

Music development plan summary: Spalding Parish Church of England Day School Overview

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Spalding Parish pride themselves on the quality, breadth and inclusivity of the music it offers their children. We feel we offer a good quality of music education for all and as such, we meet a good proportion of what is identified within the HM Government's National Plan of Music (NPM). At Spalding Parish we believe in developing a child's musicality (the ability to use their inner skills to express themselves confidently and freely) to its full potential. Music is a powerful, unique form of communication that can change the way pupils feel, think and act. It transcends different cultures, abilities and generations – which in turn stimulate responses on both emotional and intellectual levels. Music allows opportunities for personal expression and plays a vital part in the personal development of an individual.

Part A: Curriculum music

At Spalding Parish Church of England Day School music is taught to each class every week. Most classes receive between 30-45 minutes of teaching each week. KS2 are taught by a music specialist and KS1 by the class teachers.

We follow the Model Music Curriculum alongside the National Curriculum.

Please see the link which will take you to an overview of music within our school.

[Music Long Term Curriculum Plan](#)

Please also find a link for the SEND support at Spalding Parish Church of England Day School.

[Spalding Parish C of E Day School - SEND and SEN Information](#)

At Spalding Parish Church of England Day School each year group, apart from Y6, spend two terms singing as a whole class, learning a variety of different styles of songs. At other points throughout the year subject specific songs are also taught.

In KS2 each year group learns how to play the descant recorder and this takes place every other term so that the children can continuously build on the skills already taught, as these would be forgotten if recorders were taught in one whole block. In KS1 the children have the opportunity to play untuned percussion instruments to develop different rhythms and compositions. At the beginning of each term, every year group listens to and evaluates a piece of music taken from the Model Music Curriculum, this helps to broaden the children's knowledge and understanding of music from different cultures and eras. The school also uses The Musician of the Month which allows the children to access different musicians as opposed to composers, this opens up a wide range of cultures and styles of music that they may otherwise not experience.

Part B: Co-curricular music

At Spalding Parish Church of England Day School piano lessons are offered to children from Y2-Y6. These are taught privately by the music specialist teacher who also teaches music to KS2. Each child receives a 30 minute one to one lesson. The children's parents pay for these. This is open to any child but places are limited. When a child has reached a certain level they are entered (if they want to) for the ABRSM Prep test or ABRSM Grade 1 piano exam and further grades if required. This year two children have taken their Grade 1 piano exam.

The music specialist also runs an after school choir club, initially for KS2 but at the start of Term 3 Y2 are also invited to join. This is also open for any child to join. Alongside singing for Collective Worship the choir has taken part in the school carol services, Armed Forces Day services and in the past they have sung at a local residential home. They regularly sing at each end of term church service and give a summer concert, along with the school piano pupils to share their achievements with their parents.

Part C: Musical experiences

In this academic year, the choir will sing at the beginning and end of each Wednesday Collective Worship services. They will also participate in each end of term church service and at the school carol service also held in church. If invited, they will sing to the residents at a local residential home at Christmas. Hopefully, the choir will also be invited to sing at The Armed Forces Service held in June at church. This academic year the choir have also been invited to sing at Springfield's Christmas Light Switch on.

KS1 children have the opportunity to perform to the school and then to their adults during their Christmas production which includes singing.

Y2 children have a drumming workshop booked in for later in the school year.

Some Y5 and Y6 children will have the opportunity to take part in Singsation at Spalding High School.

In the final summer term, the school piano pupils and school choir will perform a concert to their adults to share their achievements with them.

Y6 pupils are given the opportunity to go and see a show in London which gives them a good experience of live performances.

Most year groups have been given the opportunity to share with the rest of the school some of the songs that they have learnt in their music lessons. In the past this has happened at the end of a Tuesday Collective worship. Some classes have chosen to share their recorder playing and Topic songs with their Keystage and parents when presenting their class presentations.

Children in KS2 have also had the opportunity to listen to a Rock Choir workshop with a view to joining in online some choir activities.

In the future

In the future the aim is to try to get more live music within school through visiting performers such as Beat Goes On. Also, to try to organise trips out to see music being performed in different venues. If possible, arrangements will be made for the school choir to participate in a large schools concert such as Young Voices or Barnardo's. The school has now been successful in gaining a place to sing at The Barnardo's Concert in November.

Further information

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.