

Music development plan summary: St Mary's Catholic Infant School

Overview	
Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-2027
Date this summary was published	September 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2027
Name of the school music lead	Mrs J Charlesworth
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mrs J Charlesworth
Name of local music hub	
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	I Rock
Vision and Intent	
At St Mary's Catholic Infant Schools, music holds a special and joyful place in our daily life. Rooted in our Catholic faith, music is more than a subject — it is an expression of worship, community, and celebration. Children are immersed in music throughout the day, particularly through sung prayers, hymns, and liturgical music, which nurture both spirituality and a love of shared singing. We are lucky to have students from many different cultures with different styles of music and musical traditions and feel they should be celebrated. Not only do we develop musical skills, but music is a great opportunity to develop skills that extend beyond the classroom, including teamwork, leadership, creative thinking, confidence and presentation.	
Curriculum Music	
At St Mary's Catholic Infant School, we have timetabled music lessons in all year groups as well as music appreciation in every class. We use the Sky Music Hub Scheme in EYFS and Kapow music scheme for our lessons in Key Stage 1 which is aligned to the National Curriculum for Music. The progressive week-by-week lessons guarantee that we are meeting the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum. Progress is evident through observations, data and our progression documents. Discussions with children have demonstrated an increasing knowledge of key music vocabulary being recalled. Observations have shown all pupils engaged and active during the lessons, including SEND. We have a wide range of instruments that can be used in the lessons. Our music appreciation ensures a variety of music and genres are listened to and discussed. This year we have focused on developing our music scheme and increasing teacher's confidence in delivering the technical lessons, ensuring consistency throughout the school which helps build age appropriate knowledge and skills of improvisation, composition and performance skills.	
Co-curricular Music	
At St Mary's Catholic Infant School, we are fortunate to have many opportunities for the children to develop their music skills. Singing assembly takes place weekly with a wide range of songs being learnt and performed. The children take part with confidence and enthusiasm. All our Year 2 take part in Croydon's SMA music festival every year. Children (from Reception to Year 2) have the opportunity to take part in I Rock lessons. These children are then encouraged to perform their ensembles in assemblies at the end of each half term. Throughout the year, our children have many opportunities to share their talents and celebrate their learning through class	

liturgies, assemblies, Christmas productions and musical performances, which they proudly present to parents and their peers.

Musical Experiences

At St Mary's Catholic Infant School, we utilize links with Croydon Schools Music Association. Parents and carers are fully supportive of music making and we have a good attendance at productions, assemblies and liturgies. Music is played and appreciated regularly in school with a range of themes and genres. Our Year 2 children have the opportunity to perform, as part of an Infant choir at the Fairfield Hall as part of the CSMA Music Festivals. They also go out in to the local community and sing at the Superdrug Head Office. This year children from Reception to Year 2 have the opportunity to participate in I Rock band as part of our extra-curricular music offer.

In the Future

We will continue to:-

- build on our music progress by continuously reviewing and re-evaluating the curriculum when there are changes in the national curriculum and model music curriculum.
- develop children's composition skills and the recording of this.
- develop our children's performance skills with the opportunities we have provided for them to perform throughout the year, and in the community.
- Develop strong pupil voice.

Aims

To provide our children with more opportunities to watch live music performances.
To provide staff with CPD to continue to develop their confidence and subject knowledge.