

# Music development plan summary: St Monica's Catholic Primary School

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	08.09.2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	01/07/2025
Name of the school music lead	Mrs L Daggett
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	School Governor: Mrs K Began
Name of local music hub	MK Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● MK Music Hub</li> <li>● Northampton Diocese- National Schools Singing Programme</li> <li>● Diocesan Choral Director (Northampton Diocese)</li> <li>● 3x Musical Instrument teachers (Heather Dunne providing cello - new this academic year, Helen Day providing violin, Joe Garrett providing guitar)</li> <li>● Active Music Digital</li> <li>● BBC Teach</li> <li>● Moving to the KAPOW curriculum for music w.e.f January 2026</li> </ul>

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 for music at St Monica's Catholic Primary School, please visit our curriculum page: <https://st-monicas.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Music-Curriculum-Plan.pdf>

Our weekly music lessons are progressive and we teach the knowledge and skills required from Reception through to Year 6. Through our teaching of music, pupils will know a range of key vocabulary, the required musical elements and the history of music and composers. In addition, singing is embedded in our termly collective worship timetable and the children sing a variety of worship songs. We believe in the value of singing - it being much more engaging for the children than learning by listening solely to recorded music. The children listen to and appraise a wide range of recorded music and there is a four yearly schedule for this that teaching staff follow..

By the time our pupils leave St Monica's, they will know a wide repertoire of songs and music from different cultures and historic periods. They will have acquired the musical knowledge and skills required to *sing, play, compose, perform* (in accordance with the requirements of the National Curriculum) and appraise music. The integral nature of music and the learner creates an enormously rich palette from which a student may access fundamental abilities such as: achievement, self-confidence, interaction with and awareness of others, and self-reflection. Music will also develop an understanding of culture and history, both in relation to students individually, as well as ethnicities from across the world.

Music is taught in class every week and it is informed by our own curriculum map which is inspired by the model music curriculum (March 2021) and Active Digital Music. Lessons are a minimum of 30 minutes and are taught by class teachers or a music specialist. Singing takes place most days and is supported by weekly assemblies which covers a range of songs of worship, both traditional and modern. In total the children receive 60 minutes of music per week.

Lower Key Stage Two have weekly singing lessons delivered by the Diocesan Choral Director in line with the National Singing Programme which is progressive and builds on skills across the year. The curriculum map is also available on our school website.

The school also employs the MK Music Hub to deliver topics across Key Stage Two.

## 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 Monica's Catholic Primary School, we currently offer individual and group lessons on Guitar, Violin and introducing cello from September 2026, through the MK Music

Hub. Teachers visit the school and teach children in our dedicated practise room. The children also take part in music festivals with other schools across Milton Keynes and they perform regularly to their parents and the rest of the school.

We have two thriving Key Stage Two Choirs (Choir and Gospel Mash-Up) which meet weekly and are led by music specialist teachers and teaching assistants. The two choirs have opportunities to take part in music festivals and they perform at the local Church and to local community groups.

Individual and focus group sessions are funded by parents, however for those children who are Pupil Premium, these lessons can be supported by the Pupil Premium provision. The Choirs are free and accessible to all Key Stage Two children.

We work closely with MK Music Hub to ensure we can offer the best possible music opportunities for our children. If you have an enquiry regarding instrumental lessons on offer, please contact the school office on [stmonicas@st-monicas.co.uk](mailto:stmonicas@st-monicas.co.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.

For the Academic Year 25-26 the following is planned:

- Termly choir performances to the rest of the school and/or parents.
- EYFS and KS1 Nativity performances
- Key Stage 2 Carol Concerts to parents, local community centres and the local Church
- Y4 Musical performance of the Easter Story
- Y6 end of year musical performance
- Opportunities for musical instrument tuition - guitar, violin and cello
- Weekly assemblies and Year group singing sessions.
- Musical performance from St Paul's Catholic Secondary School pupils.
- Opportunities to take part in music festivals with MK Music Hub and Music for Youth.
- Children involved in the Diocesan Choir will perform at a range of local events.
- Opportunities are used for musical experiences through a range of activities in other subjects to enable children to apply and use music in real life and academic contexts e.g. PE, History.

## In the future

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

Our current areas for development in 2025-2026 are:

- To continue to develop teacher assessment in music to enable us to successfully track progress across the school.
- Provide further CPD to all teaching staff
- Track pupil engagement in musical enrichment activities – focusing on SEND and PP.
- Increase the opportunities to perform in the local and wider communities
- Develop links with musicians to encourage more visits and inspire children with real life experiences.
- Develop children's knowledge by introducing continuing with the four yearly music schedule, in compliance with the new National Curriculum requirements to have a deepening appreciation of composers and well-known pieces of music.

## Further information

For further information, please see:

[Home - Milton Keynes Music Education Service \(miltonkeynesmusicservice.com\)](https://miltonkeynesmusicservice.com)

<https://miltonkeynesmusicservice.com/>

<https://st-monicas.co.uk/>

We are always looking for new ways to engage our children in music events. If you have any information about events, trips or visits that you feel will benefit our pupils, please contact us on [stmonicas@st-monicas.co.uk](mailto:stmonicas@st-monicas.co.uk)