



Music – Intent, Implementation and Impact

“Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.”
— Psalm 96:1

Intent

At St Mark's Catholic Primary School, we believe that music is a gift from God that enables children to express themselves creatively, develop confidence and participate fully in the life of the Church and wider community. Inspired by the words of Psalm 96, *"Sing to the Lord a new song"*, we aim to foster a lifelong love and appreciation of music in every child.

Our music curriculum is designed to be inclusive, engaging and progressive, ensuring that all pupils develop the knowledge, skills and understanding outlined in the National Curriculum. Through singing, listening, performing, composing and evaluating, children gain a broad musical education that celebrates different cultures, traditions and genres.

As a Catholic school, singing is central to our worship and school life. We aim to develop confident young musicians who can participate meaningfully in liturgies, Masses and collective worship whilst recognising the important role music plays in expressing faith, emotion and identity.

Implementation

Music is taught throughout the school using the Charanga Scheme of Work, which provides a carefully sequenced curriculum that develops musical skills and knowledge progressively from Early Years to Year 6.

All pupils receive:

- A weekly 30-minute music lesson delivered through the Charanga Scheme.
- A weekly 30-minute Key Stage singing session, with all pupils participating in either the KS1 Choir or KS2 Choir as part of their curriculum entitlement.
- A weekly Sing and Praise session that develops singing skills and supports collective worship and preparation for liturgical celebrations.

Through these opportunities, pupils learn to:

- Listen to and appraise a wide range of musical styles and traditions.
- Sing confidently and accurately both individually and as part of an ensemble.
- Play and explore musical instruments.
- Improvise and compose music.
- Perform to a variety of audiences.
- Develop understanding of key musical vocabulary and concepts including pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture and structure.

Music is closely linked to the Catholic life of the school. Children regularly learn hymns and worship songs and use music to enhance prayer, reflection and celebration. Opportunities to perform in assemblies, Masses, liturgies and school productions further enrich pupils' musical experiences.

Teachers assess learning continuously through observation, discussion, performance and practical activities, ensuring that all pupils make progress and achieve their potential.

Impact

The impact of our music curriculum is that children leave our school as enthusiastic, confident and reflective musicians who enjoy participating in musical activities and understand the value of music in their lives.

Pupils will:

- Develop a secure understanding of musical concepts and vocabulary.
- Demonstrate increasing confidence in singing, performing and composing.
- Appreciate and respect a diverse range of musical styles and cultures.
- Work collaboratively and creatively with others.
- Develop resilience, concentration and self-expression through music-making.
- Participate confidently in worship, liturgies and school performances.
- Leave primary school with a love of music and the skills needed to continue their musical journey.

Through high-quality teaching, regular singing opportunities and participation in the musical and spiritual life of the school, our pupils develop not only as musicians but also as confident, compassionate and reflective members of the school community.