Music development plan summary:
St Thomas More's Catholic Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	October 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2025
Name of the school music lead	Lisa Boatwright
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Hampshire Music Service
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.

To read in more detail about the provision music at St Thomas More's Catholic Primary School, please visit our music curriculum page https://www.st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk/music/

Music is taught in class every week for 4 out of the 6 half term blocks and is informed by the model music curriculum (March 2021). Lessons are an hour long and are taught by class teachers. Teaching is supported by specialist planning, and the Sing Up curriculum scheme of work. This musical learning is further supplemented by weekly whole school singing assemblies, lasting 20 minutes.

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 St Thomas More's Catholic Primary School, we have a thriving Key Stage 2 Choir who perform to the school and local community for different events. They will be performing to Bedhampton Care Home and in the Meridian Centre. A teacher at our school also runs a music and drama club for the children in year 4, 5 and 6. They perform a fantastic show to the whole school as well as at 'The Gaiety' in Southsea.

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 each academic year. Please see below for a list of those opportunities:

- All children from Nursery to Year 6 perform at Christmas

- Weekly Celebration of the Song featuring live piano from our Chaplain.

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:
- - Introduction of a wider range of instruments on offer for small group or individual lessons.
- - Introduction of further whole-class ensemble projects delivered by a music specialist.
- - 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.

Further information (optional)

The Department for Education publishes a guide for parents and young people on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.