Music development plan summary:
St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-26
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs Claire Furness
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mrs Claire Furness
Name of local music hub	Norfolk Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation	Into Opera – Primary Arts Network

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.

Details of the Music Curriculum are on our school website.

We have worked with Into Opera in Key Stage 1 to adapt this curriculum in line with the rest of our school's curriculum in humanity and science subjects and to represent the diversity of our school whilst keeping the musical skills.

Music is taught in every class every week. Lessons in Reception come from Sing-Up informed by the Model Music Curriculum (March 2021). This is the same as lessons in Key Stage 2. Year 1 and Year 2 have their own bespoke Music Curriculum written alongside Into Opera director Genevieve Raghu. It draws on resources from: Voices Foundation, Sing-Up, Charanga, Out of the Art, Fridays Afternoons and BBC 10 Pieces. The musical learning is further supplemented by weekly singing assemblies on a Friday, singing in liturgies and masses, singing and music in RE lessons as well as singing in other assemblies throughout the week to develop spirituality. In Friday

singing assemblies, as well as singing hymns, the children listen and appraise music from different genres and times.

Children in Year 4 learn an instrument as a whole class ensemble taught by Norfolk Music Hub. This will last 10 weeks and culminates in a concert where children perform songs and pieces together.

Each class performs a song based on a theme of the half term eg gospel, lullaby, shanty, nursery rhyme, round and foreign language, on a rolling two year programme to the rest of the school in a special Singing Assembly.

Year 2 children sing to an audience at the Hawthorne Care Home every fortnight in groups of 10.

Children watch local musicians perform both in our school (e.g Brooke Street Band (Baroque) in September 25, Music Service) and at local venues as part of their music curriculum. A breadth of music from around the world is used across the curriculum to embrace diversity e.g. Chinese music in dance lessons.

At the end of Year 6 a Music Trophy is awarded to the child who has contributed the most to music in their time at St Francis.

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.

Pupils are invited to take up music tuition in our school outside of that taught in lesson time. These include one-to-one, small-group and larger group tuition. These lessons are advertised following demonstrations from the musicians. Individual and small group lessons are funded by parents, however for those children who receive pupil premium funding, those monies pay for their tuition.

We hold yearly concerts for those children who play instruments either from school or home tuition.

We have 4 different peripatetic tutors who work with children at school Monday, Thursdays and Fridays. They teach: brass, percussion, woodwind, strings, piano and vocals. Rocksteady also on Fridays and they perform termly concerts.

We have a thriving Key Stage 2 Choir that meets weekly on Thursdays from 8.15am to 9 am and we will be starting a recorder club in spring 2026. They perform throughout the year.

We work with Into Opera and children have performed in their own written Operas performing at different local venues with professional musicians. We also have

worked alongside Norwich Theatre Royal and English Opera in performing Opera at the Theatre Royal when the opportunity arises.

The Director of Music at St John the Baptist Catholic Cathedral auditions children to join the Cathedral Choir.

The Music Lead is a founding member of The Primary Arts Network and meetings are held at St Francis termly chaired by Steph Townsend and Genevieve Raghu. The Network has a growing number of schools involved and shares ideas and opportunities to develop a creative Arts curriculum.

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.

Children have the opportunity to perform or experience high quality music this academic year. Please see below for a list of these opportunites:

- Year 2 children singing at Hawthorne Care Home
- KS2 choir carol singing outside Jarrolds to raise money for a local charity
- KS2 choir to sing outside The Forum as part of the Music Hub musical experience in December 2025.
- KS2 choir performing at The 02 in February 2026 as part of Young Voices
- KS2 choir performing at the Norfolk County Music Festival in March
- Reception performing a musical nativity in December to family and friends
- Each year group performing to their family and friends in their class assemblies.
- All children have the opportunity to perform in Busking Friday in Autumn and Summer terms.
- Year 3 children perform 10 weeks of circus skills accompanied by suitable music.
- Whole School watched Brook Street Band playing Baroque music.
- Year 6 will participate in an interactive assembly led by distinguished Djembe drum builder, Marcus Browne (owner of Wooden Roots) who is celebrated for crafting the drums used in the Marvel superhero film Black Panther to celebrate Black History month.
- Whole school will participate in a sing-along Pantomime in December organised by the Norfolk Music Hub
- Whole school will watch a performance of Aladdin by the Norwich Puppet Theatre in December with accompanying music.
- Friday Afternoon ‘5 Nations’ Sing Along in January for Years 4,5 and 6

- Optional Theatre trips involving music for KS2 children in the spring, summer term.
- Whole school to watch Theatre Production of Pinocchio in March with accompanying music.
- Year 6 perform an end of school musical production in the summer term.
- Whole School watches 2 Rocksteady concerts.
- Children perform musical acts in the December and July talent shows.
- Musicians will perform to the whole school in June.

In the future

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

To begin a recorders lunch time club.

To further develop links with musicians via Norwich Primary Network to have performers in school.

Training Booked via The Norfolk Music Hub to support Inclusion:

Music in Early Years with Becky Beavis

Music as a Mirror: Using Sounds to Reflect and Respond to Emotional States

Rhythms of Regulation: Using Percussion to Support Emotional Self-Regulation