



St Edward's Catholic Primary School

Music Development Plan

2024 - 2025

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 - 2025
Date this summary was published	September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2025
Name of the school music lead	Mrs Emma Bell
Name of local music hub	Tees Valley Music Service (TVMS)
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	National School's Singing Programme (Diocesan) Rocksteady Music School Sing-Up Music

Overview

Part A: Curriculum Music

Our music curriculum is delivered through the Sing-Up Music scheme and follows the Model Music Curriculum. We teach a broad and balanced music curriculum, embedding skills in performance, listening and composition. The music curriculum is delivered in weekly sessions. In KS2 we allocate half an hour of classroom-based music lessons plus half an hour of music tuition with the National Schools Singing Programme. This involves vocal tuition, understanding notation and musical terms and developing a musical appreciation of different genres.

Children develop their understanding of musicianship and notation, listening / responding, singing, playing instruments, improvising, composing and performing. The skills are sequenced cumulatively and coherently.

Our music curriculum ensures that pupils are taught the key musical knowledge and vocabulary, and these terms and knowledge are revisited and interwoven throughout units in each year, enabling pupils to build upon and embed their understanding through spaced practice retrieval.

Music lessons are inclusive. SEND children are supported through adaptive teaching strategies.

Teachers follow the school's teaching and learning model and in Early Years music is part of their continuous provision.

To support our delivery of the music curriculum, we engage with the Tees Valley Music Service.

Part B: Extra-curricular Music

St Edward's has a well-established school choir for Years 3 - 6, which rehearses once a week with Mrs Gardner and Ms Keely. (volunteer) The choir sings both religious and secular songs, from a range of genres, traditions, eras and forms. Choir members have the opportunity to partake in wider opportunities including singing at services and Masses; attending Diocesan and Trust events; and singing in locations such as local care homes; etc.

Every year, the Year 4 children have the opportunity to learn to play the ukulele by following a ten-week course led by a specialised tutor from TVMS.

Children across KS1 and KS2 are given the opportunity to take part in weekly instrument lessons led by Rocksteady Music School. Children can choose from the following instruments: electric guitar, bass guitar, drums, vocals and keyboards. The children are organised into individual bands and perform in a termly Rocksteady Music School concert, attended by band member parents and children from either KS1 or KS2.

We have a range of music tuition available provided by TVMS with a range of instruments being learnt. These include violin, cello and singing lessons.

Part C : Musical experiences

Throughout the year our children enjoy taking part in Christmas productions, Advent liturgies, music performances locally within organised events, carols and music celebrations.

Autumn performances in school are primarily led by EYFS and Key Stage 1.

- Nursery performs their annual Nativity performance to parents and Reception children.
- Reception performs their annual Nativity performance to parents and KS1.
- Year 1 & Year 2 presents their Nativity performance to parents and KS2.
- Lower KS2 & Upper KS2 each lead an Advent reflection in the local parish church to which families, the parish and community are invited.

Summer performances include our Year 6 leaver' performance which is shared with the whole school and Y6 families.

Whole school end of year musical productions are a highlight of the year and give the pupils memorable opportunities to showcase and share their talents. Attendance at these events is fantastic and parents love sharing these moments are part of the St Edward's community.

In the Future

We will continue to provide CPD for our staff, and source music expertise, to support the delivery of our music curriculum.

We aim to broaden the children's experiences by engaging more and establishing regular attendance to musical events provided by MUSINC and their school's programme.

<https://musinc.org.uk/schools-programme/>

We aim to broaden the children's musical experiences by attending a broader range of Snappy events organised and led by Tees Valley Music Service.

Explore links with Trinity Catholic College, for example, Y6 transition events and visits for children to utilise Trinity's music resources and technology.

Further information

Please access the school website for further information – www.stedwards.npcat.org.uk

Tees Valley Music Service - www.tvms.org.uk

Sing-Up Music - <https://www.singup.org/>

Rocksteady Music School - <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>

The Department for Education Guide for parents and young people

www.gov.uk/government/publications/music-education-information-for-parents-and-young-people