

# Music development plan summary: St Winefride's catholic Voluntary Academy

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
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Name of the school music lead	Ann-Marie Donaldson
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Laura Moore
Name of local music hub	Leicestershire Music
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	DCP Drums Limited

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.

St Winefride's is a Lead School in Music, in partnership with Leicestershire Music.

St Winefride's is part of the Exemplary Leadership Programme.

The Music Lead sits on the board of a local charity that allocates local grants, The Bernard Thorpe Trust.

To read in more detail about the provision of music at St Winefride's school, please visit our music curriculum page <https://www.winefrides-rc.leics.sch.uk/curriculum-2/music/>

Music is taught in class every week and is informed by the model music curriculum (March 2021). Lessons for each class are at least 45 minutes and are year group specific, even when classes are mixed age. Lessons are taught by a music specialist. Teaching is supported by specialist planning and the music lead, also a music

specialist, oversees the planning and assessment processes. St Winefride's music curriculum is bespoke to St Winefride's and has been developed over the last 5 years.

In addition to the music lessons, a singing curriculum runs alongside as a bespoke curriculum. Each class receives an additional 20 mins each week of dedicated singing progression.

Musical learning is further supplemented by a weekly singing assembly which lasts for 20 mins.

Each class has the opportunity each year to learn a range of instruments as whole class ensemble. St Winefride's owns all the instruments that the pupils learn, creating optimal learning opportunities and progression within the curriculum.

Children in all years, have termly opportunities to perform to parents, with additional public performances around the Catholic calendar of events e.g. Harvest Festival, Christmas, Easter. KS2 children take part in massed choir opportunities at least twice a year. Termly performances aim to not only provide children with performances experience but to also inform families as to the musical progression followed within our curriculum.

Children across the school benefit from live musical performances, at least 2 a year, but ad hoc additional experiences are always sought.

We have an external company providing drumming lessons from years Reception – Year 6. These take place once a week and take the form of small, grouped sessions. There is a good up take of this throughout the school.

All musical activities and opportunities at St Winefride's are open to any ability child. Adaptations to the curriculum or event structure take place as and when this is required. All music lessons take account of all differences in ability and progress is achieved from every child.

## **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 Winefride's Primary School, we currently offer small group lessons on the drums through DCP Drums Limited. Teachers visit the school and teach children in our dedicated music hub. Lessons are funded by parents or the use of PP or curriculum budget.

We have a thriving KS2 choir, and this choir takes part in local singing and national massed choir singing events, at least twice a year. There is good attendance from children, when attending out of school events.

We work closely with the Leicestershire Music hub and are part of the Exemplary Leadership Programme.

We celebrate children who have achieved any musical qualification outside of school, once a week in a celebration assembly, where parents are invited to attend.

## 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 will have the opportunity to perform and experience high quality music this academic year. Below are the opportunities for this year:

- Greg Treloar: professional singing workshop for all in KS2 – singing in Latin
- Termly parent performances at school
- The KS2 choir taking part in the Menphys Christmas Catholic massed choir at De Monfort Hall, tickets sold to the public
- The whole school performing at the Christmas Carol Service at St Winefride's church, local community invited
- The KS2 choir performing in the Leicestershire massed choir run by Leicestershire Music, ticket sold to the public
- All classes perform in class liturgies or masses throughout the year where parents are invited
- Nativities performed by Early Years (FS1 and FS2) and KS1, families invited
- Local music group perform live and sing to the whole school
- The whole school will enjoy the Panto, presented by an outside performance company

## In the future

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

In future years, our Music Development Plan aims to achieve the following:

- Introduction of a wider range of instruments on offer for whole class ensemble, especially focusing on non-western style of music
- Introduction of further collaboration with the music hub, to provide whole class WCET
- Further development of extra-curricular music for PP and SEND children
- Complete our set of new keyboards for upper KS2 teaching

- Apply for a grant to fund the whole school attending a live performance of music
- Include the forest school space for some music lessons