

Music Development Plan Summary

2024 -2025



St Matthew's CE (Aided) Primary School



Our Vision for Music

At St Matthew's Primary school, our school vision is to encourage all children to flourish spiritually, morally, emotionally, physically and intellectually in all aspects of life demonstrating perseverance and resilience; this is emulated across all curriculum areas.

Intent

We intend for the children at St Matthew's to experience music as a powerful and unique form of communication, that can change the way they feel, think and act. We see music is a spiritual subject, which enables all pupils to gain a greater sense of their own spirituality, bringing together intellect and feeling enabling self-expression, personal reflection and emotional development as well as being a fun and practical subject.

As an integral part of culture, past and present, music helps children to understand themselves and to relate to others. Learning music has the power to increase self-discipline, creativity and fulfilment.

At St Matthew's, we aim for pupils to:

- Develop a love of music and increase their talents as singers, instrumentalists, composers and performers.
- Develop a critical engagement with music by introducing them to a broad range of musical styles and genres and teach them how to listen carefully and be able to evaluate what they have heard.
- Listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, cultures, styles and traditions.
- Make judgements and express personal preferences about the quality and style of music.
- Develop understanding of the different dimensions of music (beat, rhythm, tempo, etc.), pupils.
- Create and compose music, both on their own and with others
- To acquire and accurately use a range of musical terms and use this effectively to describe, evaluate and discuss musical concepts applying their knowledge of language.
- To sing and use their voices to create different effects.
- Take part in performances with an awareness of audience.

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Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2023 - 2024
Date this summary was published	September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	August 2025
Name of the school music lead	Mrs Rebecca Wilson
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	The Music Partnership
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, 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.

Our Music curriculum provides opportunities for our children to learn to play tuned and untuned instruments, developing knowledge and understanding of musical techniques, terminology and subject specific vocabulary. Throughout the curriculum our children are also provided with opportunities to develop a love of singing. The curriculum allows our children to learn how to sing fluently and with expression through weekly lessons, fortnightly singing assemblies, choir and singing events.

Music is taught in class every week and is informed by the DfE non-statutory guidance for teaching music Model Music Curriculum: Key Stages 1 to 2 March 2021. Lessons are taught for a minimum of 45 minutes and are taught by class teachers or music specialists from the Music Partnership, utilising the Sing Up curriculum scheme of work. This musical learning is further supported by weekly singing assemblies delivered in Key Stages, lasting for 20 minutes.

In EYFS and KS1 we focus on introducing the children to music through fun and interactive music lessons. Our children participate in lessons and activities that focus on singing, feeling the beat/pulse and developing musicianship with their control of pitch, pulse and dynamics. Children have the opportunity to play untuned percussion instruments developing an

understanding of how sounds are made, developing and understanding of the sound quality or timbre of an instrument.

In KS2 children begin to develop an understanding of how music is represented and will begin to learn how to read music. They will begin to develop an understanding of staff notation for rhythm and pitch. Singing will continue to have a high priority with children considering the quality of the sound produced and developing expressive elements. There will be an increased focus on aural memory, improvising and composing throughout KS2.

Children in Yr1/2, Yr2, Yr3, Yr3/4, Yr4/5, Yr5/6 and Yr6 learn an instrument as a whole class which is taught by music specialists from The Music Partnership. Each series of lessons lasts 10 weeks and children perform songs and pieces together during a collective worship/Music celebration assembly at the end of the term.

All children from Reception through to Year 6 participate in fortnightly singing assemblies that last for 20 minutes. Songs the children are taught to sing are closely linked to the school's Christian Values of, Compassion, Courage, Friendship, Forgiveness, Generosity, Justice, Perseverance, Respect, Service, Thankfulness, Trust and Truthfulness. During these singing assemblies the children are taught songs from a range of genres of music, that are both modern and traditional.

To read in more detail about the music provision provided at St Matthew's Primary School, please visit the Music Curriculum page on our school website:

<https://www.stmatthewscofe.com/curriculum/foundation-subjects/music>

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.

Singing and music has always been a large part of St Matthew's and throughout the children's time at school we provide the children with a range of opportunities to progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

Choir

We have a KS2 choir that meet weekly with the either Music lead or Collective Worship Lead and a TA. This ensemble work on learning and rehearsing a range of songs from a range of genres that they perform at several events both in and out of school. The choir take part in singing events in the local community such as singing at the local elderly people's residence and performing at St Matthew's church.

Ensembles and Musical Events

Every year group from Nursery through to Year 6 participates in a production each year. All pupils participate in a Christmas production, performed twice for parents. EYFS and KS1 take

part in nativity plays that feature several Christmas themed songs. KS2 participate in a Christmas Concert that consists of modern Christmas songs and Christmas carols.

Children from KS2 perform at the annual 'Carols by Candlelight' service held at St Matthew's where they perform a range of Christmas songs and traditional carols. All pupils from school are invited to attend the event with their parents. Members of the church community work with school to provide the local community with a music event that brings people together.

In March, children from St Matthew's primary school participate in 'Telford Sings', an event that sees many local primary schools coming together at one of our secondary schools to enjoy an evening of singing and music.

Year 6 pupils participate in a graduation assembly at the end of the academic year. This provides Year 6 pupils with the opportunity to learn songs specifically for the event. During this event the children share their memories and celebrate their time at school. They perform songs of their choice that encapsulate their memories of their time at St Matthew's. We also sing a song that inspires the children to think about their next steps and future journeys.

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.

Every year group from Reception through to Year 6 participates in Harvest Festival. The harvest festival, held either in school or at St Matthew's Church, provides the children with the opportunity to sing and perform songs/music. The songs and pieces of music chosen for Harvest support our children to recognise that this is a time to thank God for the abundance of food many of us enjoy and understand the importance of taking care of those who are in need.

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Every year group from Reception through to Year 6 participates in our Easter Celebration. Easter Celebration, held either in school or at St Matthew's Church, provides the children with the opportunity to sing and perform songs/music related to Easter. The songs and pieces of music chosen for Easter support our children to recognise that this is a time that marks the resurrection of Jesus and supports Easter Celebrations.

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In the future

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

Music Tuition

In February we will be working with the Music Service to deliver a live performance to KS2. During this assembly, musicians will share with the children information about the instruments they are playing and demonstrate how their individual instruments are played. The band will end the assembly with a live performance showing the children how all of the instruments that have featured are played together.

Following the assembly, children will then be encouraged to take up the playing of a musical instrument. The peripatetic music teachers will deliver music lessons one-to-one and in small groups at the school. Children can achieve graded certificates from ABRSM through the peripatetic music team.

Recorder Festival

In the academic year 2005 – 2006 we would like the children from Years 3 and 4 to participate in the Recorder Festival held at Oakengates Theatre, an event organised by the Music Hub. The children will perform to a live audience and will have the opportunity to listen to other musicians from other schools and the peripatetic team perform.

Young Voices Concert

In the academic year 2005 – 2006 we would like the children from KS2 to participate in the Young Voices Concert in Birmingham, a concert that we have previously been a part of.