# Music development plan summary: St Margaret’s C of E Primary School

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| At St Margaret’s, we strive to offer a high - quality Music Education for all of our children in line with the expectations of the HM Government’s National Plan of Music (NPM). |

## Overview

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| Detail | Information |
| Academic year that this summary covers | 2024/25 |
| Date this summary was published | September 2024 |
| Date this summary will be reviewed | 1st June 2025 |
| Name of the school music lead | Madeleine Chaplin |
| Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different) | Madeleine Chaplin |
| Name of local music hub | Solihull Music Service |

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.

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| This year, St Margaret’s will teach Music through the Kapow primary scheme of work which aims to meet the end of key stage attainment targets outlined in the National curriculum. This is a spiral curriculum which means that previous skills and knowledge are returned to and built upon. Children will progress in terms of tackling more complex tasks and doing more simple tasks better, as well as developing understanding and knowledge of the history of music, staff, and other musical notations, the interrelated dimensions of music and more. This scheme is informed by the Model Music Curriculum (March 2021) with musical activities in each lesson being drawn from a range of styles and traditions.  Children are taught Music for 45 minutes per week. During their time at St Margaret’s, they will be taught how to sing fluently and expressively, and play tuned and untuned instruments accurately and with control. (chime bars, glockenspiels, recorders and a variety of unpitched percussion instruments.) They will learn to recognise, demonstrate and name the interrelated dimensions of music - pitch, duration, tempo, timbre, structure, texture and dynamics - and use these expressively in their own improvisations and compositions. In Year 3, they learn to play ukelele, taught by the music lead. Pupils with SEND are included in all music lessons. |

## 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.

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| Up until this year, instruments have been taught by Solihull Service. This year, in order to offer a wider range of instruments, instrumental lessons will be taught by specialist teachers from ‘Pro Music’ who have a strong reputation in the local area. Instrumental lessons are offered to Years 3-6 either individually or in small groups depending on personal preference. This year we are offering; guitar, flute, violin, piano, drums and vocals. 1:1 lessons are charged at £13 for 20 minutes and group lessons are charged at £8. Instrumental loan is available from Pro Music when needed. Those children eligible for Pupil Premium are offered fully funded lessons. Parents will receive feedback from the specialist teachers after each lesson and when ready, children are encouraged to work towards music exams from the Trinity Examination Board. These children perform for the whole school in an annual Spring Concert and are invited to play to their classes more informally.  For those children who love to sing, there is a KS2 school choir led by the Music lead who has received training from the Armonica Project through their ‘Choir Creation Project.’ It is free to attend choir.  Children from Year 5 took part in the Choral Education Programme last year and received specialist vocal coaching in their Music lessons.  The Local Solihull Music Service invites children to participate in the Saturday Music Centre at a local secondary school allowing them to participate in larger ensembles. |

## 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.

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| All children sing daily in whole school worship. Fortnightly, there is a longer ‘Worship through song’ where children are taught to sing a range of songs. Music is incorporated into special services such as the Harvest Festival, Remembrance Day service, Pentecost service, Family service, Christmas nativities, Carol services and Easter services.  Children in the Key Stage 2 choir sing at local care homes, the local hospital, and school events such as the Summer Garden party. There is no charge for participating in any of these events. Children in Key Stage 1 are invited to sing in a local shopping centre as part of a Christmas Choir competition.  The KS2 choir take part in Young Voices at Resorts World Arena every year, and every two years in a concert at the Royal Albert Hall. Pupil Premium pupils are supported with transportation costs for these events. |

## In the future

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

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| We are hoping to further improve the quality of our teaching and learning in Music by transitioning to the Kapow scheme of work, in particular focussing on composition and musical notation which are areas of lower confidence for our children.  We would like to develop rehearsal space available to those children who learn musical instruments, so they have an area to rehearse.  We are keen to increase cultural diversity through additional musical opportunities; last year the whole school took part in an African Drumming workshop during Spirituality Week and we will be looking to establish any additional links with organisations that support cultural diversity in the Arts. |

## Further information (optional)

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| Solihull Music Service <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/children-and-family-support/solihullmusicservice> |
| Armonica Consort <https://www.armonico.org.uk/> |
| Young Voices <https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/> |