

Music development plan summary: St Michael's RC Primary School



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Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025/2026
Date this summary was published	September 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2026
Name of the school music lead	Miss Caroline Palk
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Miss Natalie Camilleri
Name of local music hub	Greater Manchester Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Bury Music Service Rock Steady Music

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, Music tuition, choirs and ensembles 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 Michael's we plan our music curriculum to ensure all children:

- have the opportunity to sing and play tuned/untuned instruments in each unit of work. They are given the opportunity to play as a class and during their time at St Michael's are given the opportunity to perform to an audience.
- We follow the Charanga music scheme of learning to ensure effective progression. An overview of Music at St Michael's and progression documents can be found on our school website. The Charanga Scheme provides teachers with week-by-week lesson support for each year group in the school. It is ideal for specialist and non-specialist teachers and provides lesson plans,

assessment, clear progression, and engaging and exciting whiteboard resources to support every lesson. The Scheme supports all the requirements of the national curriculum and is based on the non-statutory guidance – Model Music Curriculum.

- How the Scheme is structured - Each unit of work comprises the of strands of musical learning which correspond with the national curriculum for music:
 1. Listening and Appraising
 2. Musical Activities
 3. Warm-up Games
 4. Optional Flexible Games
 5. Singing
 6. Playing instruments
 7. Improvisation
 8. Composition
 9. Performing
- Our music curriculum is informed by the Charanga music curriculum and children receive a minimum of 1 hour of music per week – 30 minutes of whole school singing and 30 minutes of music within class.
- All children have the opportunity to sing weekly as part of our singing assembly, this includes singing to backing tracks and alongside musical instruments.
- Children are introduced to a range of musicians and genres of music from around the world in our Musician of the Month.
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- EYFS and KS1 children take part in annual Christmas Nativities, KS2 lead a Christmas Carol concert and Y6 produce an end of year production where music and song feature heavily. All classes have the opportunities to lead a class assembly which includes music.
- We also perform songs in regular parish masses and have concerts termly to perform work they have been rehearsing as part of music lessons. This also gives the children the opportunity to listen to their peers and other year groups perform.

Part B: Music tuition, choirs and ensembles

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.

- 1:1 and small group instrumental lessons are offered via Bury Music Service outside of lesson time, these include, violin, piano and guitar. Children also have the opportunity to play as part of a band with weekly Rock Steady extra-curricular lessons (drums, guitar, bass, vocal and keyboard). The school runs an out of school choir which runs weekly for KS2 throughout the year. EYFS/KS1 have access to an after-school music club for 6 weeks each year. In 2024 the school began a recorder club for children in KS2.

The children are given opportunities to perform to an audience to showcase what they have learnt.

Families are signposted to music lessons and musical experiences via the school website, Music service visits/ performances and staff recommendations. These services offer opportunities for lessons and ensembles.

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.

At St Michael's children take part in weekly singing worship sessions for ½ hour. EYFS and KS1 take part in a Nativity performance each year. KS2 perform in a carol concert each year for families and the community. Other assemblies and performances are planned in across the year including class assemblies and leavers assemblies. The choir sing in the community throughout the year including local care homes and as part of whole TRUST showcases.

The children across KS2 are given the opportunity to attend plays or performances at local theatres to help support the love of music- parents are asked for a donation to help fund this event.

In the future

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

- Recorder lessons to be introduced for Y3/4
- Music club opportunities will be increased.

- Development of staff CPD to incorporate the English Model Music Curriculum Scheme developed by Charanga.
- Develop links with local Primary and Secondary schools within the Trust -Plans for Spring 2026.
- Develop the opportunities for performances both instrumental and singing.
- Develop the teaching of tuned and untuned instruments to offer longer blocks of teaching, rehearsal and performance for key year groups.

Further information

More information about Manchester Music Hub- [Greater Manchester Music Hub](#)

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school

Bury Music Service -burymusic.co.uk

Rock Steady Music -[Home - Rocksteady Music School](#)