

# St Anselm's Catholic Primary School

## Music Development Plan 2024-25



### Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
Date this summary was published	September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2025
Name of the school music lead	Mrs C Snowden
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mrs L White
Name of local music hub	Kent Music
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Red Rooster Rock Steady Music

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, extra-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 St. Anselm's, we provide timetabled music lessons for children in Years 1 to 6, following the Charanga music scheme. This scheme is fully aligned with the National Curriculum for Music, ensuring that our lessons meet all statutory requirements. Its progressive, week-by-week structure allows us to track and demonstrate clear progress through observations, pupil's individual music folders, and our detailed progression documents.

Conversations with pupils reveal their growing ability to recall key musical vocabulary, and lesson observations consistently show high levels of engagement and active participation from all pupils, including those with SEND. Our music curriculum is enriched by a wide variety of instruments available for use in lessons. As part of the Charanga scheme, music appreciation is a core component, introducing pupils to diverse musical genres and fostering their ability to listen and appraise effectively.

Charanga is designed to support teachers of all confidence levels. While some may use the scheme as a foundation to extend learning further, it ensures that every lesson incorporates essential elements of music education: listening, appraising, composing, and performing. These lessons include opportunities to play a variety of instruments, such as chime bars, glockenspiels, and ukuleles, as well as using IT devices to enhance musical learning.

For children in Reception, music opportunities focus on singing and creating music. Additionally, we use the Write Dance program to support early writing skills through music and movement.

## 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. Anselm's Primary School, we are proud to offer a diverse and enriching music program designed to engage pupils of all ages and abilities. This includes:

### **Singing Opportunities**

- **Weekly Singing for Key Stages 1 and 2:** Pupils sing a wide range of songs, including pieces performed in two and three parts, enhancing their musical depth and collaborative skills.
- **Christmas Choir:** Comprising older pupils, this choir introduces complex harmonies, allowing pupils to develop their singing at a greater depth. They perform at local events such as the parish bazaar, Bluewater, PTA events, and other parish occasions. The choir meets weekly for practice.
- **Young Voices Choir:** Open to pupils in Years 4, 5, and 6, this choir participates in a spectacular performance at the O2 Arena, offering a unique and memorable experience.

### **Instrumental Opportunities**

- **Year 3 Ukulele Program:** All Year 3 pupils learn to play the ukulele with weekly lessons throughout the year. Their progress is celebrated in a performance at a ukulele festival in the summer term.
- **Red Rooster Lessons:** We signpost families to Red Rooster for individual music lessons, which many of our pupils take advantage of.
- **Rock Steady Program:** This visiting music group offers children the chance to learn instruments such as guitar, bass guitar, keyboards, and drums. Pupils learn to play individually, as part of an ensemble, and to perform for an audience at the end of each term. These weekly sessions, funded by parents, can be supported through bursaries for eligible pupils.

### **Accessibility and Community Engagement**

All ensembles are open to all Key Stage 2 pupils, ensuring inclusivity and accessibility. We work closely with the Kent Music Hub to provide high-quality musical opportunities for our children. Families can find further information about instrumental lessons on our school website.

Our pupils regularly engage with the community through performances at local fetes and events. We also maintain strong links with a local secondary school, providing our children the opportunity to attend concerts performed by their Key Stage 3 and 4 pupils.

Through these varied initiatives, we aim to inspire a love for music and provide our children with opportunities to develop their skills, confidence, and creativity.

## 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.

This academic year, pupils at St. Anselm's Primary School will have numerous opportunities to perform and experience high-quality music, fostering their creativity and confidence. Below is an outline of the planned musical events and activities:

- **Christmas Choir:** Performances at local events, including parish and community gatherings.
- **KS2 Carol Concert:** A festive gathering filled with traditional and modern carols.
- **KS1 Musical Nativity:** A heartwarming performance by younger pupils.
- **Young Voices Choir:** Participation in a spectacular concert at the O2 Arena.
- **PTFA Events:** Musical contributions at events organised by our Parent, Teacher, and Friends Association.
- **St. Anselm's Got Talent (Summer Festival):** A platform for pupils to showcase their diverse talents.
- **Ukulele Performances:** Featuring our Year 3 pupils in a special end-of-year ukulele festival.
- **Rock Steady Band Performances:** Termly showcases by pupils learning instruments in the Rock Steady program.
- **Class Assemblies:** Incorporating music and performances related to classroom learning.
- **Secondary School Events:** Opportunities to attend concerts, such as rhythm and blues performances at DGS.
- **Mass:** Musical contributions during school Masses.
- **KS2 Musical Production (Summer Term):** A large-scale production highlighting the dramatic and musical skills of Key Stage 2 pupils.
- **Workshops:** Exciting opportunities, such as steel pan workshops, to introduce pupils to new instruments and styles.

These experiences are designed to enrich our pupils' musical journeys, providing opportunities to perform, appreciate, and engage with music throughout the year. Any additional opportunities will be communicated to parents and carers as they are planned.

## In the future

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

In future years, our Music Development Plan seeks to accomplish the following goals:

- Expand the variety of instruments available for small group and individual lessons.
- Enhance opportunities for pupils to perform throughout the school year.
- Increase participation in extra-curricular music activities, especially for our younger pupils, with a focus on supporting Pupil Premium and SEND pupils.