

Music development plan summary: Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025/2026
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Name of the school music lead	Jasmine King
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music	Hayley Gardiner
Name of local music hub	Leicestershire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	n/a

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.

- The Music Curriculum for Holy Cross is published on our website and can be found here: [Music \(Miss J King\) - Holy Cross Catholic Primary School - Leicester](#)
- The music curriculum at Holy Cross is informed by the National Curriculum and the [model music curriculum](#) (March 2021).
- Music at Holy Cross is supported by the scheme Charanga Music in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.
- EYFS cover the relevant music statements from Development Matters.

- Holy Cross works with the Leicestershire Music Hub to provide high quality provision for our pupils.

- Curriculum time for music lessons is currently as follows:
 - o EYFS – throughout provision
 - o Key Stage 1 – 1 hour a week for 13 weeks
 - o Key Stage 2 – 1 hour a week for 9 weeks
- In all year groups, children are taught how to sing, beginning in EYFS. Children have the opportunity to play a range of percussion instruments in all year groups as part of their music lessons, with a focus on glockenspiels.

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.

All pupils in Year 3 upwards have the opportunity to join the Holy Cross choir. There is no charge for joining the choir.

Instruments are available during break times and lunch times as part of our OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning) provision. Children are able to freely access a range of percussion instruments as well as exploring our music trails.

There are also regular whole school hymn practices.

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.

At Holy Cross, we are committed to providing a rich and varied programme of musical events and experiences for all our children. These opportunities help to develop confidence, performance skills and a lifelong love of music. They include:

- Every class taking part in singing during whole-school assemblies.
- All pupils singing together during whole-school Mass.
- EYFS and Key Stage 1 performing a musical Nativity in December.
- Year 3 and Year 4 presenting a musical Easter performance.
- The school choir performing within the community, including visits to a local care home and participation in the Menphys Concert at De Montfort Hall.
- Opportunities for all children to experience live performance at least once each year, including an annual whole-school pantomime hosted at Holy Cross.

- Key Stage 2 pupils actively participating in the Orchestra Unwrapped concert, usually every two years.
- Musicians from Leicestershire Music delivering interactive and educational workshops, introducing children to a wide range of instruments.
- Year 3 pupils having the opportunity to join Recorder Club, led by Year 6 children, fostering musical development, leadership and collaboration across year groups.

In the future

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

At Holy Cross, we would like to continue to work closely with the Leicestershire music hub, our Trust and local schools in order to raise the profile of music in our school.

We would like to develop the following aspects of music in our school:

Curriculum

- review scheme of work and instruments for year groups -
- increase timetabling of music

Extra-curricular music:

- introduce music clubs

Musical experiences:

- increase experiences e.g. African drumming

Further information (optional)