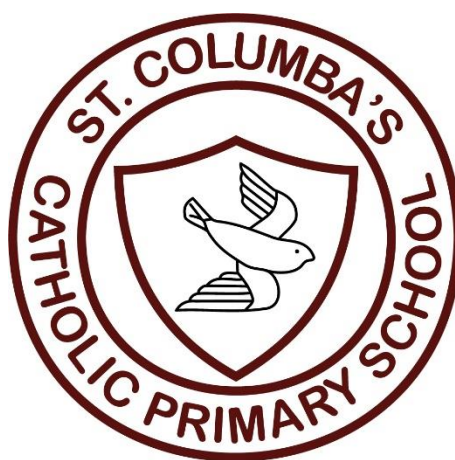


School Music Development Plan



St Columba's Catholic Primary School

Mission Statement:

*Holding hands with Jesus as we love, learn
and grow together*

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Name of local music hub	Sky Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Knowsley Music Service

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.

1.1 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 Columba's Catholic Primary School, we have timetabled music lessons in all year groups as well as other opportunities. We use the Sing Up music scheme for our lessons which is aligned to the National Curriculum for Music. When using the scheme and its progressive week-by-week lessons, we are guaranteeing to be meeting all the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum and progress is evident through observations, class books and our progression documents. Discussions with children have demonstrated an increasing knowledge of key music vocabulary being recalled. Observations have shown all pupils engaged and active during the lessons, including SEND. We have a wide range of instruments that can be used in the lessons and our curriculum. Our music appreciation ensures a variety of music and genres are listened to and discussed. Teachers are confident with musical elements and teaching children how to listen and appreciate a piece of music.

1.2 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.

At St Columba's Catholic Primary School we are fortunate to have many opportunities for the children to develop their music skills. We access the Schools Singing Programme with weekly sessions delivered to the whole school through Liverpool Archdiocese. We have assemblies and performances take place with a wide range of songs being learnt and performed. The children take part with confidence and enthusiasm. All our Year 4 children take part in whole class ukulele tuition weekly with Knowsley MAPAS. Additional, weekly, violin sessions are also delivered for children who demonstrate strong musical ability, and we aim to further develop and expand this opportunity to nurture their talent. Key Stage 2 classes also access Rock Steady Music, performing in a band with a range of instruments on offer. These children are then encouraged to showcase their learning in special assemblies with parents invited. The Schools Singing Programme also runs a lunch time choir club and these children have the opportunities to perform at special events. Throughout the year our children enjoy taking part in a Christmas production, music performances and singing within class assemblies which are performed to parents and peers.

1.3 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 Columba's Catholic Primary School children are offered a range of musical experiences to develop their cultural capital. We aim to provide each class with a range of musical experiences in addition to singing in assemblies and school performances and ensembles. These include:

- Rock Steady
- Liverpool Archdiocese Schools Singing Programme
- Advent Service at Liverpool Cathedral
- Trips to the theatre
- Good Shepherd Mass
- KS1 Nativity
- Early Years Nativity
- KS2 Year 6 end of year production
- Y4 Easter Service
- Class assemblies
- Attending Mass at St Columba's Catholic Church
- Police Veterans Band
- EYFS SoMi Academy music programme

We utilise strong links with Liverpool Archdiocese, Knowsley MAPAS and Rock Steady Music to encourage instrumentalists to progress to performing in ensembles. Parents and carers are fully supportive of music-making with many parents attending productions and performances.

1.4 In the future

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

In the subsequent years to come, we are planning to continue to develop children's composition skills and the notation of this. We will continue to develop a school choir and children's performance skills with more opportunities to perform throughout the year, with our local music hub and in the community. We will strive to provide our children with more opportunities to watch live music performances and develop a strong pupil voice. Furthermore, we will continue to provide our staff with CPD to continue to develop their confidence and subject knowledge.

