Music Curriculum Intent

At St Francis Catholic Primary School, our music curriculum intends to spark a lifelong love, appreciation, and curiosity for music. Inspired by our Catholic faith and our mission values, we aim to "Recognise Christ in Everyone" by nurturing children's creativity, self-confidence, talents and expression.

Music is vital to our school community, serving as a powerful vehicle for prayer, worship, and personal expression. Singing is the heartbeat of our musical and spiritual life, deeply embedded in our collective worship, liturgy, and praise, allowing children to use their voices to flourish and share their unique talents.

Our spiral curriculum is intentionally structured to unlock creative expression and academic potential across all stages:

- **Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS):** Music serves as a foundational tool, stimulating early communication, physical coordination, and social bonding through song and rhythm.
- **Key Stage 1:** The curriculum builds cognitive capacity, listening skills, and spatial awareness as children begin to decode the interrelated dimensions of music.
- **Key Stage 2:** Progression demands deeper collaborative and technical skills through instrumental tuition, composition, and performance.

To enrich this learning, music is dynamically woven across our wider school curriculum. We are committed to continually expanding these meaningful links—deepening engagement in RE, and actively developing cross-curricular connections in History, Geography, Maths, and Reading to evidence how music enhances all learning.

Music at St Francis builds self-confidence, emotional wellbeing, and a profound sense of community. By introducing high quality music to children, we foster a deep appreciation for diverse cultures, traditions, and historical periods. Through this, we form global citizens who use their musical gifts in service to others through community outreach, ensuring every child feels safe, valued, and empowered to find their unique, God given musical voice.





