

St Francis Primary School

2025/2026 Music development plan summary:

Overview

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.

Primary

Our school follows the Charanga Music curriculum from YR – Y6. Within the Early Years there is daily singing of nursery rhymes.

KS1 and KS2 have dedicated music lessons each week, with further opportunities for cross-curricular music making included in phonics, maths and assemblies. Within their music lessons pupils sing weekly, play untuned percussion and listen and appraise to a variety of music from different genres, places and time, following the Charanga scheme. We have invested in a class set of tuned and untuned percussion instruments.

This year, Year 4 and 5 have been involved in the 'Let's Build a Town' project in collaboration with Magdalene College. This included co-composing music, singing and it culminated with a performance to their parents at St Edmund's school.

There are weekly 20 minute singing assemblies for Year 1 to Year 6, led by our Deputy Head Simon Bushell and TA Jonathan Crozier, who is a talented pianist. The children listen to and learn about different genres and key music vocabulary as well as focussing on enjoyment.

All curriculum music is delivered by the class teachers or HLTA. Assessment currently focuses on performance at the end of each Charanga unit.

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. Alternative titles for Part B could be 'Extra-curricular music' or 'Music tuition, choirs and ensembles'

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Our school policy for Extra-curricular and Co-curricular activities can be found here: [St Francis C.E. Primary School & Nursery - Music](#).

Our school currently has a Choir for children from Y2 onwards run by Fleur Belcher and Jonathan Crozier each week. This provides progression for those children who wish to continue their learning outside of the classroom. The choir performs in assemblies and at Shotover View, a local care home. The Choir has also taken part in massed singing events locally, such as the Big Summer Sing. Any other concerts.

Our school has visiting peripatetic teachers from Good Vibes and Rock Steady Music School. Good Vibes teaches drumming, guitar and piano to a number of individual and small group lessons. Rock Steady Music School delivers band lessons to small groups of children who play a variety of different instruments, including bass guitar, drumming and vocals. Each band gets the opportunity to do a performance to the rest of the school and their parents at the end of each term. Rock Steady Music School offers one bursary place a year for one of our pupils.

Both companies bill families directly for tuition. Details of these lessons can be found on our website: [St Francis C.E. Primary School & Nursery - 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. Alternative titles for Part C could be 'Musical events' or 'Musical performances'.

Each year group is involved in at least one performance a year which includes:

- Weekly singing assemblies for 20 minutes
- Nursery Christmas Sing Song performed to parents
- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity performed to parents and to the rest of the school
- Years 4 and 5 'Let's Build a Town' production in collaboration with Magdalene College as part of their outreach programme.
- Year 6 Leavers assembly/production which is performed to families and to the rest of the school.
- Choir visits Shotover View care home to perform to the residents.
- A pantomime visit for R to Y6 each year.

In the future

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- We plan to offer all teachers music training to ensure that they are confident to teach whole class music lessons and give children the opportunity to use musical instruments in each lesson.
- We plan to create links with our local secondary school, Oxford Spires, to help facilitate opportunities to share in live performances from students.
- We plan to offer whole class instrument lessons to a Y4 children each year so that every child has an opportunity to play an instrument at primary school.
- We plan to offer peripatetic music lessons from Good Vibes from September.
- To link up with other ODST schools to join in with large scale singing events.