



Music development plan summary: St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Bodmin

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 - 2026
Date this summary was published	September 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2026
Name of the school music lead	Mrs Lauren Langton
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	As One Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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

Please see our school website for more information on our Music Intent, Implementation and Overview:

https://www.st-marys-bod.cornwall.sch.uk/web/subject_overviews/624732

At St Mary's we have timetabled music lessons in all year groups at least every other half term. We use the Charanga music scheme for our lessons which is aligned to the Model Music Curriculum (2021). When using the scheme and its progressive week-by-week lessons, we are ensuring that we meet all the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum. Teaching staff have taken part in CPD to explore strategies for adapting their music teaching to meet pupils' varying needs and observations have shown all pupils engaged and active during the lessons, including SEND. This musical learning is further supplemented by whole-school singing assemblies every week, lasting 20 minutes.

At St Mary's we are fortunate enough to have a dedicated Music space for teaching small groups as well as for storage of instruments. We have a wide range of instruments that can be used in the lessons and our curriculum including keyboards, ocarinas, Djembe drums, percussion instruments, glockenspiels, guitars and an electric drumkit.

One class a year learn an instrument as a whole-class ensemble taught by music specialists from Cornwall Music Service Trust as part of the As One First Access programme. Each project lasts 10 weeks and culminates in a concert where children perform songs and pieces together. This year, the children in Y4 learned to play the trumpet and then performed to parents and carers.

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.

At St Mary's we have various opportunities for the children to develop their music skills. We have singing assemblies weekly and the children take part with confidence and enthusiasm. We currently offer individual and small-group lessons on keyboards and flute through the Cornwall Music Service Trust. Teachers visit the school and teach children in our Music Room. We also have Rocksteady coming in to school to teach drums, guitar, bass guitar, keyboard and vocals in a band-style set-up in the hall. All instruments are provided for this by Rocksteady. Parents pay for lessons delivered by the CMST and Rocksteady, but reduced rates are available for eligible pupils, (such as those with EHCPs and those who receive Pupil Premium.) The children perform in concerts 3 times per year.

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.

For several years, we have taken part in Songfest with a choir of 15 children, which is led by the As One Music Hub.

Every year a class or group take part in the St Petroc's Christmas Tree festival where they perform several Christmas songs to an audience from the local community. Year 3 and 4 sing as part of the St. Piran's day festival in Bodmin.

Throughout the year our children enjoy singing assemblies every week and singing hymns in Mass in Church.

Every class in the school take part in Christmas productions and Carol concerts, from Nursery to Year 6.

Year 6 also enjoy putting on an end of year performance.

In the future

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

In future years, our Music Development Plan aims to achieve the following:

- Work with our local music hub to support our musical development as set out below.
- Develop a school choir and provide more opportunities to perform throughout the year.
- Provide pupils with more opportunities to watch live music performances and to develop a strong pupil voice.
- Further expand the range of musical instrument lessons on offer in school.
- Strengthen our CPD programme for our staff, to develop their confidence and subject knowledge.