year 4 and 5. It is a weekly club and there is a charge of £2 per week. Children are given a recorder which is theirs to keep.</p>
	<p><u>KS1 music club</u></p> <p>The KS1 music club is open to Year 1 and 2 children. It is a weekly club which runs for one half term. There is a charge of £2 per week and is run by the music lead.</p>
Independent music making	<p>The school have a piano in the corridor which children can freely access and play during break and lunchtimes. School subscribe to SimplyPiano app on an iPad that is freely accessible during lunchtime for all children to provide immediate feedback and tuition to children who wish to play the piano.</p>

Instrument loans	<u>Brass instruments</u> Any child with a brass instrument (whole class brass lessons and brass elective) take their instruments home. They are encouraged to practise weekly using their own Charanga logins. Brass instrument loans are free to parents for brass band lessons and included in the cost of brass elective club.
	<u>Recorders</u> Children in recorder club are given a recorder which is theirs to keep. This is included in the charge of the club.
Instruments purchases	School supports individual families who wish to purchase instruments at educational rates.
Whole School Music Making	<u>Songs of Praise</u> The whole school attends a weekly hymn singing assembly. During this assembly, children both practise hymns they already know and learn new hymns. Sometimes, children are given the choice of the hymns they sing. Children will frequently lead the school in doing sign language alongside the singing.
	<u>Masses</u> Children regularly attend mass where hymns and responses are sung. Mass is open to the parish who join in with the children for the hymns.
School offers a subsidy for families which are experiencing hardship or disadvantaged. As part of our pupil premium strategy, school offers targeted clubs for those who do not engage.	
<u>SEND</u> Support and provision is put in place so that all children can access extra-curricular music.	

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.

Opportunities for children to perform	<p>Choir</p> <p>Children in choir club (Year 3-6) have an opportunity to perform at a range of musical events throughout the year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Young Voices – In January 2025, choir will attend the Young Voices concert at Resorts World Arena. This is an opportunity to join with thousands of other children for the performance.- Symphony Hall – In July 2025, choir will attend the Services for Education Proms concert at Symphony Hall. They will join with hundreds of other children to form a large children's choir.- Assembly – A number of times throughout the year, choir will perform to the rest of the school.- Parish events – Choir will perform to the local community at Parish events, such as the Christmas Fayre. <p>The cost of all these performances are included in the weekly choir club charge of £2.</p>
	<p>Brass Band</p> <p>Brass Band (Year 5-6) perform in a variety of different settings throughout the year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Gala Concert – In the spring term, Brass Band will be invited to perform at a Services for Education Gala Concert. Previously, these concerts have been held at venues such as the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire and the City of Birmingham Orchestra Centre.- Symphony Hall – In July 2025, brass band will attend the Services for Education Proms concert at Symphony Hall. They will join with hundreds of other children to form a large orchestra.- Assembly – A number of times throughout the year, brass band will perform to the rest of the school. <p>When Brass Band to attend these events, there may be a small charge for the transport to the venues.</p>
	<p>Irish Ensemble</p> <p>Over the past few years, the Irish Ensemble (Year 4-6) have been invited to perform at a number of different local community event. It is anticipated that the Irish Ensemble will perform at similar events throughout the year.</p> <p>There is no charge for these performances.</p>

	<p>Recorders</p> <p>The recorder group is open to Year 4 and 5 children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assembly – A number of times throughout the year, the recorder will perform to the rest of the school in assembly. They will perform individually, in pairs and as a group. <p>Class performances</p> <p>Throughout the year, each class performs to the rest of the school and parents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reception – The Reception children perform the Nativity involving singing. - Class Assemblies – Children in Year 1 – 5 perform a class assembly which involves a number of songs. - Y6 Production – In July, Year 6 rehearse and perform an end of year production which involves acting and singing. The children will perform dress rehearsals to the children in school. They then get the opportunity to perform in a local theatre to a paying audience made up of parents and family. Previous venues have included Sutton Arts Theatre and The Old Rep Theatre.
<p>Opportunities to watch live music</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rec/Y1/2 – In December 2024, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will have the opportunity to attend a trip to the theatre. Previous shows have included A Snowy Day at the MAC and Little Red Riding Hood at The Rep. This performances often involve vocal and instrumental performances. - Local school performances – throughout the year, the children are invited to attend performances at other local secondary school including St Edmund Campion and Highclare. Previously KS2 children have attended a performance of Matilda the Musical at St Edmund Campion. - Brass Band/Choir – When attending events such as Young Voices and Services for Education Concert, children in Choir and Brass have the opportunity to watch live vocal and instrumental performances by both professional musicians and other children. <p>In addition to the above, the Music lead will annually review live music opportunities for children across the school to attend.</p>

In the future

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

From the school development plan, the music lead will strategically review the skills across the music curriculum to ensure the implementation is consistent and effective. Through team teaching and spotlight assessments, music lead will identify trends of attainment and gaps in learning informing future professional development for staff.

As part of our pupil premium strategy, school offers targeted clubs for those who do not engage.

In subsequent years, the music lead and SENCO will annually review the needs of SEND children and adapt accordingly with external agencies.

Music lead to annually review live music opportunities for the children to attend.