

Music development plan summary: [Holy Family Catholic Primary School]

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	September 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	December 2025
Name of the school music lead	Mrs Niamh Hunter
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Surrey Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	JustPlay, Surrey Music Hub

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.

At Holy Family, we recognise that music is a universal language, expressing one of the highest forms of human creativity. Our Music curriculum is designed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the core elements of music, delivered through engaging, well-sequenced lessons. As students progress, they will cultivate a critical engagement with music, enabling them to compose, listen, and perform with confidence.

To foster a thriving and sustainable music culture, we understand the importance of organic growth. While our current music culture is dynamic, we are committed to its continued development and long-term success. All students have access to weekly music lessons led by our music teacher (JC in KS1 or NH KS2), ensuring consistent and high-quality music education.

Furthermore, our teaching staff are musically proficient, which enhances the status of music as a specialist subject across the school.

We firmly believe in the transformative power of singing, which is why we prioritise regular hymn practice, weekly assemblies, and church services. This commitment to vocal music is central to our philosophy, encouraging all students to participate in collective singing experiences.

In addition to group music lessons, students have the opportunity to learn musical instruments individually during school hours through the Surrey Arts programme, available with parental consent. We collaborate closely with the Surrey Music Hub to continuously enhance our music provision, ensuring that students have access to the best possible resources and opportunities.

For the 2025 academic year, our Year 5 and Year 6 students will embark on a new musical journey. Previously, we were supported through the TuningUp initiative which is now led by Mrs Niamh Hunter. This initiative aims to enrich students' musical abilities while fostering a sense of community through music. We also plan to participate in the Primary Music Festival, hosted by the Surrey Music Hub, offering our students the chance to engage with new musical repertoire and experience the joy of performing in a larger musical community.

The culture of music at Holy Family is further supported by structured, high-quality music schemes. In Key Stage 1, students follow the Jolly Music programme, based on the Kodály method, which emphasises strong foundational musicianship and the development of the inner ear. In Key Stage 2, we implement the Charanga scheme of work, supported by the Music Mark Curriculum (MMC), ensuring a holistic approach to singing, listening, playing, performing, and evaluating music.

Throughout the academic year, students are given numerous opportunities to showcase their musical growth through concerts, performances, and collaborative events. These occasions, along with expert instruction from specialist music teachers, will continue to enhance the vibrant music culture at Holy Family, ensuring that music remains a core aspect of the school's identity and students' educational experience.

By nurturing creativity, developing musicianship, and fostering a love of music, we aim to cultivate a lifelong passion for music in every student at Holy Family.

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 Holy Family, we offer individual music tuition in collaboration with Surrey Arts, where students have the opportunity to learn the piano. Surrey Arts also provides subsidised lessons for children from low-income or Pupil Premium families, ensuring that all students have access to high-quality music education. In addition, we partner with JustPlay, a local music organisation that offers musical assemblies and various extracurricular opportunities, including after-school clubs such as choir, guitar, and ukulele lessons.

Our curriculum also incorporates composing and performing through body percussion and vocal sounds, allowing students to explore musical elements without the need for an instrument. In Key Stage 2, pupils can learn a range of instruments, including the ukulele, glockenspiel, and recorder. Year 5 and 6 students spend a term learning the ukulele, while Year 3 students focus on the recorder. Throughout the year, students regularly use these instruments during lessons to enhance their musical learning.

In the Summer term, upper Key Stage 2 students dedicate half a term to music technology, with each child receiving a login to access a variety of apps, such as QuickBeats and YuStudio. These online tools, which are also accessible at home, allow students to engage in exciting, interactive lessons. This focus on music technology aligns with the National Plan for Music and strengthens our school's commitment to integrating modern tools into our music curriculum.

Holy Family is equipped with a dedicated music room, where weekly lessons take place. This space is also used by students to practice and perform in groups. Our school choir rehearses in this room free of charge, providing additional opportunities for students to develop their musical skills and enjoy collaborative performances.

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 Family, students are provided with a wide range of musical experiences throughout the academic year, both within the school and in the wider community. All children participate in regular hymn practices and have the opportunity to perform during school masses, where classes are given solos or can sing in small ensemble groups. Each year group also takes part in a class assembly, which includes a musical

performance, allowing students to showcase their talents to the wider school community. Throughout the year, students engage in a variety of concerts, including the Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity, the Key Stage 2 Carol Service during Advent, and the Reception and Key Stage 1 Spring and Summer Concerts. Year 5 and 6 students are involved in an end-of-year school production, providing them with an exciting opportunity to showcase their talents. The school choir is also invited to perform at local venues, such as garden centres and supermarkets, fostering connections with the community. KS2 students are also encouraged to participate in a lunchtime piano soiree, where they can play the piano in front of their peers, further nurturing their musical confidence. All practices for these events, including choir rehearsals and music lessons, take place in 'The Hutch', our dedicated music space that fosters a creative and collaborative environment for musical exploration. These musical performances are open to all year groups, with specific events tailored to different age groups. In cases where participation may incur costs, such as for trips or performances outside of the school, we ensure that events are either subsidised or free for students from Pupil Premium-eligible families. The school's partnerships with local music hubs and educational organisations also support these musical experiences, enriching the opportunities available to our students and helping to bring music to life both inside and outside the classroom.

The wide range of performance opportunities and musical experiences we offer fosters a strong love of singing and performing, while also boosting confidence and self-esteem in our students. We believe these experiences ignite a passion for music that will last a lifetime. Our goal is to ensure that music remains an inspiring and engaging part of every child's education, allowing them to reach their full musical potential and develop a personal appreciation for the value of music in their lives.

In the future

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

In the coming years, we are committed to further enhancing the musical opportunities available to our students. We plan to continue offering at least one hour of timetabled curriculum music each week for Key Stages 1 to 2, ensuring that every child receives a solid foundation in music education. We will expand access to lessons across a variety of instruments, as well as vocal training, to support students' musical development. Our school choir will continue to thrive, and we aim to establish additional ensembles, bands, or music groups, offering students further avenues for musical expression and collaboration. To support these activities, we will ensure dedicated space for rehearsals and individual practice, fostering an environment where creativity and skill-building can flourish. Our goal is to hold a termly school performance, giving students regular opportunities to showcase their talents. Additionally, we will continue providing students with the opportunity to enjoy live performances at least once a year,

broadening their musical experiences and inspiring their growth as young musicians. We plan to collaborate closely with a local secondary school, where our students can experience live performances by older students. This will inspire and motivate our children to incorporate music into their own lives, fostering a lasting appreciation for the art form. These plans will ensure that our music provision continues to inspire and engage students, offering them a rich and varied musical education throughout their time at Holy Family.

Further information (optional)

Xavier Catholic Education Trust: <https://www.xaviercet.org.uk/>

Surrey Arts: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/culture-and-leisure/arts>

Music Mark: <https://www.musicmark.org.uk/about/>

Surrey Music Hub: [Home - Surrey Music Hub](#)