



Music Development Plan **St Paul's Catholic Primary School and Nursery**

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	September 2025 - July 2026
Date this summary was published	October 2025
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Name of the school music lead	Vicky Sharpe
Name of local music hub	Portsmouth Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s)	South Coast Music Partnership

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 St Paul's Catholic Primary School, we believe that all children should be given the opportunity to be a part of a musically rich environment through listening, singing, playing, evaluating, analysing, and composing across a wide variety of historical periods, styles, traditions, and musical genres.

We deliver a high-quality Music curriculum, taught by a music specialist, which inspires pupils' curiosity and fascination about the world of music and how it can have an impact on a person's life in many ways. Children are taught a rich and varied vocabulary to describe and explain the inter-related musical dimensions of music. We provide many performance opportunities and experiences to inspire and motivate children to learn. We believe that every child should have the opportunity to develop their musical potential, and we aim to nurture and encourage musical development across the school. The subject leader for Music will monitor, evaluate and review the implementation of the subject throughout the school ensuring that the following expectations are fulfilled.

- Weekly curriculum lesson taught by our specialist music teacher (as part of PPA cover)
- Weekly singing assembly/hymn practice
- End of Term Performances to parents/families to share learning from each term.
- Regular rehearsals, workshop and performance opportunities with Portsmouth Music Hub

- Cross-curricular links – singing songs within their classrooms that relate to their specific learning. For example, punctuation songs to help learn skills or topic songs.
- Extra-curricular activities – Choir (Autumn KS2, from Spring 2 years 2 to 6), Recorder Club
- Music visits throughout the year to watch live music performances and provide wider opportunities. For example, the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, The Jives Aces.
- Community events – visiting and singing at the old people's home, Paulsgrove Christmas light switch on, Christmas carols for the elderly.
- National singing event – Young Voices at the O2 in London
- Musicing Around – EYFS Pilot Project led by the Portsmouth Music Hub (Autumn 2023)

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.

St Paul's currently does not have separate one to one or group paid music tuition outside of what is taught in lesson time.

Our Music Specialist provides opportunities for children in KS2 to join:

- The School Choir on a Monday after school from 3:30-4:30. (Autumn KS2, from Spring 2 years 2 to 6),
- Recorder Club

At St Paul's we prioritise the Arts and fundamentally believe it is our responsibility to ensure all children are offered an abundance of extra-curricular opportunities to increase their cultural capital.

Our flagship musical ensemble, that continues to grow from strength to strength, is our school choir. This is available to all KS2 pupils in the Autumn and Spring term, and the opportunity to join is extended to welcome Year 2 from the beginning of the summer term. Throughout the year our choir takes part in numerous events both in school, in the local community and across the city. We sing annually for the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Support Group and at various care homes in the local area.

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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- Regular rehearsals, workshop and performance opportunities with Portsmouth Music Hub
- Cross-curricular links – singing songs within their classrooms that relate to their specific learning. For example, punctuation songs to help learn skills or topic songs.
- Extra-curricular activities – Choir (Autumn KS2, from Spring 2 years 2 to 6), Ukulele Club, Recorder Club

During the school year the school involves itself in any external musical events or opportunities that may arise. These can vary from year on year but some of those are listed below:

- Music visits throughout the year to watch live music performances and provide wider opportunities. For example, the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, The Jives Aces.
- Community events – visiting and singing at the old people's home, Paulsgrove Christmas light switch on, Christmas carols for the elderly, Christmas Carols at Fratton Park
- Celebrating Portsmouth FC Video - collaborative event across the city
- Infant Voices
- Solent Shanty Event – singing with other Music Hubs at the Historic Dockyard

- King Charles III Coronation Video
- National singing event – Young Voices at the O2 in London
- Rock Band Assembly delivered by Rock Steady

In the future

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

- The school have looked at varying options for external one to one instrumental tuition but the uptake of this was very low and not viable. We will continue to look for accessible and affordable ways for children to receive small group instrumental lessons in school.
- Rock Steady are very keen to work with us to provide children with the opportunity to create a school Rock Band. This is something which during the academic year will be explore further.
- Continue to seek opportunities for children to be exposed to real, professional musicians and performances to continue to develop their aspirations and create inspiration and unforgettable musical moments.

Further information

For further information on the St Paul's Music Curriculum please do take a look at the school website - <https://st-pauls.portsmouth.sch.uk/music/>

Portsmouth Music Hub - <https://www.portsmouthmusichub.org/>