

Music development plan summary: *St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary 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	September 2027
Name of the school music lead	Mrs Atherton
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Sefton
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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.

Music Curriculum

At St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School, we believe that every child should have the opportunity to experience a rich and engaging musical education as part of an enriched and ambitious curriculum. Music plays an important role in developing children's creativity, confidence, self-expression and appreciation of the wider world.

We use a range of high-quality music resources to support the delivery of our curriculum. In the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and Key Stage 1, we use Charanga, BBC Ten Pieces and BBC Teach, while in Key Stage 2, children benefit from Charanga, BBC Teach and Yustudio. These resources support teachers in delivering a broad and progressive music curriculum, allowing children to develop their knowledge, skills and understanding across a range of musical areas.

All children receive one hour of dedicated music teaching each week, with half an hour delivered by their class teacher and half an hour through whole-Key Stage singing. Lessons provide opportunities for children to develop their singing, listening, composing, performing and instrumental skills. In Key Stage 2, these opportunities are further enhanced through additional instrumental tuition, enabling children to develop their musical interests and skills beyond the classroom.

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At St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School, we are committed to ensuring that every child has the opportunity to participate, succeed and thrive in music, regardless of their individual needs or starting point. We strive to provide a safe, nurturing and inclusive environment where every child feels valued, supported and able to develop their musical skills with confidence.

Removing barriers to learning is at the heart of our beliefs and teaching practice. We recognise that children learn and engage in different ways, and we are dedicated to ensuring that our provision is responsive to their individual needs. All children are encouraged and supported to take an active part in music lessons and the wider musical life of our school.

Where appropriate, music lessons, activities, resources and expectations are carefully adapted to enable children with additional needs to access the curriculum and experience success. Through thoughtful planning, differentiated approaches and individualised support, we aim to ensure that every child can experience the joy and benefits of music, develop their confidence and self-esteem, and feel a valued member of our musical community.

Music Curriculum Home Page: <https://st-elizabethsprimary.co.uk/music-home-page/>

Music Curriculum Plan 2026-2027: <https://st-elizabethsprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Music-Curriculum-Map-2026-2027.pdf>

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.

Choir and Ensemble

Children across Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 have regular opportunities to develop their singing skills through weekly singing and hymn practice assemblies, as well as

through Harvest celebrations, Mass and Christmas Carol Services. These sessions, led by members of the teaching staff, support children in developing their confidence, vocal technique, musical awareness and sense of ensemble.

Instrumental Opportunities

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 have the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument through our school-based instrumental provision. Instruments currently offered include brass, ukulele and clarinet. Children in Key Stage 2 are able to take their instruments home, providing valuable opportunities to practise and further develop their skills beyond the classroom. Alongside our school-based instrumental provision, children are also signposted to local and external musical groups, ensembles and instrumental opportunities. This enables children to further develop their musical interests and skills, pursue their passion for playing an instrument and continue their musical journey beyond their primary school years.

Children in Years 1 and 2 are invited to join an after-school music club, while a guitar club is available to children in Years 5 and 6. These opportunities allow children to develop their instrumental skills, strengthen their musical understanding and build confidence, while also encouraging them to perform as part of an ensemble.

School/After school clubs

Emma Haughton – Clarinet – Years 4, 5 and 6 (Tuesday 2:15pm – 3:15pm) no charge

Sue Payet – Music Makers – Years 1 and 2 (Tuesday 3:15pm – 4:15pm) no charge

Anthony Ormesher – Guitar – Years 5 and 6 (Thursday 3:15pm – 4:15pm) no charge

Jane Edgar – Brass Band/Ukulele (Friday 8:50 – 12:00pm) no charge

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.

Choir and Ensemble

Children across Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 have regular opportunities to develop their singing skills through weekly singing and hymn practice assemblies, led by members of the teaching staff. Children have opportunities to perform as a whole school community at key liturgical events, including the Christmas Mass and Easter Service.

Performance Opportunities

The school provides children with a range of opportunities to perform and share their musical learning with an audience. These include:

- **Music lessons:** During class music lessons, all children have opportunities to play a range of musical instruments and perform in response to different musical topics and styles. Children's musical performances are recorded and shared with parents and carers via X, enabling families to celebrate and enjoy their children's musical achievements at home.
- **Christmas Nativity:** Nursery and Reception children perform in our annual Christmas Nativity.
- **Christmas Carol Service:** Children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 contribute through singing and musical performances as part of the school's Christmas Carol Service.
- **Harvest, Christmas Mass and Easter Service:** Children across the school take part through singing and musical performances.
- **Instrument Performances:** Children who learn to play an instrument are invited to perform at Christmas and at the end of the school year, providing an opportunity to share and celebrate their musical achievements.

Live Music and Wider Musical Experiences

Children in Years 2 and 4 have the opportunity to experience live orchestral music through performances by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. These experiences enable children to hear professional musicians perform live and broaden their understanding and appreciation of different musical styles, instruments and ensembles.

In the future

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

- Provide new staff with appropriate music training and support.

- Ensure consistency in music assessment across all year groups.
- This year, the school is delighted to be taking part in the 'Sound of Us' programme, a fully funded singing initiative for children across the Liverpool City Region. The programme will provide children with valuable opportunities to develop their singing skills, confidence and enjoyment of music, while experiencing the benefits of singing as part of a wider musical community.