

Music development plan summary: Highfield St Matthew's Church of England Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	October 2024
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs Christine Chatterley
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mrs Kelsey Condliff
Name of local music hub	Wigan Music services
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.

At Highfield St Matthews music is taught in class every week from Reception to Year 6. Lessons are an hour and are taught by class teacher, with TA support to support SEND children to be inclusive taught within the lessons. Teaching is taught from a specialist planned scheme of work called Hullabaloo which fully covers expectations of the EYFS and National Curriculum. It also fully embraces the model music curriculum (March 2021). The children follow a progressive and consistent curriculum learning about notation and learning to play musical instruments such as the glockenspiel, the recorder etc.

The musical learning is further supplemented by weekly singing assemblies in each key stage, lasting 30 minutes.

Every year group from Nursery to year 6 are given opportunities to perform for to parents throughout their academic year.

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.

At Highfield St Matthews Primary School, we currently offer individual and small-group lessons on guitar and brass through Wigan Music Service. Teachers visit the school and teach children in a quiet practise room. The children are given opportunity to take part in Wigan Music Service performances.

We also offer Rock Steady Band sessions, children can choose what part they play in the band either drum, vocal or keyboard. Termly the children perform for parents, carers and their peers in a Rock Band Concert. Lessons are funded by parents, however for those children who are Pupil Premium, these lessons can be funded by the Pupil Premium provision

We have a thriving Whole School Choir which meet weekly and his free and accessible to all children and are provided by staff and the lead of St Matthew's Church Choir. The children are given opportunity to perform at a variety of occasions, within services at St Matthews Church, Community Markets, With other schools in the local community and at our school events.

We work closely with Wigan Music Service, our local school cluster group and our academy schools to ensure we can offer the best possible music opportunities for our children.

If you have an enquiry regarding instrumental lessons on offer, please visit our school Office or email Enquiries hstm@ldst.org.uk

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.

Children will have the opportunity to perform or experience high quality music this academic year. Please see below for a list of those opportunities:

- Year 5 trip to see BBC Ten pieces at Manchester Aviva Studios.
- Year 3 perform Harvest Assembly St Matthews Church
- The School Choir performing at a variety of community events throughout December- Highfield Christmas Markets, Carols at Candle Light Service at Highfield St Matthews Church and Norley Hall Care Home.
- All children in EYFS and KS1 perform at Christmas Performances.
- Year 4 Perform in Highfield Matthews Church for Christmas Performance.
- Year 1 perform a Mother's Day Assembly for Mothers in School.
- Year 5 do an Easter performance at St Matthews Church
- The School Choir perform at the WOW's Musical Festival at Robin Park in Wigan.
- Year 6 perform an end of year performance both in school at Highfield St Matthews and at Church for parents and carers.
- The School Choir performs in the 'Summer Service' in St Matthews Church.
- Rock Steady Bands perform at the end of each term for parents/carers and their peers in school.

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:

- Introduce the children to a wider range of instruments on offer for small group or individual lessons.
- Introduction of a music scheme for Nursery that ensures consistency and progression.
- Introduction of further whole-class ensemble projects delivered by a music specialist such as Pemberton Brass Bands or Six Form college students and teachers.
- Further develop performance opportunities for our young musicians throughout the school year.
- Further develop engagement in extra-curricular music for Pupil Premium and SEND children.
- Develop our links with our feeder High schools for children in upper Key stage 2.
- Develop a dedicated music teaching space for use by ensembles and class curriculum lessons.

