

Music development plan summary: St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-26 and plans for 2026-27
Date this summary was published	13/07/2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2027 (mid-review end of spring term 1)
Name of the school music lead	Mrs S Crompton – in liaison with Mrs J Zamora (Headteacher)
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Headteacher: Mrs J Zamora Lead Governor for the Arts: Mrs I Ogbonna
Name of local music hub	MK Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	• Positive working relationship with MK Catholic schools • MK Musichub • Rock Steady

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.

The school music curriculum is delivered via Music Express Scheme for Early Years, Year 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. Music Express is a complete and holistic music scheme which offers a broad, deep, meaningful and practical experience for musically rich teaching and learning, in line with the statutory National Curriculum. The scheme also mirrors and covers the intentions of the new, non-statutory Model Music Curriculum (MMC). The scheme is carefully planned around a framework of spiral learning, and ambitious

yet appropriate progression ensures that potential is continually developed, enriched and reinforced. Suggested adaptations for children with SEND are also provided.

We employ the MK music hub to provide World Percussion lessons for our Year 4 pupils which covers African Drumming, Samba and tuned percussion.

In addition, children take part in a whole-school weekly liturgical singing session which covers the sung parts of the Catholic Mass and a range of songs of worship, both traditional and modern. It covers singing in parts, rounds and in harmony.

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 Bernadette's, our children have a wide range of opportunities to take part in extra-curricular music outside of lesson time:

- Recorder Club
- School Choir
- Musical Theatre Club
- Rock Steady Rock Bands

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.

For the academic year 2025-26, the following took place:

- Termly choir performances for the parents of choir members
- Y4 Musical adaptation of the Easter Story
- EYFS and Y1 musical Nativity performances
- Y6 summer musical performance
- Summer musical theatre performance
- Weekly Liturgical singing sessions
- Choir performance at the Woburn Christmas Fair
- Choir performances at Our Lady of Lourdes and Christ the King churches
- Joint singing across MK Catholic schools – Pilgrims of Hope Pastoral Area Mass of Celebration - St Paul's
- Choir performance at our inaugural summer festival
- Y4 Samba Performance at our inaugural summer festival

- Individual pupil performances and open jamming sessions at our inaugural summer festival
- Termly Rock Band performances for pupils and parents of band members with Rock Steady
- Extra-curricular recorder club
- Choir visits to local Care Homes
- Whole School Big Sing for Humanitas School Ghana
- Musical performance from St Paul's Catholic Secondary School music students

In the future

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

Our current areas for development for 2026-27 are:

- Implement our new assessment tool for teaching staff to use to assess children's progress in music.
- Update annual planning document for singing assemblies to map out what is to be taught throughout the year (APOP) for 2026-27
- Provide additional opportunities where children have the opportunity to perform using the musical skills learned in school or any other setting.
- Continue to track pupil engagement in musical enrichment activities for 2026-27
- Update the Annual Plan of Provision (APOP) document demonstrating the events and opportunities across the academic year 2026-27.
- Respond to pupil and parent views when planning music events and opportunities.
- Increase the opportunities to perform in the local and wider community – building on our first summer festival 2026
- Promote the cross-schools MK singing opportunities to increase participation and coordinate events such as the special Pastoral Area Celebration 10/10/26
- Increase school choir involvement at Christ the King church
- Begin to plan an annual MK Christmas Event involving professional musicians and our school choir
- Introduce an annual 'St Bernadette's Got Talent' event

Further information (optional)

We hope to also provide additional opportunities for children to enjoy concerts or shows and would be very interested to hear from parents, members of the wider community and local musicians to support us in this endeavour.