

Music development plan summary: Holy Family Catholic Primary School

All schools should have a music development plan from academic year 2023-24. Schools are expected to publish a summary of their plan on their website from academic year 2024-25.

This template is designed to support schools to produce the summary. It should set out how the school will deliver high-quality music provision in curriculum music, co-curricular music and musical experiences, taking into account the key features in the [national plan for music education](#):

- timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week of the school year for key stages 1 to 3
- access to lessons across a range of instruments, and voice
- a school choir or vocal ensemble
- a school ensemble, band or group
- space for rehearsals and individual practice
- a termly school performance
- opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year

The summary should reflect your school's music provision for the given school year and your plans for subsequent years. It should also refer to any existing partnership with your local music hub or other music education organisations that supports the school with music provision.

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Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	June 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2025
Name of the school music lead	Helen Kendall
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Alicia Barr
Name of local music hub	Sky Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Knowsley Music Service

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.

Full information regarding our music curriculum is detailed on our school website.

<https://holyfamilyhalewood.org.uk/curriculum/curriculum-subjects-at-holy-family/>

At Holy Family music is taught weekly throughout the year. As our school is structured around mixed year group classes, in order to ensure consistency, progression and National Curriculum coverage across all year groups, the music topics are taught over a two-year cycle. In Early Years, music is taught through continuous provision, small group activities and whole class sessions. Children have access to musical instruments during Continuous Provision. Music is used to support Speech and Language and Listening skills and is also incorporated into Phase 1 Listening games.

The Kapow music Scheme provides teachers with week-by-week lesson support for each year group in the school. It provides lesson plans, clear progression, and engaging and exciting resources to support every lesson. The Kapow music scheme provides five individual strands of performing, listening, composing, the history of music and the inter-related dimensions of music to create an engaging and enriching learning experience.

Each five- lesson unit combines these strands within a cross-curricular topic designed to capture pupils' imagination and encourage them to explore music enthusiastically. Over the course of the scheme children will be taught how to sing fluently and expressively, and play tuned and untuned instruments accurately and with control. They will learn to recognise and name the interrelated dimensions of music – pitch, duration, tempo, timbre, structure, texture and dynamics – and use these expressively in their own improvisations and compositions. In each lesson, pupils will actively participate in musical activities.

The school choir at Holy Family perform regularly in school, at a variety of concerts and around the local area and community. All children in years 5 and 6 are given the opportunity to learn and play a musical instrument with weekly lessons from peripatetic music teachers.

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.

We offer peripatetic lessons to UKS2 (including instrument load). These are subsidised for all pupils. The school covers the full cost of lessons and instrument hire for children for all children including those children in receipt of Pupil Premium.

We have a School Choir and we annually perform at the Halewood Community Concert alongside other local schools in the community. Over the Christmas period, the choirs perform in a number of local care homes and residential homes. Pupils rehearse during an extra-curricular club each week. We also have on offer to our children a Singing Club which also takes place after school.

There is weekly recognition from the headteacher during whole school Assemblies where musical achievements outside of school are recognised. These achievements are also celebrated via our weekly newsletter as well as the school X account.

We offer a wide range of repertoire of music which is played throughout the school day e.g. background music during lessons, before children enter Assemblies/Collective Worship.

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.

As a Catholic school, pupils of all ages sing in daily Collective Worship. Classes also perform musically in class assemblies, sometimes sharing their musical learning, or playing instruments, or by singing songs.

We also sing together for our Christmas Concerts. Our EYFS and KS1 perform a Nativity Musical Play and our KS2 classes each perform a range of songs, dances or poems based around a Christmas theme, alongside singing carols chorally.

Each December, Reception – Year 6 have the opportunity to watch a Christmas Pantomime in a venue/theatre outside of school.

We also invite 'The Pop Project' into school for KS1 and KS2 where children explore different styles of music from around the world and throughout the decades.

Throughout the year, to celebrate and enhance various theme days such as World Music Day, staff who play an instrument gather together to perform a live performance to our children for them to enjoy.

During the Summer term, we celebrate the Eurovision Song Contest. Each class hold their own Eurovision heats where children can enter as soloists, duets or groups. Each class then votes for their winner who then competes against children from N-Y6 to become the Holy Family Eurovision winner.

In the summer term, we have a Musical Afternoon, when all the pupils who have been receiving peripatetic lessons have an opportunity to showcase their talents for either parents and/or pupils in other classes.

At the end of the year, Year 6 have a Leaver's Concert, where children can showcase their musical talents and singing skills to the whole school and their parents.

In the future

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

- Continue to monitor the teaching of the Music Curriculum
- Provide provision for children who play peripatetic to practise their instrument at playtimes or lunchtimes
- Look to provide individual tuition for pupils to learn an instrument which would be paid for by parents or use of Pupil Premium funding where applicable.
- Reintroduce performing as part of Young Voices.