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

## Overview

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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 and  Norwich 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 are working with Into Opera 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.

Music is taught in every class every week.  Lessons in Reception and Year ` come from Sing-Up informed by the Model Music Curriculum (March 201).  This is the same as lessons in Key Stage 2.  Year 2  havetheir 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 term, eg gospel, lullaby, shanty etc 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 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 eg. Moroccan 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. 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 come into school Monday, Thursday and Fridays. Rocksteady also teach children on Wednesdays and 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.. They perform throughout the year. and we will be starting a recorder club in spring 2027

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.

## 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 and outside The Form as part of the Music Hub musical experience.
- KS2 choir performing at The 02 in February 27 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 one of the parent workshops throughout the year.
- All children have the opportunity to perform in Busking Friday in Autumn and Summer terms.
- All classes are invited to join the Norfolk Music Hub's 6 Musical Monday workshops.
- Whole school will participate in a sing-along Pantomime in December organised by the Norfolk Music Hub
- Whole school will watch a performance by the Norwich Puppet Theatre in December with accompanying music.
- Optional Theatre trips for KS2 watching Jesus Christ Superstar and Annie, as well as ballet productions at The Theatre Royal.
- Year 6 perform and end of school musical production in the summer term.
- Whole School watches 3 Rocksteady concerts.
- Children perform musical acts in the December and July talent shows.
- Musicians will perform to the whole school in June.

The Norwich Primary Arts Network meet at St Francis every half term and will provide musicians to perform in school.

## In the future

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

To begin a recorders lunch time club.

To work with David Greig (Director of Music at St John the Baptist Cathedral, Norwich) with a music programme for Year 5 and 6 children.