

Music Development Plan Summary

St Martin's C.E. Primary School

Overview

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| Academic year that this summary covers | 2024-2025 |
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| Name of the school Music lead | Zara Stone |
| Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different) | Overseen by Headteacher Jo Coates |
| Name of local music hub | Hillingdon Music Hub |
| Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place) | Rocksteady and Teachmajor |

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 Martin's, Music is an integral part of the curriculum, taught from the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) through to Year 6, including children in the SEN 'Lighthouse' provision. Every child receives at least 40 minutes of Music education each week, delivered by their class teacher in a dedicated Music room. The school's Music curriculum is based on the Kapow scheme which is informed by the Model Music Curriculum (March, 2021), which emphasises developing skills through learning a variety of instruments and exploring diverse musical styles and follows a spiral curriculum model where previous skills and knowledge are

returned to and built upon. Kapow focuses Musical learning towards the key elements of; performing, composing, inter-related dimensions of Music, listening and the history of Music.

Part B: Extra-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 St Martin's Primary, we offer a rich array of musical events and learning opportunities to grow a love for Music. In addition to our singing in daily worship, we have dedicated weekly singing assemblies on a Thursday morning. Our two school choirs, led by a specialist teacher, rehearse sacred and secular pieces on twice a week. Additionally, students can engage in weekly brass lessons at an affordable cost.

Our partnership with Rocksteady allows primary children to collaborate in bands, learning bass guitar, electric guitar, vocals, and drums, culminating in termly performances for their peers and parents. We also support pupil premium children through discretionary skill bursaries, encouraging them to take up new musical interests, and Rocksteady offers one funded place annually along with opportunities for bursary-supported spots.

Furthermore, St Martin's offers weekly peripatetic lessons, with a dedicated piano teacher from 'TeachMajor' who provide piano tuition.

Part C: Musical Events

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.

The **Beck Theatre Sing! Project** is a special collaboration where the St. Martin's choir joins other schools to perform. This opportunity allows students to enhance their musical skills, build confidence, and experience performing on a larger stage.

The **St. Martin's Choir** also takes part in annual visits to sing Christmas carols at a local care home. This event fosters community connections and spreads holiday cheer.



As part of the **Frays Multi-Academy Trust**, St. Martin's collaborates with other schools to create unique performances that celebrate music-making throughout the year. This helps cultivate a shared ethos of appreciation and love for music within the trust.

St. Martin's Annual Talent Show provides students with the chance to showcase their unique skills and talents outside of the regular school curriculum, impressing peers, staff, and families.

In 2024, the school hosted its first **Choir Concert** alongside the Yiewsley and West Drayton Brass Band. This event offered a fantastic opportunity for parents to support amateur music in their community while encouraging brass learners in their extracurricular activities.

This year (2024), a **Christmas Pantomime** performance was arranged to entertain students and help them appreciate music and theatre as respectful observers.

St. Martin's also hosts annual **KS1 Nativity and KS2 Christmas Concerts** to retell the Christmas story through music. These events share the gospel message with parents and showcase students' musical talents.

St Martin's has established a strong partnership with the Hillingdon Music Services, enhancing students' access to performance and Music Education experiences. Additionally, works in tandem with the **London Diocesan Board for Schools (LDBS)** to participate musically in their annual service, offering pupils unique opportunities to sing and engage with the wider community.

We have an annual **Young Voices Choir** who perform at the Wembley O2 arena amongst hundreds of other schools. This choir is audition only.

In the future

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

- In the future, we aim to take on whole class ensemble lessons
- To have a strengthened partnership with the local community learners brass band (YWDB)
- To deliver a medium of Music therapy to the Lighthouse group.
- To host an annual Easter performance.
- To invite inspirational musicians.
- To create more opportunities for Music Appraisal.
- To update some of our instruments.



Further information

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/1221/Hillingdon-Music-Service>

<https://ldbs.co.uk/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/music-education-information-for-parents-and-young-people>

<https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/>